



Broken down train

A semi-tractor trailer waits at the Sixth Street crossing as an idle Burlington Northern Santa Fe train blocks the crossing on Feb. 18. According to Ben Wilemon, external corporate communications manager for BNSF Railway, the train had a mechanical issue with air pressure due to the extreme cold at about 1 a.m. As a result, the train was unable to move and blocked all crossings in Mendota. The issue was corrected shortly before noon at which time the train began moving and finally cleared the crossings after nearly 12 hours. Motorists in Mendota were forced to find an alternate route to get around the blocked crossings, which was the Fourth Avenue viaduct. During the morning school rush, eastbound traffic on 12th Street was backed up all the way to Casey's at the corner of Main and Meriden streets. (Reporter photo)



The Appellate Court said individual school districts remain free to adopt their own mitigation policies, independent of any executive orders or state emergency rules.

Appellate court declines to rule on mask mandates

□ Governor Pritzker to appeal to high court

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker's administration said Feb. 18 it will ask the Illinois Supreme Court for an "expedited review" of an appellate court's decision not to rule on a lower court order that invalidated COVID-19 mitigation measures for roughly 170 school districts that were parties in a set of consolidated lawsuits.

Late Feb. 17, the 4th District Court of Appeals said it would not review the temporary restraining order issued Feb. 4 by a Sangamon County judge, calling the issue "moot" because the emergency rules issued earlier by the Illinois Department of Public Health have expired and a legislative panel in charge of reviewing such rules had declined to extend them.

But the court also said individual school districts remain free to adopt their own mitigation policies, independent of any executive orders or state emergency rules.

"The administration is working with the attorney general to request an expedited review of this decision from the Supreme Court," Pritzker's press secretary Jordan Abudayyeh said in a statement. "In the meantime, the governor urges everyone to continue following the doctors' advice to wear masks so students can remain safely learning in classrooms, and is encouraged that the court made it clear that school districts can continue to keep their own mitigations in place."

Attorney General Kwame Raoul also issued a statement saying he too was disappointed by the decision.

"The appellate court's failure to address the important legal issues in question

has added to the confusion resulting from the circuit court's decision prioritizing a relatively small group of plaintiffs who refuse to acknowledge science or the need for public health measures to protect vulnerable Illinois residents," Raoul said.

Timeline of cases

On Feb. 4, Sangamon County Circuit Judge Raylene Grischow issued a temporary restraining order blocking the enforcement of mask and vaccine mandates and the exclusion from school of people deemed close contacts with COVID-19 patients without giving those students and employees due process.

That order applied to the roughly 170 school districts who were named in the consolidated lawsuits. There are 852 public school districts in Illinois, plus numerous private school systems covered by the rules.

The cases were filed in various counties in September after the Illinois Department of Public Health issued emergency rules mandating that masks be worn in school settings, that unvaccinated school staff would have to submit to regular testing, and that students and staff deemed to be "close contacts" with people infected by COVID-19 be excluded from school buildings and events for a period of time.

Those emergency rules were issued in response to a series of Pritzker's executive orders.

However, while the administration was appealing that decision to the 4th District, the emergency rules that IDPH had issued in September expired, and on Tuesday, Feb. 14, the legislative Joint

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GOP reintroduces crime reduction package; Gov. Pritzker touts public safety spending

□ Rising violent crime in Illinois has become major campaign issue

By GRACE KINNICUTT
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Senate Republicans unveiled an updated package of crime bills that they say will help curb violent crime and provide a morale boost to law enforcement.

It's substantially similar to the package the GOP introduced three months ago during the fall veto session to little fanfare from Democratic supermajorities in either chamber of the General Assembly.

"We were here in October to offer reasonable proposals to help reduce crime, but the Democrats who control Springfield have refused to act since then," Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said. "We're here again, demanding the Democrats take action to protect the people of Illinois from the violence on our streets."

The proposal includes a "Fund the Police Grant Act" that would provide \$125 million in funding per year



to local governments that will help with hiring, rehiring and retaining officers. Funding would help with the purchase of equipment and storage for body cameras along with other equipment designed to keep officers and communities safe and provide additional training.

Grants would be administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

Asked about that provision, Gov. JB Pritzker said his administration will "look

at anything that we think will help address the problem of rising crime," but he said his budget proposal contained significant investments to address the "challenges that municipalities are having with crime."

The governor's proposed budget for the fiscal year 2023 includes \$4.5 million to help fund body cameras for Illinois State Police in accordance with the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today, or SAFE-T Act, passed in January 2021.

The SAFE-T act overhauls police certification, reforms use-of-force standards, improves police accountability and abolishes cash bail beginning in 2023 in favor of a system that prioritizes risk of re-offending over an offender's ability to afford release.

In accordance with the SAFE-T Act, Pritzker proposed \$3.5 million in additional resources for ILETSB's operational costs, which include creating new trainings for officers and creating a public officer misconduct portal. Another \$10 million would go to ILETSB to provide grants for body cameras related to the SAFE-T Act's requirements.

But the law continues to face strong opposition from Republican lawmakers.

Their package in response to rising crime also proposes mandatory sentences of 10 years to life for violent gun

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LOCAL AND AREA

Lincoln School students meet their pen pal

MENDOTA - Mrs. Estrada's class at Lincoln School recently had the pleasure of paying a visit to local community member Margo Stouffer. For the past two years, Mrs. Stouffer had been a constant pen pal for the students in Mrs. Estrada's class and they were excited to finally meet this special lady.

The connection started when Mrs. Stouffer asked if she could help Lincoln School by making masks for the students and it morphed into a beautiful friendship.

Every month Mrs. Stouffer sends handwritten letters to each student in the class and also sends postcards from her travels. In addition to her correspondence, she includes activity



Stouffer

ideas with all the materials necessary so Mrs. Estrada can implement them in her classroom. This winter, she handmade stuffed "monsters" for each student and gave each student a copy of the book, "The Monster at the End of this Book."

Mrs. Stouffer has certainly enriched the lives of the students in Mrs. Estrada's class and they look forward to her mailings. Through this, they are learning how to write and make meaningful connections with others through their words. Mrs. Stouffer has sparked a genuine interest in writing for the students.

Lincoln School expressed their gratitude for community members, like Mrs. Stouffer, who make a difference in the lives of students.



Students in Mrs. Estrada's class visit their pen pal, Margo Stouffer, to say thanks. (Photos contributed)



Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Don't forget that information went home with all preK-4th grade students on how to order a 2021-2022 elementary yearbook from Inter-State Studios. Orders are due on Friday, Feb. 25. You can also order online. That information is on the order form. The elementary yearbook includes all students in preK-4th grade.

The students nominated for the Principal Award this past week included Kaiden Rich, Nancy Martinez, Alias Bugiye, Kimber Escatel, Anthony Morales, Jocelyn Hernandez and Delilah Hermosillo. The winners were Penelope Gromiuk, Karson McLain, Michael Dykstra and Joree Bowne. Congratulations to all of you!

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on Monday, Feb. 28 and Wednesday, March 2. It is important that all parents sign up for a time to meet with their child's teacher to discuss academic and social growth through the second trimester. If parents have not signed up for a conference time yet, please contact the teacher as soon as possible.

Friday, Feb. 25 will be an early dismissal. Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. and first graders at 1:30 p.m.

Tweens invited to games & pizza at Graves-Hume Public Library

MENDOTA - Graves-Hume Public Library is hosting a Tweens (5th-8th graders) Game Event on Monday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. Tweens will play "Cards Against Humanity" Family Edition.

This activity is a great opportunity to have some fun and make new friends. No prior experience playing is required.

"Cards against humanity is a fill-in-the-blank party game that sparks goofy looks, silly giggles or full belly laughs," explained Carolynn Ohlendorf, Youth Services Manager at Graves-Hume Public Library. "This

month Tweens are invited to join us as we play the Family Edition. I am so excited for the potential laughs-step-out of your comfort zone and try Tweens this month! We meet Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. and we will serve pizza donated by Rosati's of Mendota and refreshments at 5 p.m."

Library programs are open to all and no library card is required, however, registration is encouraged for youth programs.

Check out Graves-Hume Public Library's Facebook page for more details or stop in for a newsletter. They may be reached by phone at (815) 538-5142.



15 Illinois sites added to National Register of Historic Places in 2021

SPRINGFIELD - Thanks to the efforts of historic preservation advocates in Illinois, 15 sites in the state were added to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) during 2021, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources recently announced.

The NRHP-recognized places are scattered across the state and include a 160-year-old farmstead, a tuberculosis sanatorium and a Chicago movie palace.

"Each of these places tells a unique story that is part of Illinois' rich history. They provide a physical link to the past," said Natural Resources Director Colleen Callahan. "We are proud to work with local preservationists to obtain national recognition for these historically significant locations."

Places are added to the register by the National Park Service based on recommendations from the State Historic Preservation Office, a division of IDNR.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of properties that merit special attention and preservation. Every Illinois county has at least one property or historic district listed in the register. Collectively, they represent a cross section of Illinois' history from its early settlement to the mid-20th century.

In general, properties must be more than 50 years old to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A listing imposes no obligations on private property owners but does make properties eligible for some financial incentives.

Among the sites are:

• **Col. George H. Paddock Home, Bureau County, Princeton**

Listed Dec. 17, 2021 - The Col. George H. Paddock Home was built in 1903 in the Queen Anne style of architecture with Classical Revival details. Queen Anne characteristics of the home include stained-glass windows, cross gables, irregular massing, bay windows and wrap-around porches. Classical features include columns with classical orders, dentils, broken and triangular pediments and triple windows. The house fell into serious disrepair after sitting vacant for three years, but it has been returned to its former grandeur thanks to the dedication of its current owners, who performed a lengthy and ambitious restoration after they purchased the property more than 40 years ago.

