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Traffic will be going at a slower pace on U.S. 34 at the I-39 overpass as repair work on the bridge began on March 28 and will continue well into the summer. (Reporter photo)

Repair work begins at 34 & I-39

MENDOTA – The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that work to repair the U.S. 34 bridge crossing Interstate 39 at exit 72 in Mendota began on March 28. There will be some short-term lane closures in both directions at the start of the project.

Work will preserve the life of the bridge by replacing expansion joints and applying a latex overlay onto the bridge deck. Also, the shoulders will be resurfaced and the slope wall will be replaced. One lane of traffic will be maintained on U.S. 34 at the bridge, and traffic on the highway and I-39 exit ramps will be controlled with traffic signals. The $1.08 million project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

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

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and around 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing $33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately $5.2 billion in improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway and 270 bridges along with 428 additional safety improvements.

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

District 280 waives registration fees for 2022-23 school year

❑ Board handles personnel matters

MENDOTA – The Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education met in regular session on March 21. The board handled numerous personnel matters and discussed the registration fee for the next school year, among other items.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Denise Aughenbaugh reported that there were 19 early graduation requests, which were approved for the 2022-23 school year.

Aughenbaugh stated that the SAT state testing was recently given to all juniors.

Steve Hanson, athletic director, gave a presentation on behalf of the Athletic Committee and provided an overview of the winter sports season.

Aughenbaugh congratulated faculty member Eric Straughn, Academic Challenge sponsor, and the students for advancing to the sectional competition on March 10. The students were Faith Anderson, Madelyn Becker, Logan Brandner, Logan Dewey, Alexis Finley, Abby Kunz, Ted Landgraf, Paige Manning, Maya Martin, Martin Murillo, Carlos Olivas, Avery Pierce, Elizabeth Schillinger, Jacob Swope and Grace Wasmer.

The principal also commended faculty member Jason Artman for his efforts moving MHS forward on the Illinois Democracy Schools application. The team's goal is to focus on strengthening and deepening its commitment to school-based civic learning.

Aughenbaugh presented the following informational items to the board:

- The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) will be in late April for all juniors.
- The spring musical, Cinderella, will be presented April 1-3.
- The annual awards and scholarship assembly will be at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 3.
- Prom will be Saturday, May 7. The grand march will be at MHS and the dance at the Mendota Civic Center.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During Superintendent Jeff Prusator's report, the board gave approval to waive registration fees for the 2022-23 school year.

Also, approval was granted to move the April board meeting to Tuesday, April 19.

ACTION ITEMS

Following executive session, the board approved numerous action items.

The following resignations were accepted:

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Illinois' unemployment rate returning to pre-pandemic levels, still ranks high

By ANDREW HENSEL
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – A new report shows that Illinois ranks 25th in the country in employment recovery, with unemployment down 85% from this time last year.

The study conducted by WalletHub shows Illinois' job recovery post-pandemic and highlights how states are recovering in the job market.

All 50 states were ranked 1-50 based on job recovery. South Carolina ranked at the top of the list with Iowa and Arizona. New Mexico was at the bottom.

Jill Gonzalez of WalletHub explained why Illinois has seen a decrease in unemployment claims.

"This means that the decreasing COVID-19 cases brought on a high number of new jobs and new workers," Gonzalez said. "These are both signs that the pandemic's hold on the economy is also decreasing."

Illinois has been a Democratic state when voting in elections over the past handful of elections. Gonzalez highlighted how that factors into the state's recovery.

"With an average ranking of 27 of the most recovered states, blue states had worse recovery from unemployment ranks than red, which ranked 25th on average," Gonzalez said.

Illinois has received over $8 billion in federal tax funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act to help deal with pandemic-related issues. Gonzalez said with the unemployment rates starting to decline, federal funding could be on its way out.

"The U.S. unemployment rate is now at 3.9%, which is very close to the pre-pandemic normal of 3.5%, " Gonzalez said. "These numbers give the federal reserve room to start withdrawing the economic support that was put in place at the start of COVID-19's onslaught."

The unemployment rate for Illinois in January was at 5%, higher than the national average.

Illinois has shown the fourth fastest recovery in the Midwest with only Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota ranked above Illinois in terms of unemployment recovery.

Moving company study shows more people left Illinois than any other state last year

❑ Work, cost of living among reasons for exodus from state

By KEVIN BESSLER
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – An analysis by a moving company shows people continue to flee the Land of Lincoln.

The Allied Magnet States report shows Illinois had the highest percentage of outbound residents in 2021, more than any other state. The report analyzes moves by Allied Van Lines customers and home-value data from Zillow to provide moving and housing trends.

"Illinois is primarily about work and cost of living," Allied President Steve McKenna said. "People are looking to lower their cost of living by buying the Sun Belt."

Of the total number of people moving over the Illinois state line in 2021, 68% were moving away while 32% were inbound.

For the past five years, Illinois has been in the top 10 for the top outbound states, along with California, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Sixty-eight percent of the total number of people moving in Illinois were leaving the state in 2021.

Chicago tops the list of metro areas that originated the most net outbound moves, sending the most people south and west to Phoenix, Los Angeles and Houston.

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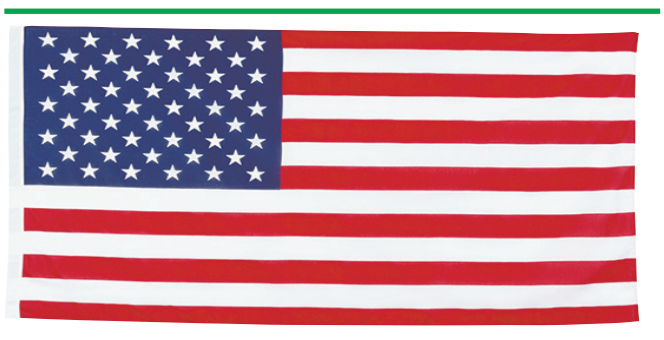

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LOCAL AND AREA

Northbrook School February Students of the Month

Fifth Grade

February Students of the Month in fifth grade at Northbrook School, left to right, are Kylee Bonnell, Romeo Sanchez, Laurali Thompson, Samuel Arteaga, and Lumen Setchell. (Photos contributed)

Sixth Grade

February Students of the Month in sixth grade at Northbrook School, left to right, are TJ LaChance, Susana Enriquez, Trinitie Thompson and Gage Richey.

Seventh Grade

February Students of the Month in seventh grade at Northbrook School, left to right, are Maci Winn, Favion Romero, Alexa Carlos, Rashaad Mayfield and Angel Negron.

Eighth Grade

February Students of the Month in eighth grade at Northbrook School, left to right, are Brody Kaecker, Edoardo Romero, Madison Work-McLain, Hanna Kunz and seventh-grader Michelle Cuevas.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

❑ The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Eliana Garrett, Phoenix Orseno, Kennedy Piller, Renata Falcon, Eva Eslinger, Daniel Ramirez and Jeannella Borelli. The winners were Ellie Sester, Mateo Escatel, Nehemiah Barbee and Isaiah Orozco. Congratulations to all of you!

❑ We celebrated the March principal award winners with a pizza lunch on March 25. The following students were invited: Fianna Figueroa, Jayden Escatel, Elle Zinke, Blair Milus, Valeria Gomez, Olivia Mathieu, Ellie Sester, Mateo Escatel, Ximena Salinas, Bryson Sondgeroth, Eva Eslinger, Jorge Montes, Julian Montes, Rodolfo Romero, Avary Foltynewicz, Averie Falcon, Nehemiah Barbee, Isaiah Orozco and Francisco Medina. A picture of the students is in this week's Mendota Reporter.

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

❑ Registration for our current students in grades K-7 will take place after spring break. Students will bring home registration information for the 2022-23 school year.

❑ Spring break will be here before we know it. Parents should mark their calendars that there will be no school from April 11-18. School will resume on April 19.

Blackstone Pizza Lunch

Blackstone School students who were at the March Principal Award Pizza Lunch, front row, left to right, are Fianna Figueroa, Jayden Chavez, Elle Zinke, Blair Milus, Olivia Mathieu and Ellie Sester. Middle row, Mateo Escatel, Ximena Salinas, Bryson Sondgeroth, Eva Eslinger and Jorge Montes. Back row, Julian Montes, Rodolfo Romero, Avary Foltynewicz, Averie Falcon, Nehemiah Barbee, Isaiah Orozco and Francisco Medina.

Mendota District 280, 289 awarded School Library grants

SPRINGFIELD – Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded more than $1.4 million in FY 22 School District Library Grant Program awards to 672 public school districts. More than 1.5 million Illinois students served by school library programs will benefit from the grants.

Among the grant recipients are Mendota High School District 280 ($850) and Mendota Elementary School District 289 ($878.98).

"As a former public school teacher and administrator, I know our school libraries are critical in helping students learn and prepare themselves for the future," White said. "Illinois was the first state to implement a school district grant program, and I'm pleased that we can continue to provide school libraries with some of the financial resources they need to produce well-educated students."

From FY 22 appropriations approved by the General Assembly and the Governor, school library grants were awarded based on a formula of $.885 per student, with a minimum grant award of $850. The School District Library Grant Program is used for:

- Fiction and/or non-fiction books
- Educational CDs and DVDs
- Library subscriptions
- Electronic resources
- New computers
- Wi-Fi connectivity improvements

Information concerning the grant program can be found at: ilsos.gov/departments/library/grants/schoolpercapgrant.html.

LOCAL AND AREA

Bureau Co. 4th-graders attend Ag Fair

PRINCETON – In an effort to demonstrate to all the fourth graders in Bureau County the importance of agriculture in their lives, the Bureau County Farm Bureau Women's Committee held its 26th Annual Ag Fair on March 17, after a two-year break due to COVID.

The Ag Fair is a daylong event at the Bureau County Fair Grounds in which students make timed stops (9 minutes at each station) to 14 different learning centers. These stations range from dairy, embryology, safety, pork, corn, seed science, conservation, beef, soybeans, pollinators, ag technology, equipment, large animals, and small animals.

Tim Harris speaks to the students about dairy during the Bureau County Ag Fair. He explained the journey their milk takes from the cow at the farm to the glass on their tables. He also showed the students how a milking machine works. (Photo contributed)

The Farm Bureau Women's Committee and the Bureau County Ag Coalition Committee originally started Ag Fair. The Ag Coalition Committee consists of a member from each participating Ag Fair station. This committee was originally formed to develop and oversee the goals set for the Ag Fair. Over time, the Ag Coalition Committee has handed the organizing process over to the Women's Committee, where the chairperson takes the lead on final decision-making. The Ag Coalition Members then handle the planning of their individual presentations. Each year the Ag Fair is evaluated. Any considerations for changes come through observation of the event, teacher's input from evaluation sheets and suggestions made by volunteers.

The committee begins the planning process about six months in advance of the Ag Fair each year. The committee works with local businesses, farmers, county commodity groups, U of I Extension, our local FS and SWCD as well as state commodity groups to make presentations at each station. Volunteers are recruited, a total of 75, to serve as presenters, leaders of the classes, timekeepers, bus directors, goodie bag distributors and several other jobs including set-up and clean-up workers.

The day prior to the fair the presenters take time to set up their displays and the set-up crew put up tables, chairs, and partitions at each station. The day of the fair coffee, juice, doughnuts, lunch and snacks are provided by Farm Bureau and served to all the presenters and volunteers.

Following the Ag Fair, each student was given a bag of goodies that the committee put together, which contains items donated by each of the presenters from coloring books to balloons and pencils. The teachers were given an evaluation that will assist not only the committee, but also the presenters next year. As a follow up, the committee is sponsoring a thank you card drive for all the volunteers for the event. Students are encouraged to draw about their favorite part of the educational event.

A teacher attending a past Ag Fair best sums up the event, "Ag Fair is the best-kept secret in Bureau County." This year approximately 300 students from 18 classrooms attended the Ag Fair.

New 4-H member project workshop scheduled for April 21st in LaSalle

LaSALLE – University of Illinois Extension invites registered LaSalle County 4-H members, aged 8 to 18, in their first or second year of 4-H to participate in the upcoming New Member Project Night. This event will take place at the University of Illinois Extension Education Center and Community Teaching Kitchen at 944 First St., LaSalle, on Thursday, April 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Members will make a geometric canvas craft that is eligible to exhibit at the fair and participate in a mock project judging so they can be confident showing in their first (or second) LaSalle County 4-H fair. This event is free, but pre-registration at https://go.illinois.edu/lcnewmember is required to ensure there are enough supplies. Parents or project helpers are encouraged to attend, masks are optional and guidelines in place at the time of the program will be followed. Space is limited, so register soon to reserve your spot.

