

Illinois will launch mortgage assistance program this spring

Up to \$30,000 in federal funding to be available for pandemic-affected homeowners

By GRACE KINNICUTT
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Beginning this spring, the Illinois Housing Development Authority will start accepting applications for homeowners experiencing financial hardship.



Rep. Ramirez

The Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund overseen by IHDA is a federally-funded program that is dedicated to assist Illinois homeowners that have struggled to pay their mortgage due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I know we’ve been waiting for these funds for a while and it’s really been a holdup from the U.S. Treasury (of) being able to get this money out the door,” House Housing Committee Chair Delia Ramirez, D-Chicago, said.

Funded through the American Rescue Plan Act that passed Congress in March 2021, \$387 million will be available through the emergency assistance fund for homeowners.

The ARPA funds provided assistance for rent and utilities, as well as \$387 million for the soon-to-launch mortgage assistance program.

Homeowners will be able to apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 that will eliminate or reduce arrearages associated with homeownership.

Funds can also be used

to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after Jan. 21, 2020.

Homeowners must contact their mortgage servicer or a housing counseling agency to ask for help and then, depending on the outcome, can apply for assistance through IHDA.

“These are requirements that the federal government and Treasury are imparting to us,” IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust said. “The homeowner assistance fund is meant to be a fund of last resort.”

Faust said IHDA will begin a public relations and information campaign to start educating homeowners about how to reach out to housing counseling agencies or their mortgage provider to start preparing the necessary paperwork for when the application process opens.

“Our goal will be to get all the dollars out the door,” Faust said.

Homeowners are recommended to begin the process now to reach out to their service provider and housing counseling agencies so when the applications do open, they’ll be eligible for financial assistance.

Since the pandemic began, IHDA has distributed hundreds of millions of

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Artist’s rendering of the Mendota Union Depot Train Station mural project.

Public information presentations planned for Mendota Union Depot mural project

Citizens invited to presentations scheduled for Feb. 7 & 8 at Main Street Station

MENDOTA – The Mendota Union Depot mural project is on track for painting and structural work to begin in the next few weeks and its unveiling during the Sweet Corn Festival in August. Mendota area residents are invited to information presentations on Monday, Feb. 7 and Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Main Street Station Bar & Grill, 714 Main St., Mendota.

Appetizers and sweets will be served. Face masks will be encouraged and will be available at the door. For more information, visit the project Facebook page – Mendota Union Depot Art Piece – or call Michelle Wade at (815) 343-3615.

Wade will provide updates and milestones on the project she envisions as a tribute to the iconic depot and the impact railroading has had in the Mendota area for more than a century. The 127 by 50-foot mural will be installed on the south side of Triple Service, Inc., the family business, at 801 Monroe St.

Wade leads the project and has an eight-member volunteer Citizens Committee raising awareness, gathering information about railroading, seeking grant funding opportunities, and fundraising.

“Great news—it’s time to start painting,” said Wade. “I am thrilled that we conquered a huge milestone by raising half of the funds needed to keep this

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– Michelle Wade, project commissioner

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“We set a robust timeline and through the hard work, dedication for community and love for this town, our community has come together to share the historical need of this piece,” she added. “So many look forward to seeing the beauty of this building and hearing the stories that will come from it. I love hearing stories from those who share my love of Mendota and want to do more in order to improve our wonderful town.”

Wade will be joined by Julia Mautino Messina, executive director of North Central Illinois (NCI) ARTworks, who counts the mural project as the fifth work of public art along its Silo Pathways Countryside Public Art Tour (a tourism attraction for visitors to the region with public art currently in Streator, Princeton, Cherry and Mendota). Additional speakers include a representative of the Citizens Committee and DeAnna Carlson, NCI ARTworks liaison to the committee.

“NCI ARTworks’ helps connect communities through art,” said Messi-

na. “The installation of this impressive work of public art in Mendota honors the city’s vibrant past as a rail hub and could play a significant role in revitalizing the downtown area by attracting visitors and encouraging new businesses to open nearby.”

The presentations also will include artistic renderings of the depot, locomotive, promenade and the cast-aluminum plaques available as tributes that will be permanently installed within the mural.