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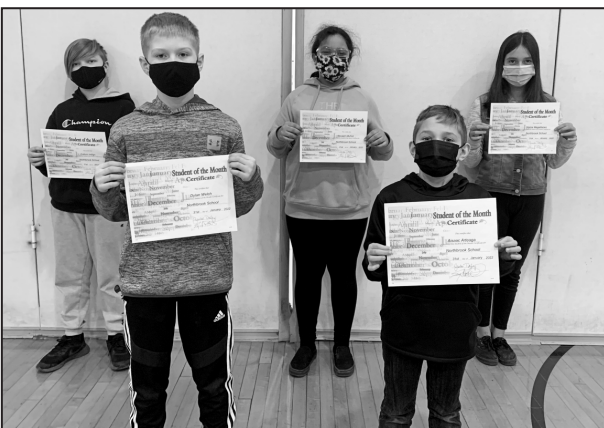
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LOCAL AND AREA

NORTHBROOK STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - JANUARY



5th Grade

Northbrook School's fifth grade Students of the Month for January, front row left to right, are Dylan Welch and Aissac Arteaga; back row, Callum Indigo, Neveah Munoz and Yulizza Magallanes. (Photos contributed)



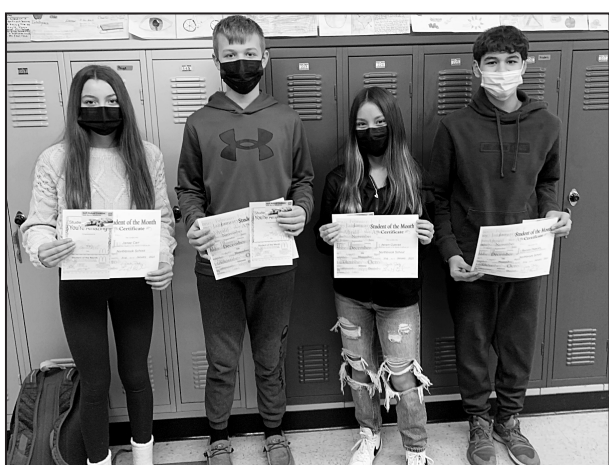
6th Grade

Northbrook School's sixth grade Students of the Month for January, front row left to right, are Avery Bugiye, Ashton Stamberger and Ignacio Orteaga; back row, Riley Erlenborn and Johnathon Beaty.



7th Grade

Month for January, left to right, are Blake Bute, Drew Becker, MaKenzie Mumm and Ada Krull.



8th Grade

Northbrook School's eighth grade Students of the Month for January, left to right, are Janae Carr, Keegan Beetz, Airam Cuevas and Ramiro Palacios. Not pictured is Marcella Futrell.

Paw Paw School Board invites input from parents, students & community

PAW PAW - A report on the deactivation study was presented by Jason Klein, a P-20 specialist at NIU, during the Feb. 15 Paw Paw School Board meeting. A survey seeking input is available for high school students and parents. This survey is organized through NIU and provides feedback related to Indian Creek. This is the second time this survey has been administered, the last was done two years ago.

To access the survey, please use the following links: Parent Survey - <https://forms.office.com/r/cYD-j0ya37M>; Student Survey - <https://forms.office.com/r/v5fNP8XXJJ>. The survey closes on Feb. 28.

Klein presented information about adding a parent and student focus group to this year's current study and the board approved that addition. He also presented a second possible study that would follow eighth graders into their high school years and get feedback about their high school experiences. The board will consider and discuss this topic further at future board meetings.

There will be an open house for kindergarten registration on March 1 from 5-6:30 p.m. Future kindergartners and their families will meet the teacher and get

a tour of the classroom. The yearly Strategic Plan Survey asks for input in various areas of school operations. Feedback will be used to help guide the Strategic Planning Process for the Paw Paw School District and to assist in planning and providing the highest quality services for our students.

Access the survey at: <https://forms.gle/bn46FAB-7dRUZNgYL8>.

The annual 5Essentials Survey organized through the Illinois State Board of Education will be sent out Feb. 28. These surveys each provide important pieces of information for the school district. Any questions can be addressed to Ms. Warrenfeltz via e-mail at jwarrenfeltz@2paws.net or by phone at (815) 627-2671.

The District has received a maintenance grant from the State for \$50,000 toward the overhang/lead paint mitigation project and for asphalt repair.

The Paw Paw Board of Education will hold a Community Open Forum on March 8 at 7 p.m.

Praise was given for the Boy's and Girl's Club After School Program. Families are welcome to access the before school program at 7 a.m. and after school from 3-5:30 p.m.

CARL'S QUIZ

What vegetable that originated about 4,000 years ago in India has now become the 4th most-cultivated vegetable in the world?

The answer to last week's quiz is: According to The Old Farmers Almanac, birds are inspired to sing more as the sunlight increases in spring.

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at www.mendotareporter.com



Mendota Weather

Feb. 23, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 24 Low: 17

Thursday
Scattered Snow
High: 28 Low: 18

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 24 Low: 6

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 26 Low: 16

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 20

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 17

Tuesday
Sunny
High: 27 Low: 19

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 24°, humidity of 51%. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 67° set in 2017. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a slight chance of isolated snow, overnight low of 17°. North northeast wind 10 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 7°. The record low for Wednesday night is -14° set in 2015.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	30	15	31/14	0.00"
Tuesday	44	19	31/15	0.00"
Wednesday	55	40	32/15	0.50"
Thursday	32	10	32/15	0.08"
Friday	33	5	32/16	0.00"
Saturday	22	10	33/16	0.00"
Sunday	49	28	33/16	0.00"

Regional Cities

City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	24/19	mc	28/19	sn
Champaign	29/23	pc	31/23	sn
Chicago	25/22	mc	29/22	sn
Freeport	22/14	mc	26/14	sn
Joliet	26/20	mc	29/21	sn
Moline	24/16	mc	29/16	sn
Peoria	27/21	pc	30/20	sn
Rockford	22/15	mc	26/15	sn
Springfield	29/23	mc	30/21	sn

Rainfall	0.58"
Normal rainfall	0.40"
Departure	+0.18"
Average temp	28.0°
Average normal	23.6°
Departure	+4.4°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:40 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	12:31 a.m.	10:19 a.m.
Thursday	6:38 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	1:46 a.m.	11:01 a.m.
Friday	6:37 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	2:58 a.m.	11:53 a.m.
Saturday	6:35 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	4:04 a.m.	12:55 p.m.
Sunday	6:34 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	5:00 a.m.	2:07 p.m.
Monday	6:32 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	5:46 a.m.	3:22 p.m.
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	5:47 p.m.	6:22 a.m.	4:38 p.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 65 in Washington, D.C. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 85 in Lehigh Acres, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 79 in McAllen, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 49 in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 67 in Sunland Park, N.M.

Weather History

Feb. 23, 1990 - A fast-moving storm produced near blizzard conditions in Michigan. Snowfall totals ranged up to 9.5 inches in Allegan County, wind gusts reached 74 mph at Ann Arbor, and five-foot snowdrifts were reported around Saginaw.

Feb. 24, 1936 - Vermont and New Hampshire received brown snow due to dust from storms in the Great Plains Region. A muddy rain fell across parts of northern New York State.

Weather Trivia

What was the biggest recorded tornado outbreak?

Answer: On April 3rd and 4th of 1974, 148 tornadoes traveled across 13 states.

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today—the new cemetery was designed by landscape architect L.L. Herron in the 1860s. An example of a rural garden cemetery, Oakland Cemetery is identified as such by its gently rolling land, winding paths, numerous trees and elaborate monuments. The historic district comprises more than 40 acres, over half the area of the current

cemetery, which has been in continuous use for more than 150 years.

Shabbona Hotel, DeKalb County, Shabbona

Listed May 6, 2021- As the only hotel in the Village of Shabbona, the Shabbona Hotel played a vital role in the community's commercial history. The hotel was completed in 1899, built by local

builder John Swanson and his son, Joseph. Over the years, it provided lodging and space for offices, meeting rooms, dining and entertaining for merchants, guests, travelers, railroad men, businessmen and the citizens of Shabbona. The property continued being used as a hotel until 1938, when it was converted into apartments.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Margaret E. Lewis

MENDOTA - Margaret Elizabeth Lewis, 89, of Mendota, passed away Jan. 20, 2022 in her home.

Margaret was born May 6, 1932 in Cooperstown to Wayne and Evelyn (Thomas) Snyder. In 1954, "Margo" married her high school sweetheart, Charles "Chuck" Lewis, who was the love of her entire life. They spent the next 67 years together raising their family while maintaining a local large and small animal veterinary practice.

Survivors include her beloved husband, Dr. C. E. Lewis and their three children, Bruce, MD (Rebecca, MD) Lewis, Debra Lewis and Kent Lewis; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and one sister-in-law, Effie Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Mary Ann (Don) Davis, Robert (Effie) Snyder, Virginia (Bob) Henry, and Marilyn (John) Lewis.

Margo had many interests. She and Chuck delighted in going on special trips to interesting places around the world. They also enjoyed visiting relatives. They were avid sports fans and especially enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals. Margo and Chuck were bridge partners in couples' clubs and also competed in the American Contract Bridge League for Life Master points. Margo hosted and attended ladies' bridge clubs with her friends. She and her identical twin sister, Marilyn always had lots of fun on their annual trips to Life of Riley resort in Cook, Minn. Margo was also exceptional at gardening. She particularly found joy when butterflies fluttered around her. She enjoyed her friends, church and community and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



George A. Fountain

MENDOTA - George A. Fountain, 77, of Mendota, left this earth to be with our Lord and Savior Feb. 14, 2022 at Generations at Neighbors, Byron.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 25 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Jay Miller officiating. Cremation rites will follow and private burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota at a later date. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until time of services on Friday.

George was born Nov. 30, 1944 in Thomasville, Ga. to Hoke and Pearl (Kirgan) Fountain. He was a longtime resident of Mendota where he met his wife, Judy Kowalski and raised five children. She preceded him in death in 1999.

Survivors include his five children, Laura Chapman of Texas, Debbie (Tom) Terry of Depue, Brenda (Gary) Dobbs of Stillman Valley, David (Luanne) Chapman of LaSalle and Melissa (Robert) Collier of Tennessee; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sarah Rodatz of North Carolina and Eleanor (Andy) Ridge of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two siblings, Hoke S. Fountain and Jean Hensley; one granddaughter, Jennifer Terry; and a great-granddaughter, Jennifer Cloe Terry.

George was a man of God and a loving husband, brother and father. He enjoyed fishing, telling stories, building and repairing boats and making hand tied flies. He and his wife owned and operated Bait and Tackle in Mendota. He was a longtime member of the Mendota Moose Lodge and Victory Baptist Church in Mendota.

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



Chester S. Rogowski

BEAUFORT, S.C. - Chester "Chet" Stephen Rogowski, 94, of Beaufort, S.C. passed away peacefully at home Feb. 16, 2022 with family by his side. If not for an inoperable brain tumor he would likely still be rejoicing in life, sharing his love and faith with all his family, and climbing the steps at the Hunting Island Lighthouse, as he had done several times since moving to the Lowcountry in 2011.

Friends and family are invited to honor and celebrate Chet's life with a visitation at Copeland Funeral Service, Beaufort, S.C. from 5 until 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25. U.S. Navy honors will be rendered at 5:30 p.m. Following visitation a celebration of Chet's life will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Copeland Funeral Service.