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If you have questions or need more information, please call University of Illinois Extension- Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit Office at 815-224-0889. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please indicate when registering or contact the Extension office. Extension offices are located in Princeton, Ottawa, Henry and in Oglesby on the IVCC campus.

Books by the Bushel donations awarded

AMBOY – The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of its annual Books by the Bushel grant donations to promote agriculture education.

Dixon Family YMCA, Faith Christian Preschool, Franklin Grove Public Library and Sauk Valley Christian Home Educators were each named recipients of a bushel basket of 11 agriculture-related children's books through the Books by the Bushel grant program.

The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to fund and encourage ag-related educational opportunities to the youth of Lee County through programs like Books by the Bushel, Ag in the Classroom, and college scholarships. If you would like more information about the programs of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation, visit their website, www.lcfbfoundation.org or call (815) 857-3531.

Amy Runkle, Library Director, accepts the Books by the Bushel donation on behalf of the Franklin Grove Public Library. (Photo contributed)

LaSalle Library now offering in-house use of computers

LaSALLE – Thanks to a $19,000 grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan of 2021, the LaSalle Public Library is pleased to offer a new service by providing in-house use of Laptops, Chromebooks, and Tablets for the public.

Users ages 12 & above with a library card in good standing will be allowed to check-out one of the mobile devices for up to 90 minutes while within the Library building. Users will need to present a valid Photo ID, which will be held at the service desk while the device is in use and complete the user agreement.

The mobile devices are available on a first-come-first-serve basis from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

The LaSalle Public Library is located at 305 Marquette, LaSalle and is ADA compliant and welcoming. For more information, please call the Library at 815-223-2341.

Mendota Weather — March 30, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Rain Likely
High: 63 Low: 35

Thursday
Showers Likely
High: 40 Low: 27

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 46 Low: 30

Saturday
Rain & Snow Possible
High: 48 Low: 32

Sunday
Isolated Snow
High: 51 Low: 36

Monday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 47 Low: 30

Tuesday
Few Showers
High: 52 Low: 37

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of rain, high of 63°, humidity of 83%. South wind 14 to 19 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 83° set in 1986. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 100% chance of rain, overnight low of 35°. Southwest wind 14 to 18 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 27°. The record low for Wednesday night is 7° set in 1969.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday Hi/Lo	Wednesday Wx	Thursday Hi/Lo	Thursday Wx
Aurora	65/37	ra	62/29	sh
Champaign	69/38	ra	65/31	ra
Chicago	64/40	ra	59/32	sh
Freeport	62/35	ra	58/27	ra
Joliet	66/38	ra	63/29	sh
Moline	64/36	ra	60/29	ra
Peoria	66/37	ra	62/30	ra
Rockford	63/35	ra	58/27	sh
Springfield	67/38	ra	64/31	ra

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	74	46	47/28	0.00"
Tuesday	56	50	47/28	0.06"
Wednesday	55	44	48/28	0.50"
Thursday	45	39	48/29	0.00"
Friday	49	36	49/29	0.00"
Saturday	36	27	49/29	0.00"
Sunday	36	25	50/30	0.00"

Rainfall ..... 0.56"
Normal rainfall ..... 0.58"
Departure ..... -0.02"

Average temp ..... 44.1°
Average normal ..... 38.5°
Departure ..... +5.6°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:42 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	6:20 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
Thursday	6:41 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
Friday	6:39 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	7:06 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
Saturday	6:37 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	7:29 a.m.	9:04 p.m.
Sunday	6:36 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	7:52 a.m.	10:10 p.m.
Monday	6:34 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	8:19 a.m.	11:14 p.m.
Tuesday	6:32 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	8:49 a.m.	Next Day

New 4/1 · First 4/9 · Full 4/16 · Last 4/23

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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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see cloudy skies with widespread rain, highest temperature of 74 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 88 in Tampa, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 90 in Rio Grande City, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 65 in Kennewick, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 88 in Salton City, Calif.

Weather Trivia

How many cloud droplets does it take to make a raindrop?

Answer: It takes about one million droplets to provide enough water for one raindrop.

Weather History

March 30, 1987 - A storm spread heavy snow across the Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes region. Cleveland received 16 inches of snow in 24 hours, their second highest total of record. Winds gusting to 50 mph created 8-12 foot waves on Lake Huron.

March 31, 1973 - A devastating tornado took a nearly continuous 75-mile path through north central Georgia, causing more than 113 million dollars in damage, the highest total of record for a natural disaster in the state.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Lyle G. Younglove

MENDOTA – Lyle G. Younglove, 83, of Mendota, passed away March 24, 2022 in his home.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 1, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota, with Rev. Jeff Schlesinger officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded after and private burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery, Mendota at a later date. Visitation will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lyle was born in Bloomington/Normal, Il. on May 3, 1938 to James and Dorothy (Thompson) Younglove. He grew up in Arlington. Lyle married Barbara J. Heward on July 3, 1956 in Princeton.

Lyle is survived by his son Don (Peggy) Younglove and his daughter Debbie Younglove, both of Mendota, grandson Jason Ward (Jessica Trout-Levi) of Ohio, Ill., and granddaughters Sarah Younglove of Mount Morris and Madison Younglove of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Barbara in 2017 and his son Dennis in 2016.

Lyle was employed as a supervisor at Motor Wheel Corporation from 1963 to 1996. He also co-owned and ran a service station in Mendota in the mid-1960s. Lyle found his passion for flying in the early 1960s. He received his pilot's license in 1967 and began flying full time. In 1978, he saw a need to help the local farmers. Lyle started the Agricultural part of R & R Flight Service. His hard work and loyalty helped to build the business to last the test of time. Lyle also mentored many young pilots including his son Don. Until recently Lyle was very active in the business and helped maintain the airplanes.

Lyle was also a member of the Mendota Elks and was a lifelong member of the NAAA (National Agricultural Aviation Association) and the IAAA (Illinois Agricultural Aviation Association. Lyle was one who loved to go for coffee with friends, stop for a beer on his way home from the airport, grab a bite to eat from the Elks. He didn't like small talk but loved in-depth conversations. He also enjoyed driving his red convertible Thunderbird. He was one-of-a-kind and will be missed by many.

Memorials may be directed to the Mendota Elks Lodge. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

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Notice of Annual Meeting

Mendota Cemetery Association

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Thurs. April 7th, 2022
6:30 pm
Wasmer Funeral Home
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James P. Ketcham

LAKELAND, Fla. – In loving memory of James P. Ketcham, 78, of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of LaMoille, who passed away, Monday, March 21, 2022.

Services will be private. Lakeland Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Judy Hall, his four children, Brian (Tammy) Ketcham, Debra (Mark) Griffin, Dan (Vicki) Ketcham and Brad (Debbie) Ketcham, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two sisters, Bernice Anderson and Coreen McClure, along with many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Amanda Ketcham, one brother, Verland, and three sisters, Ann Fultz, Jeanette Williamson and Marion Childs.

Jim started out working as a farmhand and then worked for Hart Carter Company in Mendota for 38 years holding several positions. He was a proud UAW member serving as the President for a time.

Jim enjoyed guns, grandchildren and gardening.

He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Luz M. Garza

JOLIET – Luz Maria Garza (nee Corona), 75, of Joliet and formerly of Mendota, passed away March 26, 2022 at St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, due to her battle with serious medical issues.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with a 2:15 p.m. Rosary.

Luz was born April 6, 1946 in Mexico to Jesus and Ines (Marin) Corona. She married Tito Garza.

She is survived by her daughters, Leticia (Allen) Sykora, Diana Garza and Beatriz (Jesse) Sharp; seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Tito in 2001 and five siblings.

In recent years, she showed her courage in facing life's challenges with her infectious smile. Despite the pain, she was a fighter until the end. Her favorite pastime was playing loteria, bingo and going to the casino.

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

DEATH NOTICES

The Mendota Reporter will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of $50 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to editor@mendotareporter.com.

OSF welcomes staff members

OTTAWA – OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute in Ottawa is pleased to welcome Deirdre Casagrande, APRN, to its staff.

She has over 27 years of experience and received her medical education from Purdue University in Calumet, Ind. Her specialty is also a labor of love. Casagrande has several family members with cardiovascular disease. She hopes that she can help family, friends, and others live long, full lives by providing quality care and education.

Casagrande joins the cardiology team at 1050 E. Norris Drive, Ste.1B, Ottawa. Appointments can be made by calling Ottawa at (815) 434-0276. She will also be seeing OSF Cardiovascular Institute patients at 925 West St., Peru, phone (815) 780-3424 and 600 E. First St., Spring Valley, call (814) 664-1151 for an appointment.

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OSF Medical Group – Ear, Nose & Throat in Ottawa is pleased to welcome Angela Vezzetti, PA, to its staff.

Vezzetti received her medical education from Midwestern University in Downers Grove. She has been in the ENT and allergy field since 2015 after working in primary care for over six years. Trust is an important part of her patient care philosophy. She wants all of her patients to trust that she has their best interests at heart.

Vezzetti will be providing outpatient otolaryngology services to patients from newborn to elderly. She will perform routine ENT procedures, including nasal endoscopies, assist with in-office surgical procedures, allergy skin testing and immunotherapy.

She will have weekly clinic hours at OSF Medical Group – Ear, Nose & Throat office at 1050 E. Norris Drive, Ste. 3C, Ottawa. Appointments can be made by calling (815) 434-7473.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

M. Eager named to Dean's List at Palmer

DAVENPORT, Iowa – Madeline Eager of Mendota has been named to the fall 2021 Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main campus in Davenport, Iowa.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif.; and Port Orange, Fla.

J. O'Donnell named to MSOE Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Jenna O'Donnell of Mendota was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List for the 2022 Winter Quarter. O'Donnell is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

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Two additional northern Illinois counties placed under Lymantria dispar quarantine

❑ Destructive pest known as 'gypsy moth' destroys trees, shrubs

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced two additional northern Illinois counties will be placed under quarantine to control the spread of Lymantria dispar, the destructive pest historically known as "gypsy moth" that destroys trees and shrubs.

Boone (Belvidere) and Winnebago (Rockford) counties in north central Illinois will join Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry, and Will counties in the Department's quarantine order. Lake County was the first county in Illinois to be quarantined, which was established in 2000.

"The Lymantria dispar population in these counties has reached a critical level where steps need to be taken to protect other areas of the state from this destructive pest," said IDOA Plant Regulatory Official, Scott Schirmer. "These counties will remain eligible for participation in the Lymantria dispar control program, and the Department will continue to aggressively treat the leading edge of the infestation in these counties."

LaSalle County is one of 10 counties in northern Illinois affected by the gypsy moth.

Lymantria dispar is a non-native pest. Large populations of the pest are capable of stripping plants bare, leaving them susceptible to disease and environmental stressors. Severe defoliation can cause tree death. Unlike the emerald ash borer, another non-native pest, which feeds exclusively on ash trees, the Lymantria dispar is not a picky eater. It will devour almost anything leafy and green as it feeds on over 250 species of plants, but especially prefers oak and willow trees.

Under the quarantine, all nursery and lumber products must be inspected or certified before they can be transported out of the 10 counties. In addition, residents of these counties must personally inspect vehicles, tents, outdoor lawn furniture, bicycles and other outdoor items for Lymantria dispar egg masses, live moths and caterpillars before taking them from the quarantine zone.

Anyone convicted of illegally removing prohibited items from the quarantine area may be fined up to $500 and the items themselves must be either immediately removed from the non-infested area or immediately destroyed.

Male Lymantria dispar are brown with black chevron-like markings and have a wingspan of an inch-and-a-half. Female Lymantria dispar are slightly larger and typically white or cream-colored with similar markings. The females cannot fly because of the weight of their eggs.

Infested sites will be treated with applications of either BtK (Bacillus thuringiensis var. Kurstaki), a naturally-occurring bacteria used by gardeners as an environmentally-friendly alternative to chemical pesticides, or mating disruption (MD), a Lymantria dispar-specific pheromone that acts as a sexual attractant and prevents male Lymantria dispar from breeding.

Attorney General Raoul encourages residents to be alert for scams tied to relief efforts for Ukraine

CHICAGO – As the Russian invasion of Ukraine and resulting humanitarian crisis continue, Attorney General Kwame Raoul urged Illinois residents interested in supporting relief efforts to be on the lookout for fundraising scams by individuals seeking to exploit the crisis for their personal profit.

"Many Illinois residents are looking for ways to help people of Ukraine, and while making a charitable donation is a great way to do so, it is important that people exercise vigilance and research the charity before donating," Raoul said. "It is reprehensible that individuals would exploit this humanitarian crisis for personal gain, but taking the time to research a charity will help ensure that your donation goes to legitimate organizations engaged directly in providing aid to the people of Ukraine."