The mural is a half-scale painting of the iconic 250 by 100-foot Mendota Union Depot that was built in 1888 and demolished in 1942. It will be constructed of hand-painted aluminum sheets, mounted on a steel support grid. Artist Ray Paseka and his team at Westclox Studios, Inc. used archival information from the Union Depot Railroad Museum to capture the details of the structure. The permanent display will also feature lighted windows, a painting of a period locomotive slightly in front of the depot platform, and a 12-foot-deep promenade along the front of the mural.



Officer Randy Blackburn, center, flanked by the Colorado Springs, Colo., police chief, left, and the mayor of Colorado Springs, was named the police department’s Officer of the Year for 2021.

Mendota native earns distinguished police honor

R. Blackburn named Officer of the Year for Colorado Springs Police Dept.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – A former Mendota resident has been selected as the Officer of the Year for the Colorado Springs, Colo., Police Department for 2021.

Randy Blackburn, son of the late Ed and Rita Blackburn, and Val Fishbach of Compton, was chosen for the honor from among over 700 employees on the police force at the department’s annual award ceremony on Jan. 26. He is a 1977 graduate of Mendota High School. His sisters are Barb Weber and Monica Dewey, both of Mendota.

Officer Blackburn has worked for the Colorado Springs Police Department for over 22 years. He is currently assigned as the Shift One Traffic Officer in the Sand Creek Division. His primary duty is to investigate traffic crashes in the Sand Creek Division, but that does not begin to tell the story of his dedication to the community and his fellow officers.

It is common for Blackburn to respond to other divisions to assist with crash investigations and for him to hold several reports while he responds to other crashes to free up patrol officers to respond to other calls. He takes on the additional duty in teaching new officers how to investigate traffic crashes and he mentors all officers on all patrol shifts in their investigations. He does all of this while he investigates more traffic crashes than any other officer in the department.

Officer Blackburn has been on the Major Crash Team for eight years and is the most senior member of the team. In that time, he has never missed a call out. He often volunteers to cover on call responsibilities for his teammates and is known as a “go-to guy.” Officer Blackburn helps morale with his sense of humor and calmness. Although not assigned as a detective on the team, he has always been willing to help the detectives

with their investigations. He has greatly contributed to the development of the curriculum to train the department with the new traffic crash form implemented in 2021.

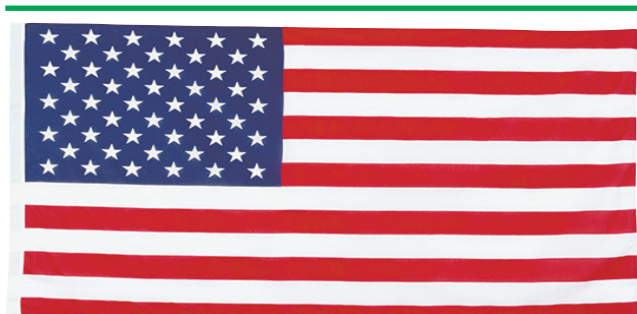
Officer Blackburn also organizes and teaches LIDAR operation to patrol officers. This traffic enforcement tool assists law enforcement with speed enforcement and regulation. He also coordinated and taught LIDAR operation for local Air Force personnel.

The Mendota native also takes a proactive approach to traffic safety by deploying the speed trailer and speed patches throughout the year. He deployed these speed monitoring tools over 40 times in 2021. He follows this up by conducting traffic enforcement in areas that are deemed to pose a danger to the community. In his “spare time,” Officer Black-

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Derek Feuss, left, and Nick Dinges finalize the acquisition of Fox Apparatus Repair & Maintenance by Dinges Fire Company. (Photo contributed)

Dinges Fire Company acquires fire truck mobile service and repair company

AMBOY – Nick Dinges of Sublette, owner and CEO of Dinges Fire Company, announced that Dinges Fire Company recently acquired Fox Apparatus Repair & Maintenance, adding a fourth mobile service unit to its fleet.

Derek Feuss, owner of Fox Apparatus Repair & Maintenance in Wyoming, Iowa, joined DFC in 2020 as a sales representative serving fire departments in northeast Iowa. He will continue in this role while joining the mobile service department.