Chet was born Sept. 22, 1927 and raised in Chicago, where he met his wife of 60 years, Joyce, while they studied classical piano together at The Metropolitan College of Music. Though their music professor had dreamt of taking them to Carnegie Hall as concert pianists, they opted to marry in 1950 and begin a family.

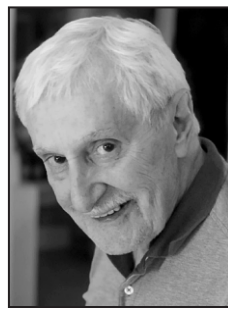
Survivors include his children, Vickie (Jerry, deceased) Blake, Cynthia (Will) Fahler, Joe (Colleen) and Tim (Margaret); nieces, Valerie (Jim, deceased) Gleeson, Joanne Witzkowski and Laurie (Salvador) Patino; and numerous beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his dear wife; sons, Stephen and Mark; granddaughter, Lauren Browark; grandson, Phillip; and great-great-grandson, Aayden McDonald.

After his high school graduation in May of 1945, Chet volunteered to enlist in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 during World War II, where he patrolled the West Coast on the USS LSM 436. He carried that volunteer spirit throughout his life, working with several churches, charities and hospices, donating his time and talents to benefit others. He had a very strong Christian faith and shared his love and compassion with all whom he met. After marrying, he and Joyce lived in Chicago and the surrounding area for the next 54 years and then moved to Valrico, Fla. where Joyce passed away in 2010. A year later, Chet moved to the Lowcountry in South Carolina. He will be sorely missed by so many from near and far.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Friends of Caroline Hospice in Beaufort, S.C. or the charity of choice.

Please share your thoughts and stories about Chet by visiting www.copelandfuneralservice.com.



Richard L. Cardot

MAYTOWN - Richard L. "Dick" Cardot, 79, of Maytown reunited with his wife, Mary Ann, on Feb. 18, 2022 at Heritage Health in Mendota.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation will be held on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown with a Rosary at 3:45 p.m. from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Dick was born Feb. 26, 1942 in Amboy to Gilbert and Betty Jane (Slagle) Cardot. He married Mary Ann Klein on July 13, 1963 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mendota. She preceded him in death on Feb. 6, 2020.

Survivors include his children, Rick (Deb) Cardot of LaMoille, Denise Cardot of Morton and Kris (Tom) Goodwin of Dixon; and two grandchildren, Stephen (Ashlea) Cardot of Ohio and Emily Cardot of Deerfield.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Dick had farmed the family farm in Maytown where he was born and raised and worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation for 30 years, retiring as Sign Shop Foreman. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to stock car and NASCAR races. They also enjoyed card club and Dick enjoyed his "4:00" gathering with friends at the Long Branch.

A memorial has been established.

Online condolences can be left for the family at www.thejonesfh.com.



Judy C. Wickert

CANTON - Judy Carol Wickert, 80, of Canton, passed away Feb. 16, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria with her family by her side.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 21 at the First Christian Church of Canton. Visitation was for one hour prior to services. Burial was at Apple Cemetery, rural Lewistown.

Judy was born May 19, 1941 in Canton to Raymond and Bernadine (Cooper) Heffren. She first married James Harris, and they had two sons, Jefferey (Lita) Harris of Matanza Beach, and James "Scott" (Mo) Harris of Galva. She later married James Wickert on April 1, 1985 in Lewistown, becoming a bonus mom to Becky (Montie) Wilcoxon of Canton, and Shellie (Perri) Green of Canton. She was a grandma to 13 grandchildren, Jeramie, Christopher, Alyssa, Alex, Mandy, Derek, Carrie, Billy, Derek, Joshua, Darren, Jamie, and Heather; 24 great-grandchildren; one sister, Kathy Lynn (Steve) Haffner; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Robert Heffren; and one sister-in-law, Rose Heffren.

Judy grew up in Summum and attended Lewistown schools, graduating in 1959. She earned her LPN nursing degree from Spoon River College in 1983 at the age of 42 and was very proud of her accomplishment. She worked for 20 years as a nurse at Sunset Manor in Canton. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Canton. She enjoyed genealogy and was corresponding secretary for the Fulton County Historical and Genealogical Society. She loved book indexing, going on the Spoon River Drive and flea markets. Jim and Judy loved going to listen to music and dancing together when they were able. Judy was matriarch of the Heffren family and enjoyed planning yearly reunions and visiting with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of Canton. Condolences may be made at henrylange.com.



Memorial Services

Memorial Service - Betty Bubolz

MENDOTA - A memorial service for Betty Bubolz, who passed away Feb. 10, 2022, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Mendota District 289 plans L.E.A.S.E. preschool screenings

MENDOTA - L.E.A.S.E. will hold preschool screenings for Mendota District #289 at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota on Thursday, March 3. The screenings are for children who will be 3 or 4 years old.

L.E.A.S.E. will screen motor development, speech, language, vision, hearing and general readiness. Due to COVID-19, only one parent/caregiver may bring the child. Everyone must wear masks.

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Crime

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offenders, imposes a 10-year minimum on those who sell or give firearms to convicted felons, and requires defendants who commit aggravated battery against an officer or brings a weapon into a penal institution to serve at least 85 percent of their sentence.

“These measures are necessary to not only give law enforcement the tools that they need, but also to send a clear message – go after our police and there will be consequences,” Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, said.

Juveniles who commit crimes related to gun violence or violent carjackings could receive 10 years to life in prison, per the proposal.

But Pritzker, in his budget address, drew a stark contrast between his favored policies and those backed by the GOP.

“With the state and the nation experiencing a rise in violent crime, addressing public safety requires major investments. But too often those elected officials yelling the loudest about public safety concerns are also those voting to defund government budgets,” Pritzker said in his speech. “Crime is a complex and multi-faceted problem to tackle, and it’s cynical and counter-productive to simply shout ‘Lock them up’ while providing fewer resources to the people and programs that prevent crime in the first place.”

His FY23 budget includes \$240 million for the Reimagine Public Safety Act, which aims at investing in youth-focused violence prevention resources in the state’s most dangerous areas. That includes \$235 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act for grants and \$5 million in general revenue for staffing and operations.

Pritzker noted his budget includes an \$18.6 million increase to allow for three classes of Illinois State Police cadets, about 300 officers.

But in their news conference, Republican Senators said local police need more funding, more recruits and the opportunity to provide more input on what police departments need in order to safely do their job.

David Hunt, a retired Piatt County Sheriff who joined GOP Senators at the news conference, said the reason he decided to retire before the end of his term was because of Democrats pushing police reform without the proper funding, as well as the measure end to cash bail.

Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp and Chris Southwood, President of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, said that the reason for an increase in law enforcement members leaving is due to a lack of support from lawmakers and an increase in violence against the police.

“Our current system under the anything but SAFE-T Act is failing all of us. Violent crime is surging unchecked in our communities all across the state,” Southwood said.

The Senate Republicans’ package would repeal the end of cash bail, but that provision, among others in the SAFE-T Act, doesn’t take effect until January 2023.

In response to House Republicans introducing legislation repealing the SAFE-T Act last month, Legislative Black Caucus Chair Sonya Harper, House Chair Kam Buckner and Senate Chair Robert Peters said the SAFE-T Act will help improve public safety and accused Republicans of using racial scare tactics.

“We’re not saying that we have all the answers to stop crime in its entirety,” Sen. Minority Leader Dan McConchie, R-Hawthorn Woods, said. “But we are saying we have good ideas that are derived from the law enforcement community itself that are saying that this will put us on the path to safer neighborhoods and help us defend our police.”

School association doesn’t expect ISBE to enforce mask mandate ‘at this point’

By GREG BISHOP
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – An association representing large school districts across Illinois expects the issue of mask mandates to eventually dissipate, despite the attorney general appealing to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Earlier this month, a circuit court judge ruled Pritzker’s mask and exclusion policies for students and vaccine or testing mandates on staff null and void. Last week, an appeals court dismissed the governor’s appeal. The attorney general is appealing to the Illinois Supreme Court, saying the governor’s mandates are still in effect.

“The Appellate Court’s failure to address the important legal issues in question has added to the confusion resulting from the circuit court’s decision prioritizing a relatively small group of plaintiffs who refuse to acknowledge science or the need for public health measures to protect vulnerable Illinois residents,” Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said.

Large Unit District Association Executive Director John Burkey told The Center Square “things continue to be in turmoil, in terms of the guidance that actual districts are getting.

“What I think, it’s pretty clear we are progressing to a point where masking will not be required statewide in schools and I think with the appellate court decisions ... we are just one step, maybe one big step closer to that,” Burkey said.

While some of his member districts are still requiring masks because of COVID-19 transmission rates in their areas, Burkey said many of his districts are going mask recommended.

“But I think our districts are much more looking at this now as a local issue than they were a couple of weeks ago [after the circuit court decision],” he said.

The Illinois State Board of Education won’t say if they’ll continue to pursue non-recognition status for the growing number of schools that are going mask optional in defiance of Pritzker’s insistence that his orders still stand.

Since the governor’s

“We are disappointed in the appellate court’s decision and concerned for the health of those in schools – particularly vulnerable children and adults.”

—Carmen Ayala, State Superintendent of Education

orders in August, ISBE has pursued punishing schools, public and private, for not enforcing mask mandates, or having written mask-optional or recommended policies. The agency was rebuffed by the courts and by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules leading to changes to the process.

In the most recent updated list published Jan. 7, ISBE has about seven private schools listed as recommended for non-recognition status, with two on probation. Four public schools are listed as on probation.

A request for comment from ISBE on whether the agency will pursue non-recognition for a growing number of mask-optional schools, or how many such districts there are, was not returned. A statement was provided instead.

“We are disappointed in the appellate court’s decision and concerned for the health of those in schools – particularly vulnerable children and adults,” State Superintendent of Education Carmen Ayala said. “We hope to do everything we can together to preserve the ability to continue in-person learning.”

“The court has made it clear that school districts can continue to keep their own mitigations in place,” Ayala said. “School district leaders should continue to consult with your own legal counsel as to the specific impact of the decision on your school district.”

As to district concerns of being punished by ISBE, Burkey said districts feel this may soon dissipate.

“I do not think that they expect ISBE will be pursuing that at this point,” Burkey said.



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The confusion of pronouns

By Scott Reeder

Pronouns are the workhorses of the English language and I never found them to be particularly controversial – until recently.

In case you’ve forgotten your fourth-grade grammar lessons, some examples of pronouns are: he, she, we, they, it.

Recently, a Catholic priest in Arizona found out that sometimes the grammar police wear clerical robes and pointed hats.