As Illinois residents seek out ways to support relief efforts in and around Ukraine, Attorney General Raoul is encouraging people to do some research before making monetary or in-kind donations. Raoul recommends that individuals interested in making monetary contributions first find out whether the charity is providing direct aid in the region or raising money for other groups. Donors have a right to know how their money will be used, so Raoul also advised potential donors to ask questions to determine who will ultimately receive donations and whether the organization is equipped to effectively provide aid.

For instance, unless the organization has staff and infrastructure to distribute clothing, food or other in-kind donations, those items may not reach the intended recipients. If a charity is requesting in-kind donations, Raoul urges donors to obtain information about the organization's transportation and distribution plans, and be wary of organizations that are not experienced in providing such relief.

Under Illinois law, fundraisers and charitable organizations are required to register each year with the Attorney General's office. To assist potential donors in making smart giving decisions, Attorney General Raoul provides important information about charitable organizations, such as income, expenditures and programs. This information is available on the Attorney General's website.

Attorney General Raoul also offered the following tips to help people ensure their donation will be used for its intended purpose:

• Ask how much of your donation will go to the charity and how much will be used to pay fundraising costs. Solicitors must give you this information if you ask.

• Pay close attention to the name of the charity. Some fraudulent charities use names that sound or look like those of legitimate organizations to mislead you.

• Ask questions about the charity. Donate only when your questions have been answered and you are certain your money will be used according to your wishes. Ask questions like whether the charity is registered with the Illinois Attorney General's office and what percentage of the money the charity takes in goes to fundraising, administration and charitable programming.

• Exercise caution when giving online. Spam email solicitations that appear to be linked to relief groups could be from persons attempting to take advantage of those who want to help as the crisis in Ukraine continues. Be wary of any online solicitations from unfamiliar charities.

• Do not pay in cash. For security and tax record purposes, pay by check. Be sure to write the full official name of the charity on your check – do not abbreviate.

• Request written information. A legitimate charity will provide information outlining its mission, how your donation will be distributed, and proof that your contribution is tax deductible.

• Do not donate if the solicitor uses high-pressure tactics, asks for cash payment or insists on sending someone to pick up your donation. These are all hallmarks of a scam.

If a call or other solicitation seems suspicious, Attorney General Raoul recommends that donors keep notes detailing the date and time of the contact, the organization's name and the name of the solicitor whenever possible. Raoul encourages donors to contact his office's Charitable Trust Bureau at (312) 814-2595 to report suspicious solicitation.

Guard your card: Protect what's important to you

By Mike Weitl

We encourage you not to carry your Social Security card with you every day. The best way to "Guard Your Card" is to keep it in a safe place and share it only when required. In fact, in most cases, just knowing the Social Security number should be enough. In 49 states and the District of Columbia, a Social Security card isn't required to request a Real ID. Only Pennsylvania requires it.

Please be careful about sharing your number when asked for it. You should always ask why your number is needed, how it will be used, and what will happen if you refuse. Also, you shouldn't carry documents that display your number.

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Visit our Social Security Number and Card page at www.ssa.gov/ssnumber to learn more about your Social Security card.

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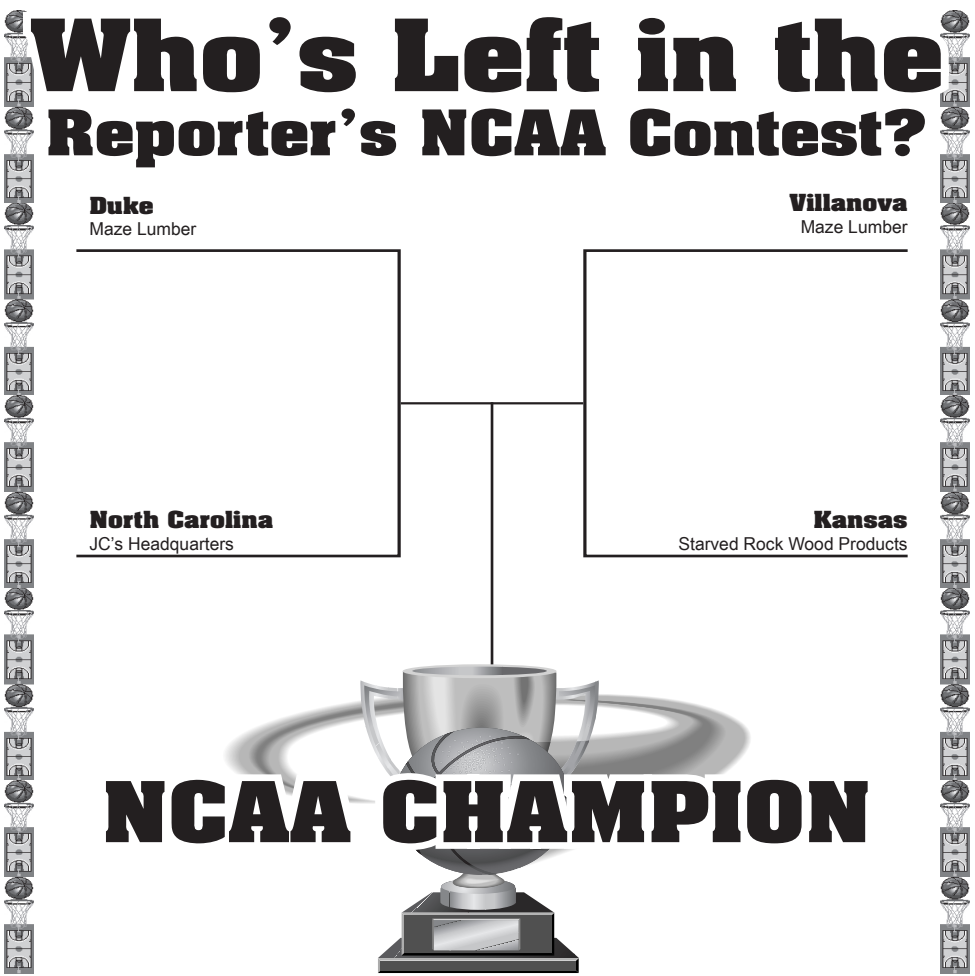
Our Guard Your Card infographic at, www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/assets/EN-05-10553.pdf, is another great resource to understand whether you need to show your card.

Please share these resources with your friends, and family – and post them on social media.

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



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• Brittany Sledgister as para-professional at the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.

• Jon Steben as music teacher and vocal director at the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.

• Janet DeLong as concession supervisor at the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.

• Steve Hanson as varsity boys' basketball coach effective immediately.

• Nick Myers as freshman boys' basketball coach effective immediately.

The following individuals were hired:

• Kim Scheppers as concession supervisor beginning with the 2022-23 school year.

• Steve Wasmer as varsity boys' basketball coach.

• Miguel Bermudez as assistant boys' tennis coach.

The board approved John McCarthy as volunteer boys' track and field coach. Fine Arts Department musical volunteers approved were Mike Anderson, James Younger, Laura Younger, Kristen Swed, Samantha Masini, Anna Woods, Maria Emmons, Satomi Radostits, Megan Olson, Chris Hansen, Sarah Purlee, Kathy Jagiella, Aubrey Garretson and Melissa Wohrley.

The board approved the recommendations for teacher renewals for Paula Baker, Kristi Barajas, Nicole Cromwell, Halley Hoffman, Joe Hughes, Kyra Koskotas and Alisa Stewart.

Teachers that were granted tenure were Keegan Hill and Robert Nunn.

Contract renewals for the 2022-23 school year were awarded to Joe Masini, assistant principal, and Steve Hanson, Dean of freshman students and athletic director.

The next regular meeting of the District 280 Board of Education will be Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m.

Moving

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The analysis shows Springfield residents have packed up and headed to cities like St. Louis, Charleston, S.C., and Punta Gorda, Fla.

Last year, Peoria residents headed to Dallas, Tampa and Nashville.

According to a study by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service in Virginia, Illinois' population is projected to contract by 3.1% from now until 2040 – a decrease of nearly 400,000 people. If that holds true, Illinois will go from being the sixth most populous state to the eighth most populous.

Population decline contributes to the lower economic prospects of the state, as working families move on leaving fewer residents to shoulder increasing tax burdens.

According to the Allied report, for those who had work-related moves, Texas and California are the top destination states for the last five years, as both have strong economies and a large workforce.

McKenna said companies have been on the move as well.

"Corporations have moved their facilities and locations to other places, especially to the Sun Belt from Texas over to Atlanta," McKenna said.

Texas is projected to grow its population by more than five million residents by the end of the decade as an increasing number of companies are moving their operations to the Lone Star State.

The top inbound states last year were South Carolina, Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida.

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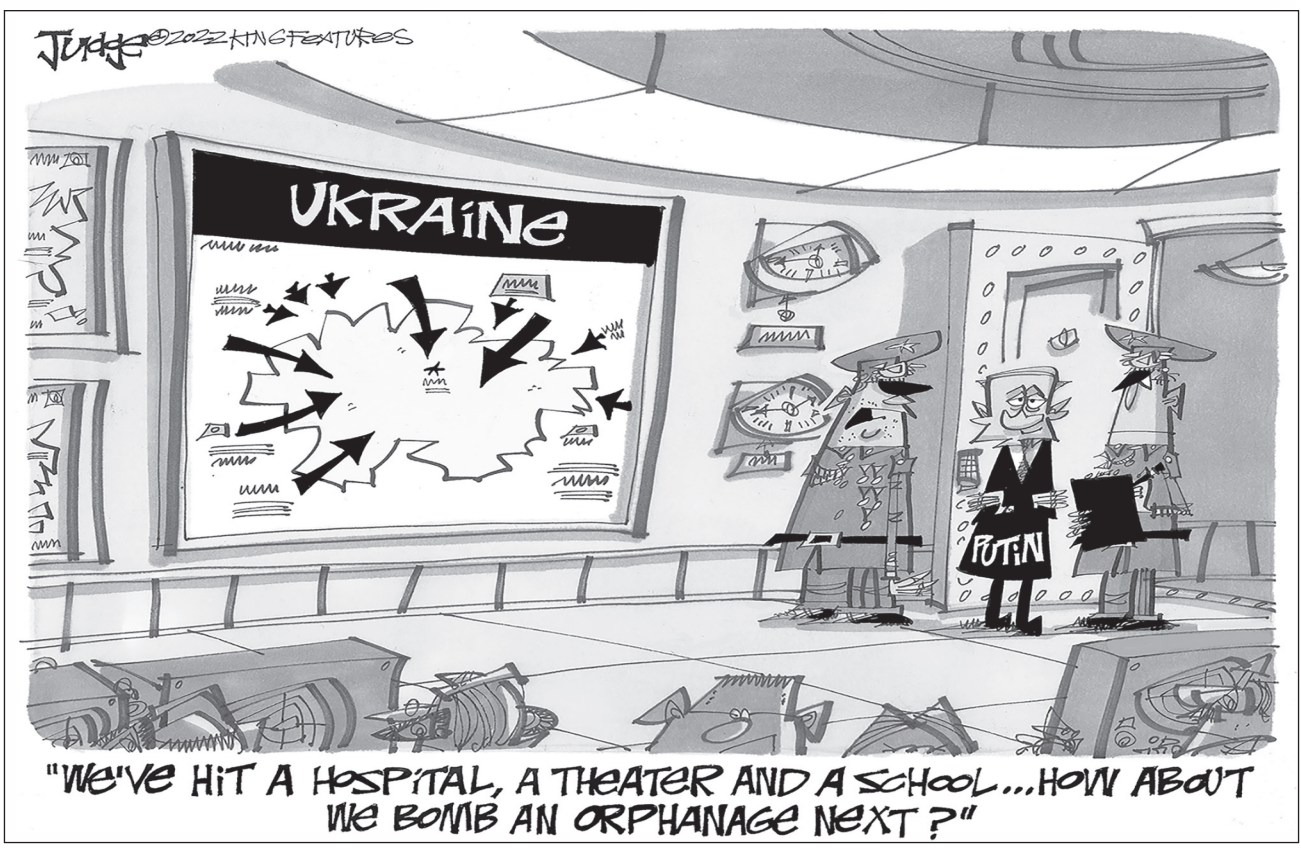

The battle with inflation

By Scott Reeder

The problem with inflation is that there is more than enough blame to go around.

Some folks will say it's Joe Biden's fault, others blame Donald Trump or Russia or Congress or the Federal Reserve. Maybe everybody is a little bit right or a little bit wrong.

I don't know.

I grew up on a farm. And no one appreciates the dynamics of commodity pricing better than a farmer.