DFC offers preventative maintenance and repair on rescue and extrication tools and SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) across the Midwest. Feuss will also do warranty work on Toyne Fire Trucks and vehicles in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Feuss is an 11-year firefighter currently serving as the assistant fire chief for

the Oxford Junction Fire Department. He purchased Fox Apparatus Repair & Maintenance from its founder in 2017 and served 125 customers in eastern Iowa.

“We are excited to expand our mobile service capabilities to include on-site fire apparatus repair and preventative maintenance and look forward to growing the service segment of our company by adding Fox Apparatus Repair to our 90-person team,” said Dinges.

This marks the third acquisition for DFC in three years.

Dinges Fire Company serves fire departments and emergency personnel in seven Midwestern states with a mission to protect America’s first responders with the best safety and protection equipment on the market and be a catalyst for positive change in those communities they serve.

Get out of the cold at the library

MENDOTA - Brr . . . it’s cold outside! This is the perfect time to stop by and visit the Graves-Hume Public Library. They have many activities going on this winter including in-person programming along with passive programs. Pick up an adult craft and complete it in the comfort of your own home.

“We’re always offering something fun for all youth,” said Carolynn Ohlendorf, Youth Services Department Manager. “We have several program choices available, offered to babies-8th graders. We always have a craft room ready for your crafty kid, a play room for your little one and so much more. We love to meet new faces, come visit us!”

Library programs are open to all. No library card is required. Check out their Facebook page for more details or stop in for a newsletter. The library may be reached by phone at (815)538-5142.

Open auditions for ‘Delval Divas’

PRINCETON - The Prairie Arts Council has announced audition dates for their spring production of “Delval Divas,” written by Barbara Pease Weber. Try-outs will be held at the Prairie Arts Center, 24 Park Ave. East in Princeton on Friday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m.

Director, Ellen Marincic, will cast six women ranging in ages from 30s to 60s. No preparation is necessary.

This delightful comedy will be performed April 29, 30 and May 1. The play centers around six highly educated, successful, profes-

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Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Thank you to all of our families who participated in our last fundraiser of the year. We sold Nothing Bundt Cakes for the first time in the district and it was a HUGE success! Blackstone will use the funds from the sale to go towards purchasing more playground equipment for all of our students to enjoy. Thank you for your continued support.

The students nominated for the Principal Award this past week were Hannah Hackerson, Liam Reeder, Ximena Rojo, Tanya Munoz, Scarlett Burrell, Jayden Chavez, Charleigh Pedersen and Jamiyah Bragg. The winners were Liam Benenhaley, Callie Martin, Mia Phillips and Cason Jordan. Congratulations to all of you!

The January Principal Award Pizza Lunch was held on Jan. 28. The students invited to the lunch were Renata Falcon, Thomas Feurer, Bryson Sondgeroth, Liam Benenhaley, Mateo Gonzalez, Isaiah Perez, Manny Quintana, Callie Martin, Fernando Sandoval, Ruby Diaz Santos, Shayne Full, German Toribio, Isabel Reyes, Gwen Pecher, Mia Phillips, Cason Jordan and Maddux Brown. A picture of the winners can be seen below.

We are starting to plan for our Valentine’s Day parties at school. If students want to bring in cards to pass out to their friends, they should bring them to school by Wednesday, Feb. 9. We will celebrate Valentine’s Day on Monday, Feb. 14.



Blackstone Principal Award Pizza Lunch

Blackstone School recently held their Principal Award pizza lunch for the month of January. Students chosen for January were, front row left to right, Renata Falcon, Thomas Feurer, Liam Benenhaley, Mateo Gonzalez, Manny Quintana and Callie Martin; back row, Fernando Sandoval, Ruby Diaz Santos, German Toribio, Gwen Pecher, Mia Phillips, Cason Jordan and Maddux Brown. Students were honored by having a pizza lunch with their principal, Stacy Kelly. (Photo contributed)

Remembering historic Rt. 66

LASALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host historian Leslie Goddard on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. for her unique program about Route 66 or the Mother Road.

The name evokes images of gas stations, mom-and-pop motels, quirky attractions and adventure on the open road. In this nostalgia-packed program, Goddard, will explore the history of Route 66, the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 until its closing in the mid-1980s. Find out why Route 66 remains so indelibly associated with the lore of the American road trip.