For decades, the Rev. Andres Arango said, “We baptize you in the name of the …” instead of “I baptize you in the name of …”

After diocesan officials found that out, they said last month that people who Arango baptized aren’t technically Catholic. That means they weren’t eligible, from a Catholic point of view, for other sacraments.

The theological argument is that the priest is acting as a representative of God, so it should be “I” rather than “we.” The parishioners sitting out in the pews are just observers – not participants in the sacrament.

Since baptism is a precursor for other Catholic rites, the thousands of people he baptized over the last several decades are left wondering if their marriages, confessions, and promises of salvation — have ceased to exist.

All that angst and worry comes from either:

A. A priest who made a grammar mistake.

B. Overly legalistic individuals in the religious hierarchy.

My thoughts? Salvation isn’t like a computer password dependent on every letter being in place when a priest recites the rite while pouring water over an infant’s head.

But pronouns can be confusing. I learned that decades ago when I was taking management training at the Quad-City Times. Some management guru said in our class when giving instructions to a subordinate don’t say to them, “I want you to do this.” Instead, one should say, “We will be doing this.”

The idea is that by saying “we” the subordinate feels like a member of the team rather than a lackey being ordered about.

So, I left the class and wrote up an assignment for a photographer saying, “We will be shooting a photo of…”

The photo never got shot. Why? The photographer said he couldn’t find me when it was time to leave, and since I said “we” on the assignment form he assumed both of us needed to go.

My boss, who had been sitting through the same stupid management class with me, chewed me out for filling out the photo assignment form “wrong.”

So, you see, pronoun usage can be consequential.

Jeanne Ives, a conservative former state representative, expressed outrage during a recent interview that a former GOP office holder has placed on the bottom of her emails her “preferred pronouns.”

“She’s no conservative, if she’s doing that,” she said.

So, apparently pronoun usage is not just a matter of grammar but political identity. I take a libertarian “live and let live” approach. Folks should be able to identify in the manner they choose.

Still, I don’t like the practice of referring to individuals who don’t identify as male or female with a plural pronoun.

For example, back in 2019, my alma mater’s student newspaper wrote a feature on a biologically male campus police officer who identifies as “non-binary.”

Here is a sentence from the story:

“Other than snide comments, Hale said they receive interesting looks on campus when they’re wearing heels, a dress or have their nails done, but they have never been so uncomfortable that they felt something needed to be done about the remarks and looks.”

I’m left wondering is the sentence about one person or a group?

Language needs to be precise. This grammatical accommodation, which the Associated Press has endorsed, is anything but. Perhaps instead of using a plural pronoun, a new pronoun needs to be created to accommodate those not identifying as male or female.

For example, in the 1970s “Ms.” was created as a courtesy title for women who didn’t want to be identified as married or single. (Although the grammarian in me still wonders why there is a period after the “Ms” when it’s not an abbreviation. But that’s a language quandary for another day.)

Grammar is consequential. It should be precise but not unkind. Words matter.

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



Rescuing Hart Carter – 1987

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Feb. 20, 2002.)

A special council meeting on Feb. 18, 1987, was preceded by a public hearing on a proposal by a group seeking to buy Hart Carter’s Mendota plant. It had been offered for sale by the parent company in Minneapolis. Carl McNair, president of Hart Carter in Mendota, hoped the group’s acquisition of the plant would save 117 jobs here.

After hearing details, the council passed a resolution to apply for a \$410,500 loan from the Community Development Action Program fund, available through the state. It would be used only for purchase of the Mendota plant, and would be repaid over a period of seven years, with interest at 3 percent. When repaid, money would be put in a special account to help other companies expand or save jobs.

The 600 block of Seventh Avenue was declared a one-way street. City workers Ken Arjes and Don Bieser erected DO NOT ENTER signs at the corner of Fifth Street and Seventh Avenue.

Only southbound traffic allowed in the 600 block of Seventh Avenue.

A buyer was interested in The Chalet, north of Mendota. However, the buyer wanted the sewer line extended to the property and also a Class A liquor license.

Schimmer Pontiac, on West Washington Street, advertised a liquidation sale of new and used auto parts and accessories. It would be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 24, 1987.

Graves Public Library applied for a grant of \$1 per capita. The grant was approved in the amount of 97.75 cents per capita. Library director Susan Ginocchio thought a sum in the vicinity of \$7,000 would be received in 1988.

A gift of \$500 from the National Endowment for Humanities fund could be obtained if a matching fund was forthcoming here.

Friends of the Library supplied the matching \$500.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

David Mauch erected a sign for his carpentry shop at 704 Burlington in February 1987.

He has since moved to 705 Illinois Ave.

The Chamber of Commerce sent its welcoming group, The Ambassadors, to visit the body shop opened by Robert Auchstetter and wife, Linda. It was in a converted corn crib, five miles north of Mendota on U.S. Route 52.

Jim Eichorn had the high score for the bowling season at the Elks lanes – 298. At one point he had 11 strikes in a row. Eichorn bowled for Bonnell’s Barber Shop in the Wednesday Night League.

Dennis Hastert, our new Congressman, called a town meeting at his district office in the Reddick Mansion, Ottawa. The meeting was Feb. 21, 1987, and Hastert was prepared to answer questions about the agenda of the Public Works & Transportation Committee to which he had been assigned. He also reviewed legislation dealing with pipelines.

Junior Woman’s Club announced winners in the 1987 Valentine Baby Contest.

Joseph David McQuin, 17 months
Ashley Ann Saylor, 5 ½ months
David and Ashley received rocking chairs and a \$50 savings bond.

MASS and Project NOA joined forces to honor 19 couples who had been married 50 years or longer. Two couples had celebrated their 59th wedding anniversaries before Valentine’s Day, 1987.

Myrtle and Claude Collings
Grace and Ray Anderson

Reed Rydberg, art instructor, presented a program to the Northbrook Elementary Parents Organization

(NEPO). He stressed the importance of fostering creativity in children.

New ideas keep children interested.

Pastor Dane Meuschke and his wife were honored at a Feb. 12, 1987, gathering in the parish hall at Zion Lutheran Church in Clarion. Pastor Meuschke had accepted a call from a Lutheran church in Gibson City.

Mendota High School students 18 years of age and living in LaSalle County could register to vote in the school guidance office.

Roger Anderson, guidance counselor, is certified to record registrations.

Students living in Bureau or Lee counties were required to register in their respective courthouses.

During 1987, Mendota received first prize in the Governors’ Home Town Award program. Signs were posted at the four entrances proclaiming the designation.

John Harth, a former deejay for Mendota’s WGLC, was ordained Feb. 22, 1987, at St. Augustine’s Catholic Church in Kelso, Mo. His first Mass was celebrated March 7 at Sts. Peter & Paul in Peterstown.

A reception in the church hall followed.

Father Harth first served a church in Joplin, Mo.

Triple Service moved its plumbing and electrical shop from Meriden Street to 807 Monroe. Owner Jim Wade had purchased the building.

The city of Mendota was accepting applications for the position of relief radio operator with a salary of \$5.30 per hour.

Applications must be received by Feb. 25, 1987.

Thelma Hutchinson, owner of Rain-bow Travel, conducted a weekly column in The Reporter in 1987. On Feb. 25, she addressed the topic of selecting clothing for travel. Her advice –

Don’t buy anything new.
What you have now will be new to the people you meet.

Durham’s righteous investigation

By Rich Lowry

From the perspective of several years ago, it’s the stuff of an implausible political thriller or a conspiratorial YouTube account.

One presidential campaign spies on another as part of a broad effort to get government agencies to pick up the baton and launch a high-stakes investigation of the new president that hampers his first years in office and consumes massive public attention.

Where could such a thing happen? Maybe Brazil or Equatorial Guinea? Well, we now know it happened in these United States.

The latest from Special Counsel John Durham is that a tech executive connected to the Clinton campaign mined internet contacts between Russia and the entities connected to Donald Trump in a search for material to try to, as Durham put it in a court filing last week, “establish ‘an inference’ and ‘narrative’ tying then-candidate Trump to Russia.”

Durham’s probe is a righteous effort to get to the bottom of a matter that deranged American politics for two solid years but has been derided or ignored by the mainstream press, with baleful consequences.

Russiagate did more than its share to undermine the norm that losing campaigns should accept the result of free and fair elections and to erode confidence in institutions at the highest levels of our government. One way to minimize the harm is to insist on accountability. The people who were most invested in Russiagate for the longest, though, are least interested in revisiting its origins, let alone in apologizing for their own credulousness or malice.

According to Durham, a tech executive named Rodney Joffe engaged in the information operation against Trump and his campaign. He allegedly coordinated with Michael Sussmann, a lawyer for the Clinton campaign, and his highly connected law firm, Perkins Coie LLP, that did work for both the Clinton campaign and the Democratic Party.

Durham notes that Joffe also joined up with an investigative firm that Perkins Coie hired on behalf of the Clinton campaign, numerous cyber researchers, employees at various internet companies, and researchers at a U.S.-based univer-

sity. He sought, he said, to please VIPs in both the Clinton campaign and Perkins Coie.

One can only guess that he succeeded. According to Durham, Joffe “exploited his access to non-public and/or proprietary internet data,” and the university researchers he tapped “were receiving and analyzing large amounts of internet data in connection with a pending federal government cybersecurity research contract.”

Joffe analyzed so-called domain name system internet traffic connected to Trump Tower and Trump’s Central Park West apartment building. Shockingly, the data effort continued after Trump was inaugurated. Joffe took advantage of his company’s “sensitive arrangement” to provide services to the executive office of the president “for the purpose of gathering derogatory information about Donald Trump.”

Meanwhile, Sussmann used the deceptive work product from all of this sleuthing to try to convince the FBI and apparently the CIA that Trump was colluding with Russia. (Durham has indicted Sussmann for lying to the FBI to try to hide his connection to the Clinton campaign.)

Durham pointedly refers to what Sussmann was hawking as “purported data.” This operation was of a piece with the spurious Steele dossier that helped launch the FBI probe of the Trump campaign that morphed into the Mueller investigation.

Or, to use Durham’s terms, purported data drove purported investigations and ungodly amounts of purported journalism, all building toward purported collusion that eventually, under the weight of facts and logic, came to absolutely nothing.

If anyone involved in this investigative and journalistic fiasco is embarrassed by it, they haven’t shown it. If any of them thinks it’s bad practice to spy on a campaign and a newly elected president to use the resulting information to try to gull U.S. government agencies, they haven’t said so. If any of them are thinking “never again,” they won’t admit it.

Until they do, maybe they should temper their preachiness about threats to our system and norms.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Mask

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Committee on Administrative Rules voted not to extend them, citing concerns about the restraining order and the pending appeal.