Reeder

Every morning my folks would turn on WGIL and listen to the price for a bushel of corn or soybeans and a hundredweight of hogs.

It was not a time for children to speak. This was important stuff.

But that didn't keep me from asking annoying questions. At age 10, I might ask my father why the price of pork was high or low. And he would try to explain it in language a child could understand saying something like, "Fewer baby pigs were born six months ago and that means the supply is down and prices are going up."

Or he might explain that we had favorable weather for raising corn and that had brought the supply of the grain up and price for it down.

And sometimes he might just scratch his head and say, "I don't know why it's doing what it is doing."

My point? Rarely are there simple solutions to complex problems like inflation.

But here are a few contenders in my book: the Federal Reserve has kept interest rates far too low for too long; Congress has been spending like crazy since the beginning of the pandemic; the labor market is tight and labor costs are rising; the pandemic has really messed up supply chains and left store shelves bare and made prices for what is left higher; and Russia invaded Ukraine upending the petroleum markets.

Inflation is a thief that steals from families and leaves us poorer.

So how can an individual combat inflation?

Here are some thoughts: negotiate everything.

When I make a major purchase, I negotiate. For example, I purchased a wall-mounted fireplace from Ace Hardware last week. I asked an assistant manager how much she could knock off the price. She told me they don't negotiate prices unless the item is damaged. After jokingly offering to whack it with a hammer, I got to dickering with the store's top manager and he carved $75 off the purchase price.

Be pleasant but persistent.

With the inflation rate between 7 and 8 percent, it's smart to assume what you buy now would cost more later. So, for consumables, things you are certain to use no matter what, look for good prices and buy in bulk.

For example, I recently bought 18 bottles of Arm and Hammer detergent when I saw a good price at Menards. Or I bought a 6-pack of Colgate toothpaste at Sam's Club when I saw a good price.

I know that no matter what the economy does, I'll be washing my clothes and brushing my teeth. By buying now and using later, I'm hedging inflation. It's like buying a 7 percent bond. It's not a flashy investment, but it is a pragmatic one.

With labor prices escalating, it may be an appropriate time to consider spending money on that project you have been putting off. For example, I have a plumbing project that I have continually put off, but I know will eventually have to happen.

I got an estimate from my plumber several months ago that is good for six months. I have watched labor rates shoot up since then. So, I gave the greenlight to the project at the price it was bid at six months ago. Again, it's like buying a bond paying at the rate of inflation.

I'll be the first to admit, these aren't easy undertakings. It requires spending savings now in anticipation of those dollars in your bank account being worth less if they go unspent.

It's hardly an ideal situation. But the economy is giving few alternatives to staying ahead of inflation.

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Coping with voter rejection – 1954

Backtracks & Sidetracks

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from March 30, 1994.)

By Jessica Nashold

In 1954, Mendota voters rejected a proposal to accommodate seventh and eighth grade classes in an enlarged high school building. Soon after this rejection, a citizens' committee was formed to study a number of alternatives to alleviate overcrowding.

Meeting March 30, 1954, in the H.D. Hume Co. office, the committee members were drawn from six service clubs and the community at large, reflecting, they hoped, "all points of view."

William Ashley was chairman, Leon Burright was vice chairman and Mrs. Josephine Coss served as secretary. The options were to be explored by sub-committees.

Option 1: Enlarge Blackstone and/or Lincoln to include kindergarten through eighth grade. Chairman: Fred Montavon.

Option 2: Enlarge Blackstone and Lincoln to kindergarten through sixth grade and construct a new junior high school. Chairman: Charles Fahler.

Option 3: Construct a new school to receive students in kindergarten through sixth grade in excess of those taken care of in Lincoln and Blackstone, plus a junior high school system. Chairman: Vernon Setchell.

Option 4: House kindergarten through sixth grade classes in one building and seventh through 12th grade in a second building. Chairman: Millie Lippincott.

After many months of discussion, Option 3 was favored and voters approved purchase of a site on Guiles Avenue in October 1954. Construction of a new school and a bond issue to finance it was approved in a special election in January 1955. Classes in Northbrook began in October 1956.

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A four-inch downpour on March 24, 1954, followed by 65-mile-an-hour winds, closed the subways on South 13th Avenue and just off Route 34 on the east side. Water was eight feet deep beneath the Burlington tracks and Curley Herman ferried youngsters on their way to school through the subway in a row boat when trains blocked the tracks. They loved it.

Water in the basement of the new General Telephone building on Washington Street behind the library interrupted the charging of batteries to be used in connection with the dial system. Workmen pumped water from the basement for 10 hours, after which the drains were plugged. Charging of batteries was resumed.

Surprisingly, there were fewer flooded basements than usual after a heavy rain.

It is believed that cleaning the creek last fall played an important part in keeping at minimum the troubles of those with property along the banks of the Mendota river.

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The Reporter was host to MHS Trojans named to all-conference teams at a banquet sponsored by the Northern Illinois Sportswriters Association. The banquet was held in Joliet. Coaches Ted Lewis and Lloyd Doenier were also guests. The all-conference Trojans were Wayne Rich, Jim Brown, Dick McMahon, Curt Truckenbrod, Glen Faber, Gary Beardsley, Charles Harmon, Leon Schlesinger, Denny Krenz, Ed Klinge and Walt Klinge. Another eligible Trojan, Wayne Lemmer, was unable to attend the banquet.

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The eighth annual banquet sponsored by the Mendota Athletic Boosters Society (MABS) on March 29, 1954, had as its featured speaker, John Carmichael, sports editor for the Chicago Daily News.

While in Mendota overnight, Carmichael was contacted by his paper, alerting him to the news that the Chicago Cubs had just replaced manager Phil Cavaretta with Stan Hack.

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Lions sponsored a performance by Gamma Phi Circus in the MHS gym. Sandra Montagnoli was crowned queen. Her attendants were Karen Doenier, Shirley Jones, Barbara Long and Jean Garrity. Proceeds from the circus were earmarked for improvements at the Kanteen.

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Another Kanteen benefit was a dinner at the Lions Den attended by 240. Mrs. Lawrence Watson was chairman. Entertainment featured Connie Lee Burnett of Paw Paw, age 6, singing to accompaniment on the accordion by her sister, Bonnie Jean.

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On March 24, 1954, automatic gates were installed by the CB&Q at the Sixth and Eighth street crossings. This included automatic signals, electric flashers and bells. The Illinois Central planned to install automatic signals as well.

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On March 25, members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Catholic War Veterans met to consider what lots might be available for the new veterans' headquarters, or what existing buildings might be adapted for this purpose.

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Mendota Community Hospital announced opening of a special room for expectant fathers. The Women's Auxiliary had furnished it with ash trays, chairs, magazines, soft light, a radio and a cot.

If the hour of arrival proves unreasonable, a father with a day's work ahead can catch 40 winks and be sure of a tap on the shoulder if there are any bulletins from the delivery room.

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ACE Cab began operating March 26, 1954. Hours were from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a downtown station at Fayen & Seidell barber shop on Jefferson Street.

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Hunkydory Dairy advertised home delivery of pasteurized or homogenized milk.

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Classon's planned an April 5, 1954 opening date for their new store at 1315 Meriden St. Classon's had previously been located at Jefferson and Illinois in downtown Mendota.

Ron DeSantis and the new Republican Party

By Rich Lowry

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis had another moment that lit up the right, this time pushing back against Disney's critique of the so-called "Don't Say Gay" bill.

In his statement, DeSantis was absolutely stalwart, saying that the chances are "zero" that he's going to back away from his support for the law. And he didn't hesitate to go on offense against Disney. He said it had made a fortune off being family-friendly so should understand that families don't want inappropriate material injected into the curriculum at schools and smacked the company for making money in China without denouncing the brutal practices of the Chinese Communist Party.

DeSantis had been equally forthright a few days earlier, contesting the dishonest "Don't Say Gay" characterization by a reporter at a news conference. "It's why people don't trust people like you," the governor said, "because you peddle fake narratives, and so we disabuse you of those narratives."

This is the voice of the new Republican Party.

Which is not to say that the party wasn't socially conservative before (George W. Bush ran against gay marriage in 2004), or that it didn't criticize the media (one of George H.W. Bush's best moments in 1988 was slamming Dan Rather during a live interview). But there's a new combativeness that is clearly a reflection of how Trump underlined the power of cultural issues and changed the rules around how you deal with controversy -- by doubling down and hitting back harder.

Perhaps DeSantis would be just as inclined to rumble if Donald Trump had never emerged -- Chris Christie, for instance, had considerable success with a "bring it on" attitude toward criticisms during his governorship.

What feels new, though, is the zest for combat on cultural issues, as well as a willingness to bring to bear public power to the fight where possible (government has every right to control what is and isn't taught in government schools).

There's also a complete intolerance for playing along with false media narratives.

And, lastly, there's zero hesitation to stand up to corporations siding with the left in policy disputes. It seemed several years ago in the debates over religious-freedom restorations acts at the state level that corporations held the whip hand over state officials. Not anymore. Not after Republicans have learned that the appropriate response to such pressure is, "No. Hell, no."

If this new approach draws on Trump, it should vitiate one of the arguments long made for Trump: "At least he fights." Now, the party is full of people who want to fight in a broadly similar fashion -- however, with important differences from Trump.

In the "Don't Say Gay" controversy, DeSantis isn't relitigating what happened in the last election; he is freshly litigating a defense against a cutting-edge progressive cause.

He isn't defending the indefensible; he's defending the eminently defensible, in fact the unfairly maligned.

He isn't dragging anyone through a fight occasioned by his personal failings or dubious practices; he's standing up for a well-considered conservative initiative.

And he isn't jousting with reporters who know more about the contested topic than he does; no, on this and pretty much everything else, he knows more than any of his antagonists.

So, DeSantis opens up a vista offering an important element of Trumpism without the baggage or selfishness of Trump.

The same can be said of Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton. He gave a speech the other day at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library that thoughtfully integrated Trumpian populist themes with traditional GOP thinking.

Here is another vista, of a policy vision with a strong element of Trumpism that might have broad appeal to GOP voters of all stripes without the distracting obsessions of the former president.

This gets at what could be one of the most persuasive arguments to Republican voters for Trump not running again -- not that he needs to go away so the old party can be restored, but that he's unnecessary because a new party has emerged.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC News Briefs

IVCC registration dates approaching

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.

Welding registration sessions set

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College welding registration sessions for summer and fall courses begin April 5. Attending a session is mandatory for anyone entering our welding program.

Program coordinator Theresa Molln will host sessions Tuesdays, April 5, April 19, and May 3 for May-start summer courses and August-start fall courses. Molln will continue hosting sessions for fall courses on Tuesday, July 19 and Wednesday, July 27. All sessions begin at 5 p.m.

Contact Kim Herout in Workforce Development at (815) 224-0233 or kim_herout@ivcc.edu. Summer classes begin May 16 and fall classes begin Aug. 15.

Computer Basics course starts April 15

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education Office offers "Computer Basics Windows 10" (ID: 223) from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, April 15 through May 5 in Room A212.

Students will learn basic skills for using Windows 10 including the features of My Computer, Recycle Bin, customizing the desktop, running multiple programs and using shortcuts. Installing programs, checking the hard disk drive, deleting and restoring files and changing mouse settings will also be covered.

Instructor Doreen Balzarini will use plain language and hands-on demonstrations along with practice and individual help for students. Cost is $129. A textbook is required and can be purchased at the IVCC bookstore.

Call (815) 224-0427 for information or (815) 224-0447 to register.

IVCC offers free tutoring

Illinois Valley Community College peer tutors Eliza Atkinson, left, of Walnut and Kelly Devert of Princeton study calculus recently in the Tutoring and Writing Center. The center provides free in-person and virtual academic support to the IVCC community. Summer session registration begins Thursday, March 31 and fall semester enrollment opens Wednesday, April 6. (Photo contributed)

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April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
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April 4
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April 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28
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April 5, 12, 19 & 26
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April 5, 12, 19 & 26
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April 5
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April 6, 13, 20 & 27
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April 6
SHAKE RATTLE & READ "EASTER"
11 AM
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April 6
SMALL FRIES "REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE"
4 PM
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April 6
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4:30 to 7 PM
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April 7 & 21
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April 7, 14, 21 & 28
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April 7
LEGO CLUB
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April 7
HOW TO DETECT & PREVENT FRAUD SEMINAR
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April 12 & 26
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April 12
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April 14
SHAKE, RATTLE & READ "EASTER"
6 PM
Graves-Hume Public Library
Audience: Birth - 2 years old (siblings welcome)
Registration encouraged
April 6th repeat program
For more info call
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April 18
LEGO CLUB #2
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
4 PM
Graves-Hume Public Library
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April 19
3RD TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
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April 19
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April 20
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April 22
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April 26
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April 25
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Audience: 5 - 8 Graders
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April 28
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April 28
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April 27
MOVIE: "HARVEY"
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$10 million available for schools and community organizations to partner on after-school programs

❑ Grants can boost students' academic and social-emotional growth

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released a fiscal year 2023 Request for Proposals for Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grants. Illinois has approximately $10 million in federal funding available to support partnerships focused on providing after-school programs in schools with a high concentration of low-income students.