"We're currently in a situation where the TRO says this rule is not enforceable," Rep. Michael Halpin, D-Rock Island, a JCAR member, said in voting for the motion to suspend the rule. "It's possible, if not probable, that this might change on appeal, but as we now sit here, for that reason, I'll vote yes."

The 4th District panel, however, cited the JCAR action as its reason for not ruling in the appeal, saying the underlying rules covered by the restraining order were no longer in place.

"Because the emergency rules voided by the TRO are no longer in effect, a controversy regarding the application of those rules no longer exists. Thus, the matter is moot," the court wrote.

The opinion was written by Justice John W. Turner. Justice Thomas M. Harris concurred in the opinion while Justice Lisa Holder White concurred in part, but said the issues concerning Pritzker's executive orders were not moot and the court should have ruled on them.

"As it stands, the majority's decision leaves open the question of whether the circuit court properly enjoined the enforcement of the executive orders," Holder White wrote.

Impact on other districts

It was unclear exactly what, if any, state-issued mitigation mandates remain in place for schools in Illinois.

The 4th District court's opinion indicated that the Sangamon County restraining order also applied to the governor's executive orders. But both Pritzker and Raoul have said they believe the executive orders remain in place.

"While the Appellate

Court's ruling does not affect the enforceability of the governor's executive orders, the decision does fundamentally misapply important principles of Illinois law related to the issuance of temporary restraining orders, such as the order issued by the trial court," Raoul said in his statement.

Meanwhile, the court's opinion also said individual districts that are not parties in the underlying lawsuit still have authority to adopt their own mitigation policies, independent of the governor's executive orders or state agency emergency rules.

"We note the language of the TRO in no way restrains school districts from acting independently from the executive orders or the IDPH in creating provisions addressing COVID-19," the court said. "Thus, it does not appear the school districts are temporarily restrained from acting by the court's TRO."

Many of those districts, however, have negotiated the details of their mitigation plans with local teachers' unions, and the Illinois Federation of Teachers said last week that they should continue abiding by those agreements.

"We continue to insist that school districts statewide abide by existing collective bargaining agreements that are in place to promote health and safety in schools and to follow our laws around safe schools and workplaces," IFT president Dan Montgomery said in a statement. "As cases continue to decline, discussions about removing these mitigations must be based on good public health decisions. Medical science tells us that vaccinations, masking, and proper ventilation have been the best ways to maintain health in schools."

Mask policies elsewhere

The appellate court's decision comes as the Pritzker administration is preparing to roll back the statewide indoor

mask mandate on Feb. 28. Pritzker announced that plan on Feb. 9 but said he intended to keep the mandate in place for schools.

Meanwhile, the issue of mask mandates has become more contentious in the General Assembly where, on Feb. 17, House Democrats voted to remove nine Republican lawmakers from the chamber for refusing to abide by the House's own masking rule.

State Sen. Donald DeWitte, R-St. Charles, a member of JCAR, issued a statement saying there should be more legislative involvement in crafting pandemic mitigation policies.

"This appellate court decision is a clear indication that Gov. Pritzker's unilateral decision-making relative to COVID-19 must end," he said. "We are well beyond the point when the Governor should respect the authority and processes of the two other coequal branches of government. Rather than one-man-rule, the three branches should be working together to create clarity, not chaos."

IVCC Foundation presents honors

OGLESBY — O.J. Stoutner of Peru and Jack Cantlin of Earlville were honored recently for their decades of service to the Illinois Valley Community College Foundation.

Cantlin joined the Foundation in 1992 after being recruited by then-President Ralph Bowermaster and has served 29 years, including 12 as Vice-President.

Stoutner was recruited to the board in 1999 by Bowermaster and Bill Strong and has served 22 years, including three as Vice-President and 13 as President.

Their leadership has helped grow Foundation assets to \$8.6 million today. In the past two years alone, the Foundation has provided nearly \$950,000 in scholarships and program support.

Stoutner and Cantlin supported capital campaigns for the Community Technology Center and scholarship endowment and both endowed their own scholarships with wives Susie Stoutner and Kathy Cantlin.

Executive Director of



IVCC President Jerry Corcoran, left, and Foundation President Sue Schmitt, right, present IVCC Spirit Awards to Jack Cantlin, second from left, and O.J. Stoutner for their many years of service to the Foundation.

Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley said, "When I reflect upon Jack and O.J.'s history with our Foundation, the words that come to mind are integrity, principle, rectitude, devotion and decency. Thank you for making our Foundation part of your remarkable lives of service."

The Spirit Award, created in the mid-2000s to honor community members who have made a substantial

contribution to the college, had been awarded just eight times since 2004. Previous recipients include Brad Schorn, Walter Durley Boyle, Bill Strong, Sen. Gary Dahl, William Taylor, Robert Eschbach, Tom Walsh and Patricia Seibert.

Before presenting the award, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran said, in terms of the Foundation's success, Cantlin and Stoutner, are "Rock Stars."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Are we ready for "Magic Mike's Last Dance"? Channing Tatum



C. Tatum

took two years off and now is back with a vengeance. In addition to producing, directing and starring in the just released "Dog" and "The Lost City," with Sandra Bullock, Daniel Radcliffe and Brad Pitt (March 25), he's headed to London to shoot his third "Magic Mike." Steven Soderbergh, director of the original "Magic Mike," was set to launch a Broadway musical of the film, but after seeing the "Magic Mike" live show in London (there's also one in Vegas), he decided they had to do a third installment instead.

Tatum admits, "Didn't want to, we chewed all the meat off that -- no pun intended. 'Magic Mike's Last Dance' will feature the sickest dancing we can create, a full dance-icle and The Super

Bowl of stripper movies. I'm going to dance as hard as I've danced in any movie other than 'Hail Caesar.' Less character, more dancing, and we'll have a strong female protagonist as the new lead. We've never done the traditional love story, and this isn't a traditional love story!"

Jamie Dornan and Benedict Cumberbatch, both Oscar contenders, are very busy. Dornan follows "Belfast" with Netflix's spy thriller "Heart of Stone," opposite Gal Gadot. Cumberbatch, in addition to the upcoming "Doctor Strange" (out May 6), joins Oscar-winner Laura Dern in "Morning," set in a society that no longer needs to sleep thanks to a new pill and artificial sun. Dern will be back in "Jurassic World Dominion" (June 10), then "The Son," with Hugh Jackman and Anthony Hopkins (which wrapped in October).

Groucho Marx, one of the immortal Marx Brothers, along with Harpo, Chico and Zeppo, made classic

films like "Duck Soup," "A Night at the Opera" and "Animal Crackers" (three of my favorites out of 13) from 1929-1952. Groucho hosted the TV show "You Bet Your Life" from 1950-1961. In 1971 he hired Erin Fleming as his secretary, and by 1973 she'd become his manager and allegedly his girlfriend. I personally used to see them at events, usually arguing profusely. In 1977 Groucho died, at 86, and his children sued Erin Fleming for embezzling \$472,000, which she was court-ordered to return to his estate. She also was accused of mental and physical abuse. She died in 2003 at 61.

Oscar-winning actor Geoffrey Rush will portray Groucho in "Raised Eyebrows," which is set between 1973-1977, with Sienna Miller as Erin Fleming, showing how their power struggle created a comedy of horrors. To say the least from what I saw, she was very controlling, and he was cantankerous, which was the secret word ... "You Bet Your Life!"

Couch Theater

"Back to 15" -- There is no other plotline that I love more than when a character mysteriously goes back in time and gets to relive a period of their earlier life ("17 Again" is a favorite). So, I am all over this new series from Brazil in which 30-year-old Anita "hits control-Z in real life" and wakes up in her 15-year-old self's bedroom.

Discontented with the way her adult life has turned out, Anita is thrilled at a chance for a do-over in the pre-iPhone olden days. Maisa Silva stars as the younger Anita and Camila Queiroz as the adult version. (Netflix)

"Wasteland" -- "When it goes bloop ... bloop ... bloop ... get ready, here it comes." And by "it" the interviewee means a most unfortunate bubbling up of filth in her bathtub. Reminiscent of the events made famous by Erin Brockovich, this four-part docuseries unpacks the widespread scourge of excess wastewater, inadequate treatment facilities and the serious health consequences of otherwise unpotable water

in communities throughout our country. Created by CBS Reports, the series explores how we got to the point of collapsing sewers and polluted riverways, and what it will take to prevent further disastrous fallout. (Paramount+)

"The 355" (PG-13) -- Five women who all work for different intelligence agencies in different countries pool their skills to track and fight a common invisible enemy in order to prevent World War III. But these aren't Charlie's Angels. If 007 was smart enough to work in concert with his equals to get the job done in half the time so he could get back home to his kids, he might be as tough as these women. Starring Jessica Chastain, Diane Kruger, Penelope Cruz, Lupita Nyong'o and Fan Bingbing. (Peacock)

"No Exit" (R) -- Most people, upon finding a child trapped in a van in the parking lot of a highway rest area during a blizzard, would not merely tell the freezing, terrified kid to hang tight and

then go back inside to silently try to figure out which one of their fellow stranded travelers was a psychotic kidnapper. No, most people would run back inside yelling that there's a kid trapped in a van and grab anything possible to break the child free. But most people aren't the protagonist of a psychological thriller movie. Premieres Feb. 25. (Hulu)

"Secrets of the Zoo: Tampa" -- NatGeo brings it again with the third season of their zoo series, this time profiling the work of the exotic animal caretakers at Zoo Tampa (previous seasons were filmed at Ohio's Columbus Zoo). Far more complicated than simply tossing hay to elephants and spending the day on pooper-scooper duty, the zookeepers show that animal care is a 24/7 job and you never know what new issue might arise. Rescues, rehabilitations, fostering orphans, releasing rehabbed short-stayers and new births are all part of the gig. (Disney+)

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I see that actor Anthony Anderson is in the return of "Law & Order." Does this mean that his sitcom "Black-ish" got canceled, or is he able to do both series?

-- E.S.

A: The eighth and final season of the hit ABC comedy "Black-ish" premiered on Jan. 4. It appears the network chose to conclude the show despite it being a hit. During an appearance on the popular radio show "The Breakfast Club," Anderson speculated that the show wasn't renewed due to the high production costs. He added that they had a "nice eight-year run," but that he would have liked to have "squeaked out 10 years."

Anderson is reprising his "Law & Order" role of Det. Kevin Bernard on the reboot of the original "Law & Order" series. Sam Waterston also is returning as Jack McCoy, whom he played for 16 seasons. "Law & Order" premieres Thursday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. ET on NBC.



Anderson

Q: I was disappointed to hear that William Petersen and Jorja Fox will not be returning to "CSI: Vegas." Was the plan for them to leave after just one season, or is the show not coming back at all? -- T.R.