The 21st CCLC programs provide students with art; music; character building; physical education; and supplementary math, English, and science activities outside of regular school hours – either before school, after school, or during the summer months. The programs also can connect students' families with literacy support, computer training, and other educational services.

"Extracurriculars are an opportunity for kids to discover their true passions and fullest selves, and this $10 million program helps ensure low-income communities are able to access these resources," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Over 50,000 students are impacted by this program annually – that means better grades, more motivation, and improved attendance at school. It's exactly the kind of priority I'm so proud to fund."

"Many of our students and families recovering from the pandemic need additional supports beyond the traditional school day, and that's what these grants provide," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala. "Before- and after-school programs can engage students in learning in fun and creative ways, such as theater, science, and art projects. As we enter Women's History Month, we also recognize that the grants are named in honor of U.S. Representative Nita M. Lowey, who retired from public service last year after serving in Congress for more than three decades. She was the first ever woman to chair the House Appropriations Committee and has been a longstanding champion of programs for youth and families. I encourage each and every school across the state to apply."

Research by Afterschool Alliance shows that participation in 21st CCLC programs positively impacts students' grades, classroom participation, motivation to learn, attendance, behavior, and general attitude toward school.

The most recent statewide evaluation indicates that 21st CCLC programs operated 422 sites and served nearly 52,000 students during the 2019-20 school year. Most students and teachers participating said the programs helped improve attendance and student behavior.

Annual grant awards provide a minimum of $50,000 and a maximum of $600,000, with individual awards not exceeding $150,000 per site (i.e., the physical location where participating students and adults access grant-funded services and activities). Public and private entities, including Local Education Agencies, are eligible to apply.

More information is available on the ISBE website. Interested applicants can contact 21stcclc@isbe.net or (217) 782-5270 with any questions. The application deadline is 4 p.m. April 25.

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Through our lives,
Until we meet again.

Sadly missed by,
Your Family

Town-wide garage sales set for May; addresses sought

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 to have your address include is April 24.

POLICE BLOTTER

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Melanie I. Emerson, 32, of 1206 First St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers to the 1200 block of First Street to investigate a 9-1-1 call of a physical domestic in progress. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail for a bond hearing.

WARRANT ARREST

Connor J. Carreon, 28, of 1309 Guiles Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 3:35 p.m. March 23 on a valid Lee County arrest warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. The subject posted bond and was released with a Lee County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

David L. Swope, 32, of 202 Cherry St., Mendota, was arrested at 5:12 p.m. March 25 on an original LaSalle County arrest warrant for domestic battery. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Emmanuel Quintana, 31, of 405 Sixth Ave., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to the 400 block of Sixth Avenue in reference to a domestic dispute at 9:38 a.m. March 27. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail for a bond hearing.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Robert Somers, 78, of Granville, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and N. 40th Road at 5 p.m. March 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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.

Police investigate gunshots

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department responded on March 24 to the report of a motor vehicle displaying a gunshot hole in the driver's side door in the 500 block of 12th Avenue. Officers canvassed the area and learned that neighbors had heard what they thought were gunshots the night before. Upon completing the neighborhood canvas, Mendota Police performed an evidence sweep of the area with no articles of evidentiary value located.

At approximately 3:20 p.m., Mendota Police and EMS services responded to the report of an unresponsive male at 507 11th Ave. Upon arrival, officers found a deceased male in the home. Mendota Police determined that multiple firearms had been purportedly fired from the front room of the house, exiting a picture window with the rounds striking neighborhood homes, fences, garages and an automobile.

This matter is still under investigation and no further details are being released at this time. The Mendota Police Department wishes to inform the public that there is no cause for alarm and no current threat stemming from this incident to the neighborhood.

Assisting agencies in this investigation include the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services, LaSalle County States Attorney's Office and the LaSalle County Coroner's Office.

City incinerator to open April 2

MENDOTA – The city of Mendota incinerator (burn pit) will open for the season on Saturday, April 2. Hours for the burn pit are as follows:

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

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

Card shower planned for Walzer birthday

PRINCETON – The family of Barb Walzer would like to honor her with a card shower in celebration of her 86th birthday, which is April 6.

Cards and memories may be sent to: Liberty Village of Princeton, Barb Walzer, Room 312, 140 N. Sixth St., Princeton, IL 61356.

The family appreciates everyone helping to make Barb's birthday a special day.

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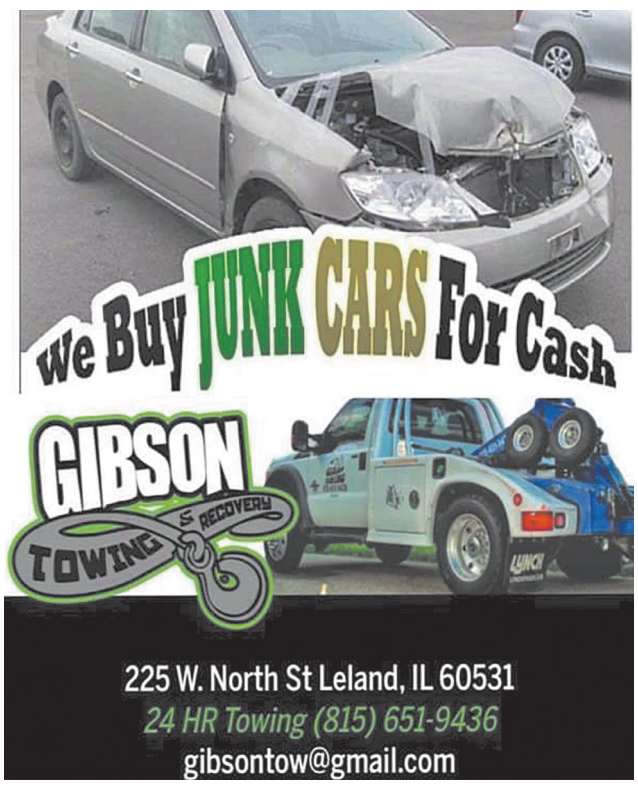

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SPORTS

Mendota's Izaiah Nanez slides in safely at second base as the ball pops away from a Bureau Valley player on March 28 at Manlius. (Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican)

Trojans win one of three games

Mendota had a great combination of hitting and pitching in downing Earlville, 16-0, on March 22 at Faber Field. The game was stopped after the top of the fourth because of the 10-run rule.

The Trojans held a 3-0 lead after the first inning and then erupted for 10 runs in the second to take command. Mendota closed out the scoring with three runs in the third.

The Trojans banged out 13 hits. Krew Bond collected two singles, a double and two RBI to lead the charge. Also having a multi-hit game were Landon Kreiser with a pair of singles and two runs batted in and Braden McPheeters with two singles. Justin Randolph added a double and two RBI, while also driving in two runs were Izaiah Nanez and Ted Landgraf.

Earlville had just one hit – a single from Jeremy Weymouth.

Nanez got the start on the mound for Mendota and allowed one hit over three innings. He struck out five and walked one. Cayden Escatel pitched a spotless fourth frame.

Ryan Browder was the losing pitcher for Earlville.

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Sherrard rolled over the Trojans, 21-2, on March 25 at Faber Field. The game was halted after four innings by the 10-run rule.

The Tigers banged out 13 hits and benefited from six Trojan errors. Sherrard scored five times in the first and then put together back-to-back eight-run innings.

Mendota tallied single runs in the first and third frames. The Trojans managed just two singles, one from Bond and the other from Cale Strouss. Landgraf had an RBI.

Landgraf took the pitching loss for Mendota, working into the second inning before being relieved by Randolph and then Juan Delao.

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Mendota dropped its second straight game via the 10-run rule when Bureau Valley topped the Trojans, 13-1, in a five-inning contest on March 28 at Manlius.

The Trojans grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first on a single by Nanez to drive in Bond, who had doubled, and that proved to be the only run of the game for Mendota.

Bureau Valley answered with an eight-run bottom of the first and the Storm tacked on five more runs in the third.

Mendota had six hits, with Bond and Nanez getting two apiece.

Dominik Stamberger was the starting pitcher for the Trojans (1-3) and was tagged with the loss. Landon Kreiser came on in relief.

MHS girls top Earlville, Bureau V.

Mendota and Earville played a tight game until the Lady Trojans pulled away in the late innings for a 6-1 victory in varsity softball action on March 22 at Strouss Park.

Mendota scored an unearned run in the second to take a 1-0 lead and the score stayed that way until the fourth when Earlville pushed across the tying tally.

The Lady Trojans broke the tie with a run in the fifth. Paige Manning led off with a double and later scored on a passed ball.

Mendota stretched the margin with a four-run sixth. Madelyn Becker started the uprising with a walk and a steal of second. Ava Eddy came off the bench and delivered a single to plate Becker. After a flyout and a fielder's choice, Manning singled go keep the inning alive followed by an RBI single off the bat of Zoe Finley. Emma Schultz capped off the scoring with a two-run single.

Manning and Schultz each had a pair of safeties in Mendota's eight-hit attack.

Manning went the distance in the circle and allowed six hits. She struck out eight and did not issue a walk.

Paige Marks pitched a complete game for Earlville.

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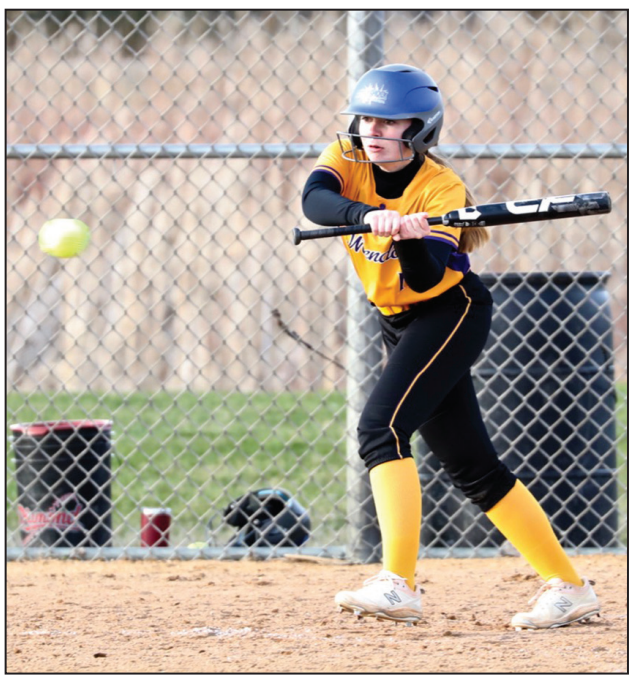
Two big innings propelled Sherrard to a 17-7 triumph over the Lady Trojans on March 25 at Strouss Park.

Mendota jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, but Sherrard countered with a seven-run second to take the lead for good. The Lady Trojans added one run in the third and three in the sixth, while Sherrard scored 10 runs over the final three innings, including six in the sixth.



Mendota's Zoe Hanson prepares to take a swing at a pitch during a game at Bureau Valley on March 28. (Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican)

Mendota totaled eight hits with Katie Jenner collecting two singles, while Ryleigh Sondgeroth laced a triple and Manning added a double.

Sherrard had 11 hits in the contest off of two Mendota pitchers. Manning went six innings and took the loss. Sondgeroth finished up in the circle.

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Mendota got back on the winning track with a 17-5 rout of Bureau Valley on March 28 at Manlius. The game was called in the fifth because of the 10-run rule.

The Lady Trojans pounced on Bureau Valley right away when they scored four runs in the first inning, three coming in on a home run by Schultz.

Mendota led 6-3 heading to the fourth when it pushed across nine runs to take command. The uprising was led by singles off the bat of Manning, Schultz, Sondgeroth, Gracie Zinke and Katie Jenner, a groundout by Zoe Hanson, an error on a ball put in play by Becker and a double by Manning.

The Lady Trojans collected 14 hits. Manning, Jenner, Schultz, Zinke and Taylor Kelly all had two hits for MHS. Schultz drove in five runs, while Manning and Zinke each had two RBI.

Manning got the victory for Mendota, allowing six hits and one earned run over five innings. She struck out 10 and issued two walks.