A: According to William Petersen, who also is a producer of "CSI: Vegas," he only committed to playing Grissom for 10 episodes. Fox won't be returning as Sara either, explaining that she doesn't want the duo split up, that "wherever they go, they belong together."

Fortunately, Marg Helgenberger recently signed a contract with CBS to return as Catherine Willows after missing out on the first season of "Vegas" due to a prior commitment. Helgenberger starred in the first 12 seasons of the original "CSI" series and has been greatly missed in the "Vegas" spinoff.

Q: I keep seeing ads for a new show called "The Endgame." Who are the two actresses starring in it? I don't think I've ever seen them before. -- S.P.

A: "The Endgame" is a

new series from NBC that was heavily promoted during the Winter Olympics and the Super Bowl. It stars Morena Baccarin as an arms dealer and criminal mastermind who has met her match in Ryan Michelle Bathe's FBI agent.

Baccarin is a Brazilian-American actress who has several series under her belt, including "Homeland," where she played Jessica Brody. She then went on to play Leslie Thompkins in "Gotham," where she met her future husband, actor Ben McKenzie. She also played Gideon on the TV series "The Flash."

Bathe was a regular as Sara Holt on the hit series "Boston Legal" but is probably most recognized as Yvette on "This Is Us." She's married to Sterling K. Brown, who plays Randall on the show.

Baccarin told TV Guide magazine that the show is "not telling a realistic story about the FBI and CIA chasing bad guys. We want this to be fun." "The Endgame" airs Mondays on NBC at 10 p.m. ET.

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

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Valentina hot sauce was named for the intrepid Valentina Ramirez Avitia, who at 17 posed as a man to join the Mexican Revolution. She made it all the way to the rank of lieutenant before being expelled upon the accidental discovery of her braids.

* American fashion model Jeremy Meeks' police mugshot was so good that he got a modeling contract while still in jail.

* In 1524, a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary at Latvia's Riga Cathedral was accused of being a witch. At its trial by water it was thrown into the Dvina River, where it floated, resulting in a guilty verdict -- and burning.

* Missing a remote? Try looking where you last sat: A 2011 study found that 49% of the time it was in a couch, while 8% were found in the bathroom, another 8% in a dresser drawer, 4% in the fridge/freezer (your guess is as good as ours on that one) and 2% turned up outside.

* Twelve-year-old Rhiley Morrison swallowed 54 magnetic balls to see if he could get metal to stick to his stomach, as well as what they looked like when he went to the toilet. He survived the experiment after six hours of surgery and a two-week hospital stay.

* The wood frog can hold its urine for up to eight months.

* Violets can be smelled for only a few moments at a time because their scent comes from ionine, which shuts smell receptors off after simulating them. After a few breaths, the scent pops up again.

* In 2016, the Swiss city of Lausanne banned "silent disco" events because they were too noisy.

Thought for the Day: "I'm sick of following my dreams, man. I'm just going to ask where they're going and hook up with 'em later." -- Mitch Hedberg

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• Trivia Test •

1. MOVIES: Which 2000 animated movie's tagline is "Escape or Die Frying"?
2. HISTORY: When was the Peace Corps established?
3. LANGUAGE: What does it mean in British English to be "knackered"?
4. AD SLOGANS: Which company featured this 1985 ad campaign: "It's everywhere you want to be"?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal has the longest tongue in relation to its body size?
6. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen"?
7. MUSIC: Which country music songwriter, singer and activist once sold Bibles for a living?
8. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the coccyx in human anatomy?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which restaurant chain is known for its "Grand Slam" breakfast?
10. U.S. STATES: In which U.S. state was the first official World Fair held?

Answers

1. "Chicken Run"
2. 1961
3. Tired
4. Visa
5. Chameleon
6. "1984"
7. Willie Nelson
8. Tailbone
9. Denny's
10. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1876)

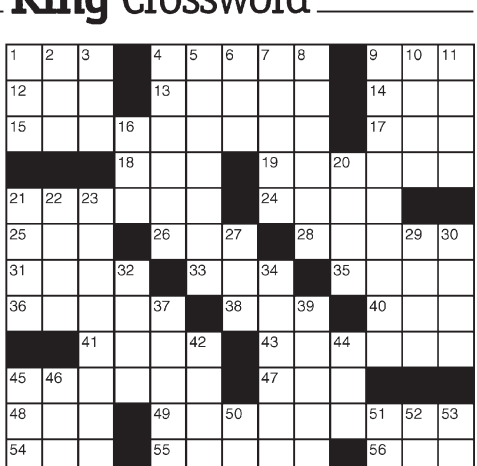
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by Linda Thistle

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Questions to ask before buying a smart thermostat

(BPT) - Smart home devices are everywhere. From smart speakers to kitchen appliances to thermostats, these devices are helping people live a more convenient, comfortable life. How this happens is through technology that often analyzes your habits and patterns. While there are significant advantages to using smart technology, it's important to consider: How much of your privacy are you giving up while using smart home devices?

According to a report from the Smart Energy Consumer Collaborative (SECC), data security and privacy remain a top concern for consumers. Nearly two-thirds of all survey respondents said they are concerned about potential data leaks, and 45% of those who do not have a smart home device see data privacy as a barrier to purchasing.

One smart home device that is growing in popularity is a smart thermostat. This is in part due to the many benefits it offers, including the ability to save money, use energy more efficiently and have a comfortable house year-round. To be most effective, a smart home device can virtually "feel" and "listen" to what is happening in your home. That's why, as you consider a smart thermostat from one of the many companies in this fast-growing market, asking a few key questions can help you better understand how they use your information.

What data are they collecting - and what will they do with it?

Review the company's terms of service and privacy



While there are significant advantages to using smart technology, it's important to consider how much of your privacy are you giving up while using smart home devices?

policy carefully to understand the type of information it is collecting and how it will use it. Reputable companies should have strong consent management that puts you in the driver's seat of your own information.

In particular, watch for how companies use your activity data. Even if a company confirms it does not share or sell your data to third parties, it is possible it may still be using your thermostat data (such as when you are home or not home) for other purposes beyond heating and cooling your house.

Does the thermostat require you to integrate with a larger platform?

Does the product require you to use its smart home platform or have other requirements to use the basic features of the thermostat? Activities like these often give companies easy access

to your data. You should be able to easily use your thermostat without jumping through hoops.

Are they recording what you say?

Some smart thermostats include a microphone so you can use your voice to interact with the thermostat. If it has a microphone, do you know how that information is being used or stored? If this is a concern for you, there are smart thermostat options without microphones available.

Selecting the right smart thermostat

Smart thermostats are increasingly common in homes worldwide - and for good reason. They enable homeowners to easily control their ideal temperature and even lower their energy costs through the touch of a smartphone. The key with any smart home product is to do your research to en-

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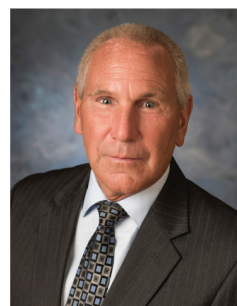
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Is it time for a new dishwasher?

(StatePoint) There's no reason to be working harder in the kitchen than you need to be, especially when it comes to clean-up.

When considering a new dishwasher, it's important to understand that many dishwashers are created equal, but are not priced equal. Most major brands offer similar features at varying prices. So, how do you know when it's time for an upgrade in your kitchen? Here are four things to consider.

1. What's my dishwasher's cleaning and drying power? While earlier dishwashers often required you to do quite a bit of soaking and rinsing before loading the machine, some of today's models feature soil sensors that automatically optimize your washing cycles. Plus, the option to place your most challenging and soiled cookware near special sprayers that deliver extra scrubbing power can also be a huge time- and labor-saver. Some new models have also made hand-drying a thing of the past, thanks to heated drying, which is faster and more dependable than condensation drying.

2. Does my dishwasher offer flexibility? For an efficiently run kitchen, flexibility is key. To that end, you shouldn't have to wait until you have a full load's worth of dishes to run your machine. Look for a dishwasher with a half-load option, as well as adjustable racks to accommodate large casserole dishes, tall stemware, and oddly sized items.

3. Is my dishwasher energy efficient? If either sustainability or saving money on utilities are priorities for you, be sure to look for ENERGY STAR rated dishwashers with features such as a half-load option that reduces water and energy consumption when washing smaller loads.



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4. Is my dishwasher quiet? To put things in perspective, any dishwasher is going to produce some level of noise. Anything below 52 dBA is considered very quiet. The difference between a 40dBA and 45dBA model will be minimal, so be careful you are not overpaying for this feature.

Thanks to new innovations, dishwashing isn't what it used to be. For less mess, stress, and hassle, consider upgrading your dishwasher for a better experience.



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Seniors struggling to pay property taxes can get relief from IDOR

SPRINGFIELD – For seniors on fixed incomes, paying property taxes can be the one hurdle that forces them to move or sell their home.

That's one reason eligible seniors in Illinois can apply for property tax relief under Illinois' Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program, Maura Kownacki of the Illinois Department of Revenue communications office said.

"For seniors who need assistance, it is a wonderful program," Kownacki said. "It provides financial security. It's an excellent option to have."

The program allows eligible seniors to defer up to \$5,000 per tax year – including both first and second installment payments. It works like a loan with a 6% interest rate. Full or partial payments are borrowed from the state. The state pays the municipality on behalf of the homeowner. A lien is placed on the home. If the home is sold or if the owner dies, the deferred taxes and interest are paid out of the proceeds from the sale of the home.

The senior also has the option of paying off the deferred taxes early.

Illinoisans pay the second highest property taxes in the nation, on average.

The deadline to apply for the program is March 1. Kownacki advises anyone who is interested to go to www.tax.illinois.gov for details.

County collectors' offices have staff who are ready to help people with the application.

To be eligible for the program, the senior needs to reach the age of 65 before June 1, 2022, and must have owned the home for a minimum of three years.

The borrower can apply for total or partial tax deferrals, not exceeding \$5,000 per year. The borrower's household income cannot exceed \$55,000 a year. If the husband is 65 and his younger spouse is still working, their combined incomes cannot exceed \$55,000.

In order to apply, borrow-

Permission needed to place dumpster on the street

MENDOTA – All dumpsters needing to be placed on Mendota city streets are required to be cleared with Nick Stremlau of the streets, parks and public property departments. Please call 815-539-7287 for approval before placing dumpsters on city streets.