Lady Trojans tie L-P on soccer field, 2-2

MENDOTA – Rochelle downed Mendota, 5-1, in varsity girls' soccer action on March 22 at the MHS field.

Emily Stewart booted in Mendota's goal.

Selina Hernandez had eight goalie saves.

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Mendota and LaSalle-Peru played to a 2-2 tie on March 28 at the MHS field.

Hernandez tallied both of the goals for the Lady Trojans with both assists coming from Isabella Tolentino.

Naitzy Garcia was between the pipes and had five saves.

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Illinois spring trout fishing season opens on April 2nd

SPRINGFIELD – The 2022 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open April 2 at 57 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at select trout sites – the spring catch-and-release fishing season – opened March 19. No trout may be kept during the catch-and-release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning April 2.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of inland trout stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring season. An additional 80,000 trout will be stocked for the fall trout fishing season, which begins in October.

For the 2022 spring trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the season opens at 5 a.m. April 2. Anyone attempting to harvest trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers, including those who intend to release fish caught before April 2, must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp unless they are younger than 16, blind or disabled, or an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

For more information about trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, visit https://www.ifishillinois.org.

Illinois 2022 fishing licenses and inland trout stamps are available now at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. For a list of locations, check the IDNR website at https://www.dnr.illinois.gov. Fishing licenses and trout stamps also can be purchased online. Find the link on the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

Among the 2022 Illinois Spring Trout locations are:

• Bureau County – Hennepin Canal Parkway

• Kendall County – Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area

• LaSalle County – Illinois & Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle; Lake Mendota, Mendota

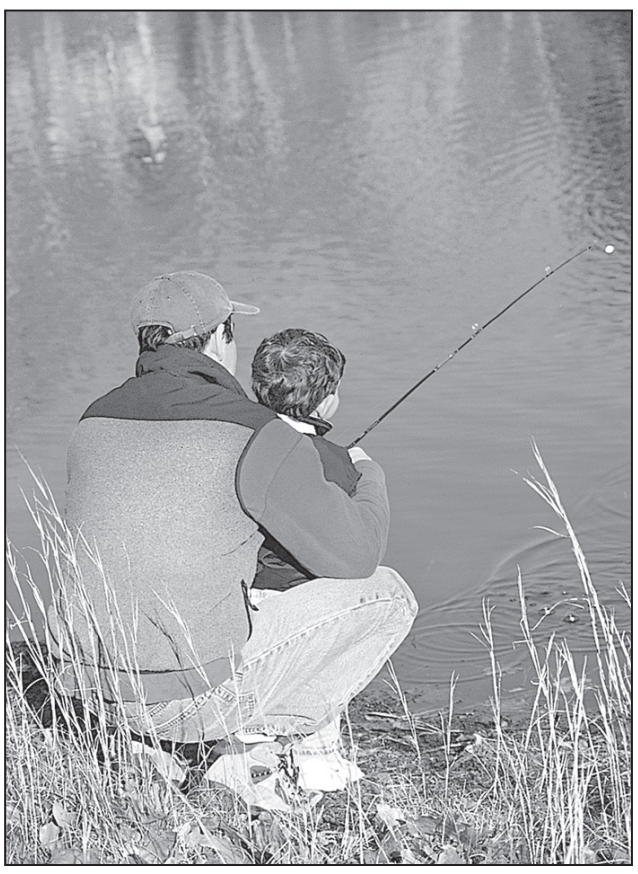
• Ogle County – **Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park

• Whiteside County – Centennial Park, Rock Falls

(** Denotes sites open for catch-and-release early spring season fishing)

Taking a child on a fishing trip

A fishing trip is much more than just going to catch fish. The excitement of getting the boat ready, packing a lunch, going over the checklist, picking out lures for the tackle box, buying worms, etc., is all part of the fun. The fishing experience teaches a child about patience, makes them aware of the sights and sounds of the outdoors, and provides a great sense of accomplishment from baiting a hook to catching that first fish. We all need to take the time to bring our children outside and teach them about taking ownership in caring for the natural environment. Help our Illinois youth get excited about fishing—if you can pass on your knowledge, you will be continuing a great tradition of exploring Illinois lakes and rivers.



Here are some ways to teach young people of all ages to fish and have a successful fishing experience:

Fishing License

Anyone under the age of 16 in Illinois does not need a license to fish.

Note: The adult accompanying a child fishing does not need a fishing license if he/she does not participate in fishing at all. Usually the adult casts, sets the hook, and/or helps the child reel in, in which case, that adult would need a valid Illinois fishing license.

Safety

Many fishing related accidents can be avoided with some forethought. Act on the side of caution, watch over children diligently, and teach by example.

• Young children should always fish with an adult.

• When in a boat or canoe, ALWAYS wear a life jacket.

• If weather turns stormy, be cautious and seek shelter or end your trip early. If you hear thunder, it is time to get off the water!

• Protect young eyes and skin on sunny days. The sun reflects off the water surface, and it can be easy to get a sunburn or damage eyes. Always have young anglers wear a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses.

• Those hooks are sharp! Teach children to always be aware of where their hook is and not to let it get near anyone else. Set good rules about looking around before anyone casts.

• It is a smart practice to use barbless hooks or pinch down the barbs on your own hooks.

• Be very careful of Poison Ivy. This often grows along disturbed areas around boat ramps or in the woods. If you go on a hike, stay on the trail.

Conservation

Always teach and practice the Anglers' Code of Ethics. Our lakes and rivers belong to everyone and we all must do our part to preserve them for future generations.

• Children and adult alike should keep only what you will eat and never wastefully discard any fish. For those fish you want to release, teach about best angling practices from the Department of Conservation's Catch-and-Release Guidelines.

• It is everyone's responsibility to protect the outdoors. Do not throw gum wrappers, sandwich wrappers, soda cans, bait containers or any other trash in the water. Pack your trash out or dispose of it in a park garbage can.

• Teach kids that fishhooks and line can snag and kill fish, birds, turtles, small mammals and frogs when thrown into the water. These should be discarded in appropriate trash containers.

• Knowing the size and number of fish it is legal to keep is important for all. Talking about regulations with your child provides a great opportunity to discuss why these are necessary and how they can help keep fish populations healthy.

Child-Sized Equipment

Small hands can handle a kid-sized rod and reel much easier. For young children, toddler to preschool aged, a beginner fishing rod and reel combination can be found in the sporting good area of most department stores at a low price. Do not, however, choose the prepackaged rod sets with comic heroes on them for school-aged children. Instead, choose an ultra-light rod and reel.

• For kids, the most fun and least amount of line tangles are with spincast tackle.

The Best Bait

Getting kids excited about fishing usually means actually catching a fish. Fortunately, most kids are happy with any size and kind of catch.

• The best luck will usually be with earthworms. Many a fishing adventure begins with digging for your own worms in the garden or collecting them after a good rain, however, a container of worms are easily purchased from the local tackle shop or marina.

• If the sunfish are really biting, you can use corn, pieces of a hot dog or even marshmallows.

Note: Live bait does require a barbed hook. With younger children, you can instead use lures and debarb your hooks.

Where To Go?

Morning trips are best as the fish usually bite better and it is not too hot. A good place to teach a beginner is from a dock. This provides enough room to show kids how to put their worm on a hook, teach them proper casting, and observe other anglers. Sunfish often hang out around docks, making this a great way to view swimming fish and observe how fish are attracted to a lure.

To locate family friendly lakes in your area, log on to https://www.ifishillinois.org/Kids_Fishing/kids_selector.php

Fun ways to celebrate the arrival of spring

Spring is a season of rebirth in more ways than one. Spring is when certain animals emerge from hibernation, while many species lay eggs or give birth this time of year. Flowers and trees also bloom in spring, providing spectacular foliage and awe-inspiring color.

People also may feel like they have a new lease on life as they shake away the doldrums of winter and embrace longer hours of sunlight and warmer temperatures. The arrival of spring is worthy of celebration, and these activities and ideas can be enjoyable ways to spend the first day of spring.

• Spend time outdoors. One is never too old for a picnic in a park or a bike ride along the trails. Spending time outdoors is beneficial because it exposes people to sunlight, which is a precursor to the development of vitamin D. Vitamin D affects muscles, joints and tissues. It also can affect mood.

• Plant a tree. Honor the first day of spring, and Earth Day shortly thereafter, by planting trees. Trees provide habitats for wildlife, create shade, reduce air pollution by filtering the air, and produce oxygen. A sapling is a manageable tree to plant and something children can do as well.

• Enjoy spring crafts. Grab an inexpensive canvas and paint a landscape that is in full bloom. Use quick-set plaster to create stepping stones embedded with mosaic glass pieces for color that can be added to the backyard.

• Host a spring potluck. Put fresh spring vegetables and fruits on display. Options include artichokes, apricots, asparagus, carrots, dandelion greens, and radishes. Put together a pasta primavera, which essentially is a spring pasta dish laden with fresh vegetables.

• Decorate with flowers. Bring fresh flowers indoors and put them on display in vases or table centerpieces. Cut stems on a 45-degree angle underwater to help flowers last longer. In addition, choose floral themed curtains and throw pillows to add some spring decor.

• Create a water feature. The sound and sights of cascading water can be both relaxing and picturesque. A water feature can be something as simple as a small fountain or more elaborate like a koi pond.

Spring is a time of year when people can enjoy seasonal activities that make the most of the warmer weather and blooming landscape.

Practice safe boating

Boating is a recreational activity enjoyed by thousands of people. Spring and summer are prime times of year for boating, though people who live in temperate climates may be able to enjoy boating all year long.

Everyone who takes to the water, novices and experienced boaters included, should be familiar with boating safety guidelines. In fact, it is a good idea to take a boating safety course prior to boating for the first time or as a refresher if it has been a while since reviewing the rules of the water.

Boating safety goes beyond learning basic operation and navigation. Safety guidelines also involve getting a vessel safety check. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers complimentary boating examinations. They can verify the presence and condition of safety equipment required by federal and state organizations. Boaters also may be able to conduct virtual vessel exams. This means boat owners can perform a self-inspection of the boats based on digital prompts.

Along with boating inspections and water rules, some other ways to stay safe involve educating oneself of the larger dangers on the water. These generally involve risky boater behavior, such as failing to wear a life jacket or having an inadequate number of life jackets for passengers. Alcohol use while boating also can be problematic. Being under the influence can adversely affect boaters' reaction times and decision-making abilities. According to the 2018 U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics Report, alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2018, accounting for 100 deaths (19 percent) of total fatalities. Curbing alcohol use while boating can help avoid accidents and deaths.

Excessive speeds also can derail nice days on the water. Excessive speed can cause accidents in crowded areas. Speeding makes it difficult to react to obstacles — including underwater wildlife — and bring the boat to a stop within a safe distance of others.

Boating season is heating up, and that means making safety a big part of operating and enjoying a vessel.

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ENGLISH: Toad

SPANISH: Sapo

ITALIAN: Rospo

FRENCH: Crapaud

GERMAN: Kröte

Did You Know?

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ANSWER: FROG EYE

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Hugh Bonneville of "Downton Abbey" and "Paddington 1-2-3" recently tweeted, "Until today I had no idea who provided the voice of @paddingtonbear in Ukraine. Speaking for myself, thank you President Zelensky!" That's right, the president of the Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, is the voice of Paddington the bear in "Paddington 1 & 2." The Russians knew he was a comedian, but didn't know they were dealing with the brave and cunning Paddington!

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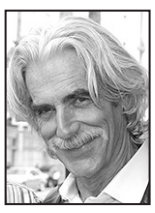
James Wolk's agent recently called him to say he had bad news and good news. The bad news was NBC has canceled his series "Ordinary Joe." The good news was he's going to star in a film George Clooney is directing, "The Boys in the Boat." Wolk will be playing the coach of the University of Washington's rowing team, which won a gold medal at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Joel Edgerton, Callum Turner, Jack Mulhern, Luke Slattery, Sam Strike, Courtney Henggeler, Thomas Elms and Tom Varey co-star. Wolk is best known for "Zoo" (2015-2017), two seasons of "Tell Me a Story" for CBS Access, and HBO's "Watchmen."



Elliott

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The ever docile and gentile Sam Elliott rarely speaks out about things. However, Sam, a veteran of 10 Western movies, 10 made for TV Western films, guest-starring roles on "Lancer" (1969-70), the classic "Gunsmoke" series (1972) and his series "The Yellow Rose" (22 episodes), was noticeably upset at how cowboys are portrayed in "The Power of the Dog."