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST

Joseph P. Guzman, 65, of 301 Fourth St., Mendota, was arrested at 8:45 p.m. Feb. 16 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/aggravated fleeing and eluding and battery. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail for a bond hearing.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Melissa M. Hartman, 35, of 1305 Guiles Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Sixth and Main streets at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 18. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Justina N. Schwartz, 31, of 1109 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Washington Street and Indiana Avenue at 8:44 p.m. Feb. 18. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Illinois Farm Bureau to tackle complicated trucking rules for farm vehicles

SPRINGFIELD – Spring planting season will be here soon and the Illinois Farm Bureau is getting ready with several events around the state to address transportation laws and regulations.

The Rules for the Road Seminar will cover recent changes and some of the more established but still misunderstood rules, such as the USDOT Number, UCR registrations and driver's license classifications.

Rodney Knittel, IFB assistant director of transportation and infrastructure, said

the member seminars will address new and old trucking rules and regulations and how they pertain specifically to farmers.

"We have some exemptions, some special rules that relate to just farmers, and there are also some commodity hauling rules that are specific to people to just haul commodities and supplies for agriculture," Knittel said.

The agricultural trucking industry can be dangerous. Tractor overturns are the leading cause of fatalities

in the industry, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. These accidents result in about 130 deaths each year nationwide.

Among the dates and locations for the seminars are:

• March 3, 10 a.m., Annawan Community Center, 314 N. State St., Annawan

• March 8, 10 a.m., Moose Lodge, 22500 IL Route 173, Harvard

The seminars are open to all Illinois Farm Bureau members. Contact your local county Farm Bureau about the registration deadline for the Rules for the Road seminar you're interested in attending.

MPD: Secure property from burglars

MENDOTA – Help prevent yourself from being the victim of a burglary or theft. The Mendota Police Department would like to remind all citizens to secure their property. Always lock your vehicle when it's parked outside. Lock the doors to your home, garage and sheds even while you are home. Don't let yourself become a victim by being an easy target.

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SPORTS

Trojans split league games to close out regular season

❑ Mendota rolls over Hall, 54-44

Mendota let a big lead slip away and fell to St. Bede, 44-41, in a Three Rivers Conference varsity boys' basketball game on Feb. 15 at Peru.

After a sluggish start, the Trojans ramped things up in the second quarter and scored 17 points to take a 23-14 lead to the locker room. But as it turned out, Mendota only tallied 18 points in the second half and St. Bede heated up with 30 as the Bruins pulled out the come-from-behind victory.

Krew Bond had 13 points and Rafael Romero contributed 11 markers to pace the Trojan offense. Ryne Strouss and Izaiah Nanez helped out with eight and seven points, respectively.

The Trojans closed out the

regular season with a 54-44 verdict over Hall in league action on Feb. 16 at the MHS gym. Mendota wrapped up the Three Rivers Conference campaign with a 3-9 mark.

Mendota took just a one-point lead (7-6) to the second quarter, but Bond scored 13 of the team's 16 second-quarter points and that enabled the Trojans to carry a 23-13 advantage to intermission. Unlike the night before against St. Bede, the Trojans were able to sustain their lead in the second half. Mendota's margin swelled to as much as 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Bond finished with a game-high 26 points. He made good on three shots from three-point land, as did Isaac Guzman, who ended with nine tallies.

ST. BEDE 44, MENDOTA 41				
Mendota (41)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	0	0-0	2	0
Bond	5	1-1	0	13
Landgraf	1	0-0	3	2
Romero	5	1-1	2	11
Nanez	3	1-1	1	7
Perez	0	0-0	4	0
R. Strouss	4	0-0	0	8
Totals	18	3-3	12	41

St. Bede (44)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Brady	0	0-0	3	0
Lawler	4	3-3	0	13
Jackson	1	0-0	1	2
I. Hart	1	0-0	1	2
Story	0	0-0	4	0
Bradach	3	0-1	1	9
Hueneburg	0	0-0	1	0
P. Hart	5	3-4	1	14
Harmon	2	0-0	0	4
Totals	16	6-8	12	44

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	6	23	32	41
St. Bede	9	14	28	44
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bond 2; St. Bede - Bradach 3, Lawler 2, P. Hart 1				

MENDOTA 54, HALL 44				
Hall (44)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Resetch	9	2-4	2	23
Lucas	2	0-0	2	5
Plym	3	0-0	3	7
Garland	2	0-0	1	5
Meagher	1	0-0	1	2
Coble	1	0-0	2	2
Pecher	0	0-0	1	0
Smith	0	0-0	2	0
Dye	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	18	2-4	15	44

Mendota (54)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	3	0-1	3	9
Bond	8	7-10	1	26
Perez	2	0-2	1	4
Landgraf	3	1-4	2	7
Nanez	2	0-0	2	4
R. Strouss	0	1-2	1	1
Kelly	1	0-0	0	3
Totals	19	9-19	10	54

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Hall	6	13	26	44
Mendota	7	23	39	54
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bond 3, Guzman 3, Kelly 1; Hall - Resetch 3, Lucas 1, Plym 1, Garland 1				



Mendota's Krew Bond attempts to get a shot over the outstretched arms of Hall defenders Drake Garland, right, and Riley Coble on Feb. 16 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Volleyball officials' clinic planned at MHS

MENDOTA – The Illinois Valley Volleyball Officials Association is hosting an IHSA Officials Clinic on Sunday, Feb 27 from noon-4 p.m. at Mendota High School.

There will be three levels available – Level 0 for those who are interested in checking out the field of officiating or brand new officials, Level 1 for year

one to three and Level 2 for those three years and beyond.

The cost is \$25 for non-members, \$20 for members and \$10 for high school/college students.

The Level 0 clinic will be a wonderful opportunity for those interested in learning what it involves or just starting out your officiating career with all the

basics needed to get started. There will also be drawings for free IHSA memberships and association dues.

Bring a whistle and all your questions. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Blumhorst at pblumhorst@yahoo.com or (815) 303-3178. Please extend this invitation to anyone you feel may have an interest in making some extra money.

Trojans hold off Bureau Valley in regional opener

MANLIUS – Mendota rallied from a first-half deficit and then had to stave off a Bureau Valley fourth-quarter comeback to post a 64-56 victory over the Storm in the opening round of the Hall Class 2A Boys' Regional Basketball Tournament on Feb. 19 at Manlius.

After trailing 11-6 at the end of the first quarter, the Trojans came back from a 15-10 deficit in the second as Rafael Romero sparked the comeback with 10 second-period points to propel Mendota into a 22-19 half-time lead.

The Trojans nearly matched their first-half point total in the third quarter alone as they poured in 20 points. But Bureau Valley nearly kept pace with an 18-point output and Mendota carried a narrow 42-37 lead to the final eight-minute session.

Mendota scored the first five points of the

fourth frame to grab the first double-digit margin of the night, 47-37, but Bureau Valley had one last comeback in it. The Storm closed the gap all the way down to one point before the Trojans got back on track and pulled away for the eight-point win.

Romero kept up his solid play in the second half with eight points and ended the contest with a team-leading

20 tallies. Ted Landgraf was next with 14 points, while Krew Bond chipped in with 10 points. Isaac Guzman and Izaiah Naez added to the Trojans' balanced scoring attack with eight markers apiece. Carter Salisbury led Bureau Valley with 30 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter as the Storm attempted to pull out the come-from-behind victory.

The Trojans improved

their record to 8-21 and advanced to the semifinal-round of the Hall Regional to take on Princeton (19-9) at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Spring Valley. The Tigers have beaten Mendota twice this season. A Trojan win will send them to the regional championship game against either Kewanee or Chillicothe IVC at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Spring Valley.



Mendota's Ryne Strouss, right, is hounded by Bureau Valley's Layton Britt during opening-round regional tournament action on Feb. 19 at Manlius. (Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican)

MENDOTA 64, BUREAU V. 56				
Mendota (64)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	3	1-2	1	8
Bond	2	5-9	3	10
Landgraf	7	0-1	2	14
Romero	9	2-3	5	20
R. Strouss	0	0-0	1	0
Perez	2	0-1	4	4
Nanez	4	0-0	3	8
Totals	27	8-16	19	64

Bureau Valley (56)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Foster	4	1-3	1	10
Britt	0	2-2	5	2
Salisbury	9	10-10	2	30
Bolan	1	2-7	3	4
Johnson	2	1-2	4	6
Co. Balensiefen	2	0-0	1	4
Totals	18	16-24	16	56

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	6	22	42	64
Bureau Valley	11	19	37	56
Three-point goals: Mendota - Guzman 1, Bond 1; Bureau Valley - Foster 1, Salisbury 2, Johnson 1				

Sophs end season with 11-17 mark

The Mendota sophomore boys' basketball team posted its third straight victory with a 47-42 verdict over St. Bede in a Three Rivers Conference game on Feb. 15 at Peru.

Both teams had trouble gaining the upper hand as the Trojans led by a single point after the first quarter (12-11) and at the half (16-15). St. Bede was able to rally for a 32-30 advantage with three quarters gone before Mendota outscored the home

team, 17-10, in the final frame to pull out the win.

Owen Aughenbaugh pumped in 10 points (eight in the second half) to lead the Trojan offense, while Mason Koch added nine markers. Cale Strouss and Jace Baird helped out with six points apiece.

Mendota concluded the season with a 44-29 league loss to Hall on Feb. 16 at the MHS gym. The Trojans

finished with an 11-17 overall record and a 5-7 league mark.

Hall connected on three shots from three-point range in the first quarter to help it grab a 12-4 lead after the opening stanza. Mendota trailed 23-11 at the half and 30-20 after three periods.

Strouss drained five three-pointers and finished with 17 points, all in the second half, to pace the Trojans. Baird chipped in with six tallies.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Stair safety steps to prevent falls

(BPT) - Locks, fire safety, storing dangerous items properly - these are things that likely come to mind when you think of home safety for your family. However, there's one thing in your home that everyone uses daily that poses a huge threat: stairs.

"You may never think of safeguarding your stairs, but falls are the No. 1 reason for emergency room visits," said Thom Disch, author, fall prevention expert and owner of Stop the Slip anti-slip products.

Every second of every day, an adult age 65 or older suffers a fall in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This makes falls the leading cause of injury and injury death in this age group.

"Falls are a big concern as you age, but remember that 75% of falls happen to people under the age of 68, so it's really a concern for everyone, from infant to elderly," added Disch.

Slipping and falling on stairs can dramatically alter someone's quality of life because injury can be painful and recovery complex. To help protect your family, consider these stair safety tips:

Visually assess and make updates

Start by looking at all indoor and outdoor stairs for repair needs. Nails and screws should be flush with the surface. Boards should be strong without cracks or breaks, evenly spaced and level. Concrete and other materials should be free of divots and debris. Make repairs if necessary to prevent trips and falls. Additionally, remove all clutter from stairs, even if decorative.