Sam took aim with, "They made them look like those guys in New York wearing bow ties and not much else; That's what all those f**king cowboys in that movie looked like. They're all running around in chaps and no shirts. What the f**k does this woman (Jane Campion) -- a brilliant director, I love her work -- but what the f**k does this woman from New Zealand know about the American West? And why shoot a movie in New Zealand and call it Montana, saying this is the way it was?"

I've known Sam Elliott for 50 years, and he's the gentlest, softest-spoken, kindest guy who rarely, if ever, would stand on a soap box. He's certainly not anti-gay, but when someone starts showing the West, where men were men, as we've been told, someone has to stand up for the macho cowboys of yesteryear, and Sam didn't even address the scene in which Benedict Cumberbatch pleasured himself. Sam didn't know "The Power of the Dog" started shooting in January 2020, was shut down in March due to COVID, and thanks to its New Zealand location resumed in June and finished in July 2020. Hats off to the critic who referred to Cumberbatch's performance as a "stroke of genius!"

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Did Adele ever reschedule her concerts in Las Vegas after she suddenly canceled them? I'm glad I didn't buy tickets. -- ***B.D.***

A: The "Weekends With Adele" residency in Las Vegas was originally scheduled for Jan. 21 through April 16, 2022. Unfortunately, she canceled the shows at the last minute, stating that, due to COVID and late shipments, the show wasn't up to the standards she felt her fans deserved. She was widely criticized, though, as many had already made travel arrangements with expensive flights and hotel accommodations.

As far as a tour, Adele has two upcoming performances at London's Hyde Park in July and has promised that the Vegas shows will "absolutely happen" sometime in 2022. Perhaps she'll plan a multi-city tour in 2023.

In the meantime, if you have the Peacock streaming service, you can watch "An Audience With Adele," a two-hour special of her concert that aired in the U.K. this past November.

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Q: When is "Better Call Saul" returning? I hope it wasn't canceled. -- ***W.J.***

A: The "Breaking Bad" spin-off "Better Call Saul" started with a slow burn when it premiered in 2015. It focused on the origin story of Jimmy McGill, who would later become the fast-talking, crooked lawyer Saul Goodman. The compelling series is returning for its sixth and final season April 18 on AMC.

Odenkirk

Bob Odenkirk has been nominated four times for the lead actor Emmy but has yet to win for his performances on "Breaking Bad" or "Better Call Saul." He has, however, taken home the trophy as a comedy writer for "Saturday Night Live" and "The Ben Stiller Show."

Odenkirk almost wasn't here to wrap up Saul's tale, having suffered a heart attack on the set last July. He credits the 12 minutes of CPR and repeated use of a defibrillator for saving his life.

While anxiously waiting for the upcoming season, be sure to check out Odenkirk's recently published memoir, "Comedy Comedy Comedy Drama." He talks about his career as a comedy writer in the 1990s, his troubled relationship with his father, and how he became an action star in his 50s with the film "Nobody."

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Q: Who is the actor who played the British chemist in "The Dropout" on Hulu? He seems familiar to me. He was so good in the role and should certainly get nominated for an Emmy. -- ***E.C.***

A: He's the multitalented Stephen Fry, a British actor, writer, author, etc. He began as part of the comedy duo Fry & Laurie, as in Hugh Laurie ("House"), and kept audiences in stitches in British comedies like "Jeeves & Wooster" and "Blackadder." His film career is equally impressive, winning accolades in "Wilde," based on the life of Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde, and then later as an inspector in Robert Altman's "Gosford Park."

Fry's most recent role of chemist with a conscience Ian Gibbons in "The Dropout" is certainly worthy of an Emmy nomination. His co-stars Amanda Seyfried and Naveen Andrews also likely will hear their names called when the nominees are announced July 12.

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

Couch Theater

"The Oscars" (NR) -- If you missed the 94th Academy Awards live premiere on ABC, it's now available to stream. This year, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences had a much larger film collection to select nominations from than the previous year, due to a smaller number of films being released because of the COVID-19 pandemic. "The Power of the Dog" leads with 12 nominations, followed by "Dune," "West Side Story" and "Belfast." In the Best Picture category, 10 films were nominated, but only five of the directors of those 10 films were nominated for Best Director. With beautiful movies to celebrate and the first performance of the hit song "We Don't Talk About Bruno" from "Encanto," the highly esteemed award show finally makes its way back to its normal state (much like the rest of us). (Hulu)

"Thermae Romae Novae" (NR) -- Now available for streaming, "Thermae Romae Novae" is an anime based on the Japanese manga series by Mari Yamazaki. Lucius, an architect from ancient Rome, gets tasked with building a bathhouse, yet he's unable to think of any worthwhile ideas. Suddenly, Lucius gets sucked into a time-traveling tunnel that leads him into a bathhouse in modern Japan. Overwhelmed with all the new inventions that have appeared over centuries and centuries of time, Lucius gets inspired to return to his home and build a bathhouse the ancient Romans never could have imagined in their wildest dreams. (Netflix)

"driving home 2 u" (NR) -- Pop superstar Olivia Rodrigo got her start on Disney+ with a main role on "High School Musical: The Series," and she's back on the streaming platform -- this time in a documentary film showcasing her experience creating her very first album, "SOUR." Rodrigo owned the charts last year as a force in pop music that hasn't been seen in a while, and "SOUR" was an incredible success, with her first three singles dominating radio stations and music streaming platforms. Get to know a different, more humanized side of this young songwriter in "driving home 2 u." (Disney+)

"The Fairly Oddparents: Fairly Odder" (TV-Y7) -- As the second longest-running television show on Nickelodeon, "The Fairly Oddparents" became a true staple for millennials and Gen Z. While the original animated show wrapped in 2017, a live-action series was put into the works; thus, "The Fairly Oddparents: Fairly Odder" was born. "Fairly Odder" follows Vivian "Viv" Turner, Timmy Turner's cousin, who begins a new life after her family becomes blended in with her father's new wife and her new stepbrother, Roy. From the now older Timmy, she receives a gift to help her navigate her new life: our favorite, very odd, fairy godparents, Cosmo and Wanda! Premieres March 31. (Paramount+)

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• Trivia Test •

1. LANGUAGE: What is a demonym?
2. MEDICAL: What's the common name of a condition called otitis externa?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which large body of water lies to the south of Ukraine?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used to make marzipan?
5. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the poem "The Gift Outright," which was read at President John Kennedy's inauguration in 1961?
6. MEASUREMENTS: What is an octant?
7. GEOLOGY: Which mineral is the softest on the Mohs Scale?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of a porcupine's baby?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Barbie's younger sister, introduced in 1964?
10. HISTORY: In which country did the Easter Rising take place in 1916?

Answers

1. A term used to describe the natives or residents of a country, state or city
2. Swimmer's ear
3. Black Sea
4. Almonds
5. Robert Frost
6. One-eighth of a circle, or 45 degrees
7. Talc
8. Porcupette
9. Skipper
10. Ireland

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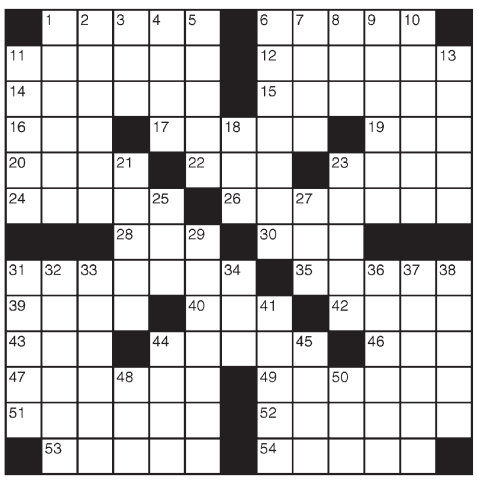

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54 "— you!" (challenger's cry)

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Maurice Sendak's beloved kids' classic "Where the Wild Things Are" was originally titled "Where the Wild Horses Are." Why the change in title? Sendak realized he was unable to draw horses.

* Rapper Lil' Wayne originally went by the moniker "Shrimp Daddy."

* Not ones to marry in haste and repent at leisure, a Paraguayan couple set up housekeeping in 1933. After 80 years, eight children and 50 grandchildren, the 103-year-old groom finally said a formal "I do" to his 99-year-old bride.

* The prize money for winning the Monopoly World Championship is $20,580 -- the same amount of money there is in the game's bank.

* Modern students who complain about the amount of homework they're issued might well wish they'd lived in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when doctors crusaded against it because they believed it was causing children to become wan, weak and nervous. In 1901, California even banned homework for anyone under the age of 15.

* Over a 24-year career, Roman charioteer Gaius Appuleius Diocles amassed an astonishing fortune worth 35,863,120 sesterces (an ancient Roman coin), or roughly $15 billion in today's dollars, making him the highest-paid athlete of all time.

* In January 2021, the first commercial 3D-printed house in the U.S. went on sale for $299,000.

* The term "rum bubber," which originated in the 16th century, referred to a thief who specialized in stealing silver tankards from inns and pubs.

* An actual "chill pill," which could even be made at home, was used in the late 1800s to remedy chills associated with a high fever.

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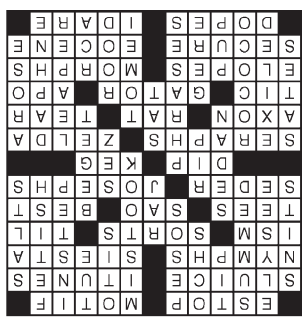

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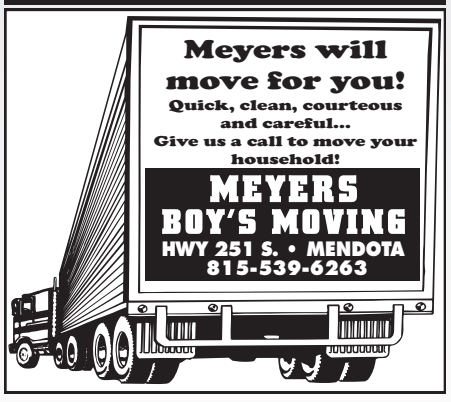

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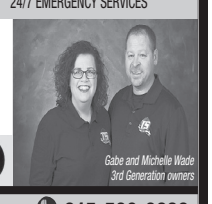

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Make your marriage better today

I think most people would agree that a good marriage isn't going to just "happen." It's going to require some give and take. And more than anything, having a great relationship means being committed to doing things God's way.

For instance, I've found one major way to improve my marriage is to adopt an attitude of giving rather than getting (see Acts 20:35). Our natural inclination is to focus on ourselves. We have a tendency to think, What can you do for me? or How can you make me happy?

If you enter marriage with the mindset that your spouse should make you happy all the time, you're setting yourself up for disaster. However, if you make the choice to be a blessing to your spouse—if you set your mind to thinking, I want to give...what can I do to be good to them?—then you'll not only strengthen your marriage, but you will also become extremely happy!

I admit, I used to be an incredibly selfish person. To be honest, I just plain wanted my way, and I got upset when I didn't get it. In fact, I can still remember many mornings when I would lie in bed just thinking about how I was going to get Dave to do what I wanted to do that day. I was wrapped up in myself—thinking all about what I wanted and what others could do for me.

Well, one morning, as I lay there formulating my plan for how I was going to get everything I wanted, the Holy Spirit got my attention and spoke something to my heart that I will never forget.

The Lord said to me, "Joyce, sometimes you remind Me of a little toy robot that someone winds up every morning. Then, after you're fully wound up, you walk around all day long saying, 'What about me? What about me? What about me? What about me? What about me?'"

That got my attention! Over time, as I sought the Lord's help, He helped me, little by little, to change and be less selfish.

One great way to be good to your spouse is to take the time to learn what they like and dislike. For instance, I've learned that Dave really values spending quality time together. So, even though I'm more of a multi-tasker, I've learned to give Dave my undivided attention when he wants to sit and tell me something.

Likewise, Dave has made an effort to learn what I like. Many times, he will choose to do all the dishes at night just because he knows how much it blesses me. It may seem like a little thing, but it goes a long way toward sustaining a healthy relationship!

This principle comes from Acts 20:35 (AMPC), which says, It is more blessed [and brings greater joy] to give than to receive.

For many years, I could quote this Scripture, but I obviously didn't believe it because I spent my time trying to make myself happy rather than be a blessing to others. But God has taught me that we don't even know what "happy" is until we forget about ourselves, start focusing on others, and become generous givers in every way.

I'll never forget several years ago when I was planning a birthday party for Dave. I spent one entire day in particular running errands, making plans, and consuming myself with how I could make it a great event. By the time his birthday arrived, I was absolutely filled with joy and couldn't wait to see his reaction. I actually think I enjoyed his birthday more than he did! Why? Because I got my mind off myself and focused on being good to someone else.