Add outdoor non-slip treads

Outdoor stairs can be dan-



When it comes to stair safety, the ability to use your hands is as important as your feet.

gerous for your family as well as visitors, especially during winter when rain, sleet, ice and snow can make stairs slippery. A smart solution is Stop the Slip non-slip stair treads and non-slip nosings. Available in different colors, the patented aluminum feature raised traction buttons that are self-cleaning in any weather, making them superior to grit tape and grit paint. Plus, they're simple for any DIYer to install on wood, concrete and brick within minutes.

Add indoor non-slip treads

Although not impacted by the elements, indoor stairs can be slippery as well. Common stair materials like wood, tile and stone can be slick. Stop the Slip ClearGrip Vinyl Treads and ClearGrip Tape can dramatically improve traction on slippery stairs and floors throughout your home while allowing the beauty of your hardwood floor, tile or natural stone to shine through. These mop-friendly options work in dry and wet environments, such as bathrooms, kitchens and laundry rooms.

Use secure handrails

When it comes to stair safety, the ability to use your hands is as important as your feet. Sturdy handrails are a necessity so people can easily grip on to them to assist in balance while navigating stairs. If possible, having railings on both sides can be even safer than just one. Make sure railings are properly installed and secured well. Check and tighten screws periodically to maintain railing integrity.

Light stairway spaces well

Even during the daytime, stairs can be dim spaces depending on their location. Make sure to illuminate stairs properly to help prevent trips and falls. Outside, porches and entryways should be well-lit. Indoors, light switches should be easily accessible at the top and bottom of stairs. Motion lights can be a smart option indoors and outside, so lights go on automatically whenever movement is detected.

For more information, additional ideas for making your home's stairways safer or to use our solutions configurator to help find your customized solution visit StopTheSlip.com.



Three ways clean insulation helps improve indoor air quality at home

(BPT) - The events of the last several years have sparked the adoption of home upgrades that prioritize our health and well-being - from the installation of touchless faucets to freshly painted walls in neutral, calming colors. While these cosmetic changes are certainly beneficial, many homeowners are craving permanent upgrades that address more pressing concerns, such as indoor air quality (IAQ) levels. After all, poor IAQ can have both immediate and long-term effects on our physical health, from eyes, nose and throat irritation to respiratory diseases.

One way to improve and maintain a healthier indoor living environment is to install clean insulation throughout critical areas of a home, including the walls, roof and floors. While there are various types of insulation materials on the market, expanded polystyrene (EPS) offers incredible performance capabilities in a safe package, making it an ideal option for health-conscious homeowners.

Here are three tried-and-true ways that EPS insulation helps improve IAQ levels at home.

1. Does not release toxic contaminants into our homes
First and foremost, EPS has a clean composition and is one of the few types of building insulations that doesn't experience off-gassing, meaning it will not leak dangerous contaminants into the air. On the other hand, some competitive insulation

products employ blowing agents during the manufacturing process to achieve an abnormally high R-value. This can be appealing to many homeowners because typically, the higher an insulation's R-value, the stronger its thermal performance and ability to provide a more comfortable living environment. However, these blowing agents will diffuse from the cellular structure of the material over its service life, steadily releasing a host of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into the air. To our benefit, EPS offers reliable thermal performance and does not utilize blowing agents. Because the insulation doesn't experience any off-gassing, homeowners can enjoy cleaner air at home.

2. Creates a nearly airtight home that keeps allergens out
Installed across the walls, roof and floors of our homes, EPS can help support continuous insulation (ci) - a building concept that results in a nearly airtight structure. Generally, airtightness can be compared to the zipper on a down jacket. On a mountain top, the down jacket is essentially worthless if the zipper is not zipped.

Like a down jacket and its zipper, panels of EPS can effectively create an air-impermeable building envelope. Without the blanket of EPS insulation, harmful outdoor air pollutants such as vehicle exhaust and smoke may unknowingly infiltrate our homes. Recognizing the importance of a nearly

airtight home is one of our strongest weapons in the pursuit of healthier IAQ.

3. Maximizes the performance of HVAC systems to filter and dehumidify the air we breathe

Utilizing EPS across the building envelope will support a tight home and, in turn, maximize the performance of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems put in place. In application, an effective ventilation system will usher fresh air into a home in controlled amounts and exhaust indoor contaminants to the outside. By limiting air exchange to controlled ventilation systems, we can breathe cleaner, healthier air at home.

An efficient ventilation system will also dehumidify incoming air to mitigate the risk of mold growth in wall cavities, floorboards and other damp, dark places. With properly functioning mechanical ventilation, there's no need to worry about toxic mold curtailing IAQ levels.

What's next?

With a growing focus on health and wellness in the home, now is the perfect time to prioritize making lasting changes that will improve your quality of life. Get started on the road to better IAQ by heading to your local home improvement store and looking for the aisle with EPS insulation materials (such as pre-cut R-TECH Insulation Panels) or turn to a contractor who works with EPS products (including the many options from Insulfoam).

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ANSWER: CHERRIES

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A



B



Answers: 1. Cherry juice on top of pie 2. Extra cream 3. Fork 4. Missing syrup on plate

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TART

an open pastry containing a filling

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Cherry

SPANISH: Cereza

ITALIAN: Ciliegia

FRENCH: Cerise

GERMAN: Kirsche

Did You Know?

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LOCAL AND AREA

Manage stress so it doesn't manage you

Today it seems as if everyone is under stress. It's become a normal part of our everyday lives. As long as we keep that stress at a reasonable limit, there's no problem. But when we allow it to exceed that limit, trouble begins.

For example, a chair is built to sit on. It's designed and constructed to bear a certain amount of weight. If used properly, it should last a very long time. But if it's overloaded beyond its capacity, it begins to wear out prematurely and eventually break down completely under the strain.

In the same way, you and I were designed and created to bear a certain amount of physical, mental and emotional strain day after day. However, problems arise when we allow ourselves to be weighed down by more stress than we're capable of supporting.

A word we don't hear much about today is prudence. It means "careful management; economy." In the Bible, prudence or prudent means "being good stewards or managers of the gifts God has given us to use." Those gifts include time, energy, strength and health—even material possessions. They include our bodies, as well as our minds and spirits.

Just as each one of us has been given a different set of gifts, each of us has been given different levels of ability to manage those gifts. And some of us are better at managing our gifts than others.

Proverbs 14:8 (NIV) says, "The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception."

We all need to "give thought to [our] ways" and know our limits—we need to know how much we can handle. We need to be able to recognize when we're reaching "full capacity" or "overload." Instead of pushing ourselves into overload to please others or satisfy our own desires of reaching personal goals, we need to listen to and obey what God's telling us to do. We must follow His wisdom if we really want to enjoy the peaceful, joyful life He has planned for us.

Stress can be caused by just about anything. Stressors can be big or little things. In addition, what causes you stress may not bother someone



else. And what bothers you today may not bother you tomorrow.

For example, let's say you're at the grocery store and the high prices create a stressor for you. Then the process of paying for your groceries (especially if money is tight) stresses you out. On top of that, the checker in your lane runs out of change and has to shut down temporarily. So you switch to a new lane and learn that five of your items don't have a price on them. The checker has to call for a price check on each one while you wait, and the line behind you grows. These small, seemingly innocent circumstances pile up until you feel like you're going to explode from the pressure.

Nobody can remove all the big and little things that cause stress in our lives. That's why we must be prudent in identifying the stressors that affect us most and learn how to respond to them correctly. We must recognize our limits and learn to say no to ourselves and others.

Stressors, not managed properly, can mount up one by one, bringing us to our breaking point. We may not be able to eliminate or reduce many of the stressors in our lives, but

with God's help, we can learn how to manage or reduce their effects on us. We can't control all of our circumstances, but we can adjust our attitude and not let them pressure us.

It seems the very atmosphere of the world today is charged with stress and pressure. But the good news is, we don't have to operate in the world's system—reacting like people in the world who have no hope or peace in their lives. The world responds to difficulties by becoming upset and stressed, but our attitude and approach should be entirely different.

You know, you can completely turn a situation around just by choosing the right attitude and approach when you're in a challenging situation. Instead of stressing out and tensing up, take a moment to pray for God to help you, calm down, take a deep breath and focus on getting His perspective on the situation.

In the midst of your daily life, you'll have many opportunities to be stressed. But you can refuse to allow your circumstances to dictate how you're going to feel if you will remember to ask God to help you. The truth is you may not be able to control the situation, but you can

control how you respond to it.

When you know you're going to face a stressful situation, take an offensive approach and decide beforehand what your attitude will be. Then the door will be opened for God to supernaturally help you to calm down and cheer up!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part CD teaching series Calm Down and Cheer Up. 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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By Sam Walter Foss

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man came upon me, and I caused
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it clothed me; my justice was
like a robe and a turban.

JOB 29: 12-14

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By Max Ehrmann

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1. Is the book of James in the
Old or New Testament or
neither?

2. From 2 Samuel 6, who died
after accidentally touching the
Ark of the Covenant? Achan,
Zedekiah, Naboth, Uzzah

3. In Judges 13, to whose wife
did an angel appear, telling her
she'd conceive a son?

Samson, Manoah, Josiah, Cain

4. What godly son was born to
Hannah and Elkanah in answer
to prayer?

Ezekiel, Paul, Samuel, Hosea

5. From Judges 14, what animal
took Samson by surprise attack?

Bear, Fox, Lion, Boar

6. Who burned David's city of
Ziklag? Amalekites, Nazarites,
Gibeonites, Israelites

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Cheerful;
3) Song of Solomon; 4) 3; 5) Love;
6) 1 John (4:8, 16)

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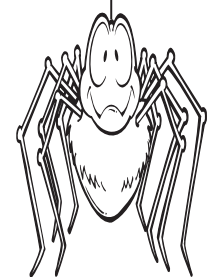
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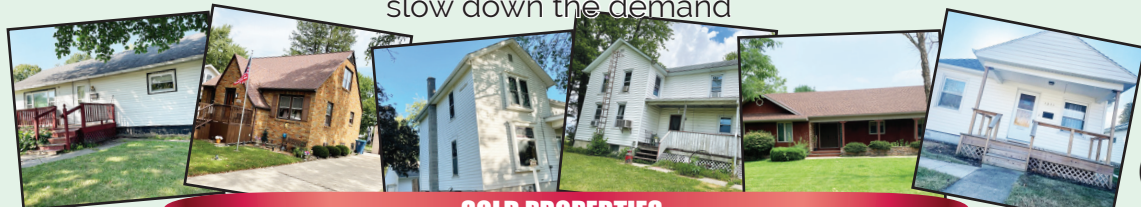
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