It's so important to remember that you can never out-give God. Even if you feel right now like you're doing all the giving and your spouse is doing all the taking, be assured that God will always take care of you and bless your obedience to His Word.

Galatians 6:7 (AMPC) gives us a wonderful promise from God. It says, "Do not be deceived...whatever a man sows, this and this only is what he will reap." I love this! When we make a decision to be givers and spend our time focusing on how we can be good to others, God says He will find ways to bless and take care of us.

I want to encourage you to take action to improve your marriage in practical ways. For the next week or so, take just a minute or two each morning to "set" your mind in the direction of giving instead of getting. Purposely think of something you can do for your spouse that will be a blessing to them.

As you do—as you choose to take time to make their life better—I believe you'll begin to experience more happiness yourself...and truly have a marriage you both enjoy.

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

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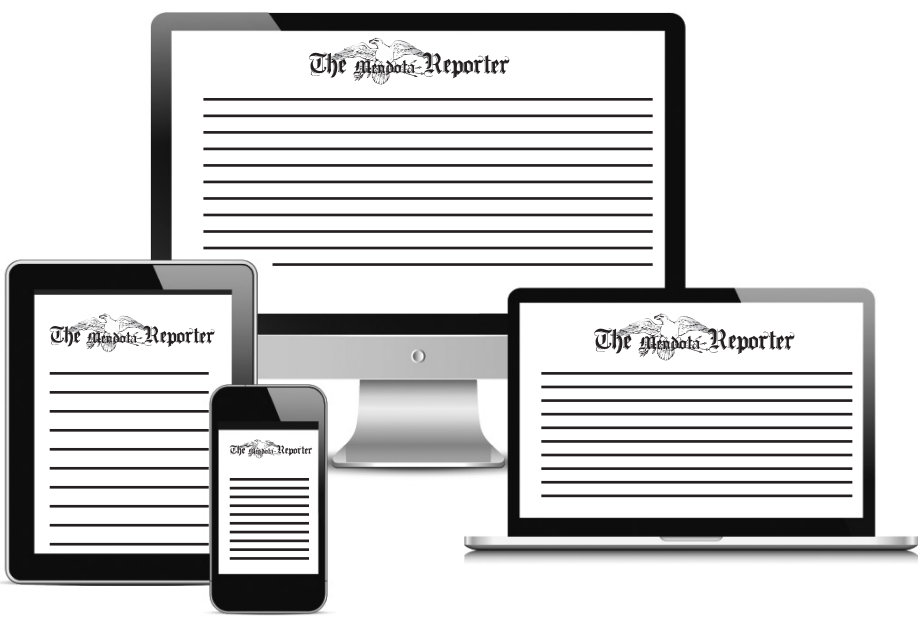

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9:30 a.m. Worship
In-person & on Facebook at: Mendota First United Methodist Church

April 3 - Fifth Sunday of Lent; 9 a.m. Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. Worship in-person and on Facebook live
April 4 - 6:30 p.m. Finance team meets
April 5 - 8:30-11 a.m. Garage sale work day in Memorial Building
April 6 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation class

ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

808 Jefferson St.

Pastor Jeff Brace
jbrace8459@gmail.com
Church office (815) 538-2186
Facebook: Mendota Zion United Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School for Preschool - 6th grade in fellowship hall during worship service (Parking lot worship available on 90.9 FM during Sunday services)
TUESDAY - Prayer group 6 p.m.
FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.

If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

If I can write one verse of truth today
Or give my fellow man a song to sing;
If I can push one needless cloud away
And help men live as children of the King:
If I can lend someone a helping hand
Or warm a place where friendship needs to be;
If I can build a bridge where fences stand
And light a lamp that other men might see;
If I can open doors of hope this day
By letting someone know that others care;
If I can speak in words that seem to say:
I know the heavy burdens that you bear.
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way
Or pause to bid him stay for food and rest;
If I can do these, Father, this I pray:
"O let me do them with my very best."

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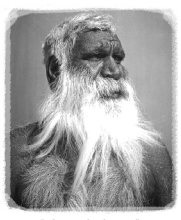

"Adnyamathanha Man" by Charles Mount (1937)

...He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us...

Acts 17: 26, 27

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April 7 - 6-7:30 p.m. Webelos

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April 6 - 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Len Service at Immanuel

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Revelation in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Deuteronomy 18, who prophesied that Jesus would speak all the Father commanded? Abraham, Aaron, Moses, Noah
3. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Smyrna, Bethany, Antioch, Cana
4. In Hebrews 7, which priest was the "King of peace"? Ezekiel, Seraiah, Melchisedec, Haggai
5. How old was Methuselah at his death? 200, 617, 969, 1,102
6. From 2 Samuel 8, who was commander of David's army? Amasa, Joab, Joshua, Julius

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Moses; 3) Bethany; 4) Melchisedec; 5) 969; 6) Joab

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IN RE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ROBINSON, Deceased.
Case Number 22 PR 030
INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATION NOTICE TO:
[x] Creditors and Claimants
[x] Unknown Heirs and Legatees
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).
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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
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)Case
OF THE)No.
ESTATE)22-PR-56
OF)
ANNA E.)
SCHAMMEL,)
Deceased.)
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ANNA E. SCHAMMEL, of Mendota, Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2022 to LINDA L. BERRY, 1205 Wisconsin Ave., Mendota, IL 61342, and whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.
Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Independent representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before the above stated dates is barred.
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Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of Court.
Dated this 24th day of March, 2022.
Greg Vaccaro
Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse
119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350
David M. Kaleel
Attorney for Executor
806 Jefferson St
Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-5616
kaleel5@frontier.com
Legal No. 0311 (3/30, 4/6, 4/13 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE
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Dated: March 23, 2022.
Jill Bruner Applicant.
Legal No. 0312 (3/30, 4/6, 4/13 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 9:00 am, a meeting conducted by Mendota Community Consolidated School District #289 will take place at the District #289 Education Center Boardroom, 1806 Guiles Ave, Mendota, IL 61342. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who will attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are a parent of a home school or a non-public student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Mendota District #289, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Mr. K. Bradley Cox, Superintendent, at 815-539-7631.
Legal No. 0313 (3/30 2022)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of: JACQUELINE LEE CAMILLA THOMAS,
Deceased.
2022 PR 42
Notice to Creditors Pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/18-3
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that JACQUELINE LEE CAMILLA THOMAS of Ottawa, Illinois died on November 22, 2021 and that GINA STOUDT, 2921 E 14th Road, Ottawa, Illinois was appointed Independent Administrator of the Estate of JACQUELINE LEE CAMILLA THOMAS on March 04, 2022. The attorney of record for the Independent Administrator is THOMAS L. JUSTICE, JR. of THE JUSTICE LAW FIRM, P.C., 719 Canal Street, Suite A, Ottawa, IL 61350.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that claims must be filed on or before September 30, 2022, with the Independent Administrator or with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or both. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. If you file a claim with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, within 10 days after the claim is filed you are required to mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Administrator and to his attorney of record and to file with the Court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.
GINA STOUDT,
Independent Administrator
THOMAS L. JUSTICE, JR.
ARDC #6286524
THE JUSTICE LAW FIRM, P.C.
719 Canal Street
Ottawa, IL 61350
815-434-0709
No. 0314
(March 30, April 6, April 13, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS
IN THE)Case
MATTER)No.
OF THE)22 PR 58
ESTATE)
OF)
GEORGE)
FOUNTAIN,)
Deceased.)
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of GEORGE FOUNTAIN, of Mendota, Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued on March 24, 2022 to BRENDA L. DOBBS, 429 First St., Stillman Valley, IL 61084, and whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.
Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Independent representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before the above stated dates is barred.
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Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of Court.
Dated this 24th day of March, 2022.
Greg Vaccaro
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Reporter/Designer

The Mendota Reporter, a weekly community newspaper located in Mendota, IL, is seeking a reporter to help us create fresh, relevant and timely news content, and can also help design the pages the stories appear on.

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

Successful candidates must possess strong writing, grammar and spelling skills as well as strong communications skills. We're looking for a team player that has excellent computer and pagination skills, photography skills, strong work ethic and a desire to package and publish a quality product. Some evening and weekend work hours are required.

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MLS# 11321118
220 Morrow St Unit B, Somonauk,
$195,000

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

MOTIVATED SELLER!

2517 Woods St.,
West Brooklyn
$117,000

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

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FEATURE HOME

2846 IL. Route 30 Highway, Compton
$56,000

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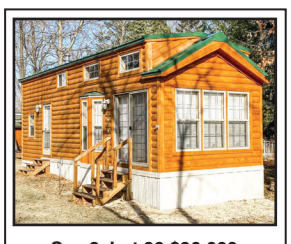

Sec 8, Lot 90 $90,000

Luxury log cabin in a shaded cul-de-sac. This 2018 Cedar Log Cabin by Forest River Park Models features knotty cedar throughout. The kitchen features black stainless steel appliances, cedar cabinets, and Corian granite countertops. Microwave includes a convection oven. Kitchen has never been cooked in. Thermal pane windows. Central air condition and 5300 BTU home furnace. Living room features a recliner, electric fireplace, couch with pull-out. Double loft houses two twin beds and a double bed, as well as storage made of cedar. See more information at www.Erbes-Realty.com.

Sec 23, Lot 175 $39,900

Beautiful view of Woodhaven Lake from this back yard with common area. Features 1988 Kropf park model with electric fireplace, log cabin sided, 1 bedroom, furnace, water heater, winter water, latex skirting, deck with roof, shed and firepit. Please note, Woodhaven Lakes is a gated recreational community and cannot be used as a primary residence or homestead. You must be accompanied by a broker to view any properties. Property owner pays the association fees.

Sec 23, Lot 183 $63,000

Pride of ownership shines in this stunning 2017 Bayview Select fifth wheel which features 2 bedrooms - one with a queen size bed and the other with a twin - and a loft. Inside is a modern kitchen equipped with an island and bar stools. Outside enjoy the grill, portable fire pit, two burner outdoor kitchen, shed and gazebo. All contents of shed are included in the sale, as well as 2 kayaks, patio furniture in the gazebo and on the deck, and firewood. Owner is also throwing into the sale a 8x6 carry all utility trailer - see pictures in listing. See more information at www.Erbes-Realty.com.

WOODHAVEN LAKES PROPERTIES

Sec 1, Lot 50	$40,000	
Sec 1, Lot 66	SOLD	$19,500
Sec 2, Lot 110	CONTINGENT	$23,500
Sec 4, Lot 161	PENDING	$29,000
Sec 4, Lot 192		$65,900
Sec 5, Lot 177		$31,000
Sec 5, Lots 190 & 191		$60,000
Sec 5, Lot 378		$25,000
Sec 6, Lot 74		$25,000
Sec 7, Lots 181 & 182		$29,900
Sec 7, Lot 196		$27,900
Sec 8, Lot 90		$90,000
Sec 10, Lot 52		$16,900
Sec 10, Lot 291	REDUCED	$21,500
Sec 10, Lot 292	REDUCED	$17,500
Sec 10, Lot 312		$27,000
Sec 11, Lot 74		$29,400
Sec 11, Lot 88		$16,000
Sec 11, Lot 203		$23,000
Sec 12, Lot 73		$29,000
Sec 13, Lot 110		$11,600
Sec 14, Lot 37		$22,000
Sec 15, Lot 161		$38,000
Sec 17, Lot 3		$15,000
Sec 18, Lot 65		$24,900
Sec 19, Lot 80		$59,900
Sec 21, Lot 84	REDUCED	$79,900
Sec 23, Lot 92		$49,000
Sec 23, Lot 175		$39,900
Sec 23, Lot 183		$63,000
Sec 23, Lot 195		$24,000
Sec 24, Lot 105	SOLD	$64,000
Sec 24, Lot 110		$79,900
Sec 26, Lot 102		$15,000
Sec 26, Lot 161	CONTINGENT	$49,900
Sec 26, Lot 220		$47,000
Sec 27, Lot 145		$60,000
Sec 28, Lot 91	SOLD	$14,000
Sec 29, Lot 307	SOLD	$12,000

Question of the Week

How do sellers choose among multiple offers?

Answer: Usually the highest is the best one to accept. But there are other factors to consider too- such as:

*__All-cash offer.__ This offer is NOT dependent on a mortgage lender so they can close much faster!
Few to no contingencies — this type of offer may have mortgage, home inspection, or even the contingency that their home has to sell first before they can go through with the next sale.

*__Higher down payment__. By having a higher down payment this shows the buyer is in a strong financial position, and are serious about buying a home.

*__Commonly called "the love letter."__ This is a letter that the buyer writes to the seller, although discouraged because of the fair housing act, but it can be a way to connect to the seller.