Goddard is a scholar and

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SUBLETTE

Dueling Pianos coming to Sublette

SUBLETTE - Sublette 365 is again sponsoring a Dueling Pianos event on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Sublette Community Building. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Tables are selling fast. The cost is \$250 for a table of eight guests and includes dinner, show and one drink.

For information or tickets, contact Nick Dinges at (815) 703-6140. The event is a fundraiser for community improvements.

Farm Toy Show March 19-20

SUBLETTE - The 40th annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20. The show is expected to draw a large attendance since last year's show was cut back in size due to COVID.

This year's show will be held in five buildings with antique tractors and semi tractors displayed outdoors. The annual firefighter's breakfast will be served at the fire station.

This year's show will feature International Harvester.

Auditions

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sional women who share the same address - The Delaware Valley Correctional Facility.

For additional information, e-mail Ehmarincic@sbcglobal.net.

PrairieArts programming is funded in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council Agency and The Princeton Closet.

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Pat Wiggim, left, and Abby Shipp.



Pat Wiggim, left, and Angela Kroefsky.

Gamma Phi presents teacher supplies

PRINCETON - Gamma Phi's Supporting Early Career Educators Project (SEE) awards were presented in person by Pat Wiggim at a recent Gamma Phi meeting.

Awards were given to Abby Shipp from Bureau Valley High School and Angela Kroefsky who teaches at Lincoln School in Princeton. Each teacher received supplies that will enhance their classroom's curriculum.

Other winners who could not be present were Tess Heidenreich, who teaches math at Ohio Community School, and Madison Pearson, who teaches language arts at Logan Junior High in Princeton.

These grants are awarded to first, second or

third year teachers who have a need to enhance the curriculum they teach with supplies that the school district does not provide. Teachers receive notice of these possible grants through their local school principal during September of each year. A limited number of awards are presented each year.

Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society is a society of women educators who promote professional and personal growth of members and excellence in education.

Contact Sue Bromme-Winger at suzie_b12@hotmail.com for more information about the chapter.

'Leaving Iowa' cast announced by PAC

PRINCETON - The Prairie Arts Council is pleased to announce the cast of "Leaving Iowa," a play written by Spike Manton and Tim Clue. "Leaving Iowa" is a tribute to everyone who ever found themselves driving alone on the road, revisiting the memories of their youth.

Director Dave Roden

brings the story to life with his cast, which includes David Gray as Don, Kayla Greenwell as sis, Jeff Sudakov plays dad, while Elizabeth Wild is mom. Chris and Mary Keiffer round out the cast with both playing numerous Midwest characters.

The cast will perform three shows, Friday and

Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee on Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. Performances take place at the Prairie Arts Center, 24 Park Ave. East in Princeton. Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, may be purchased online at prairiearts.org.

Patrons may also reserve tickets by e-mailing prairieartsprinceton@gmail.com or leaving a message at (815) 875-2787. Tickets are general admission to permit social distancing.

Prairie Arts Council programming is funded in part by grants from The Illinois Arts Council and The Princeton Closet.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Monmouth College Dean's List

MONMOUTH - Timothy McNally, an elementary education major from Paw Paw, has been included on the Monmouth College Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. To be named, students must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while taking at least three full academic credits.

Founded in 1853, Monmouth College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the birthplace of the women's fraternity movement.

UW-Madison Dean's List

MADISON, Wis. - Amanda Barrett of Mendota has been recognized on the University of Wisconsin-Madison fall dean's list. Barrett is in the College of Letters & Science.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college at UW sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

UW-Milwaukee Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Several local students have been named to the dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the fall

2021 semester. They include Grace Brandner, Nursing; Emma Guelde, Education; and Maren Wise, College of Letters & Science, all of Mendota.

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Kishwaukee College dean's list

MALTA - Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the fall 2021 dean's list. Local students include Joel Bertram of Paw Paw and Benjamin Vaessen of Sublette.

To be eligible for dean's list honors, a student must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term with a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Kishwaukee College Part-Time Student Honors List

MALTA - Kishwaukee College is pleased to announce its part-time student honors list for fall 2021. Local students include Ethan Rutten of Compton, Caroline Bend and Autumn Miller of Earlville, and Samantha Katschke, Ashlyn McLaughlin, Grant Schlörff and Justin Williams of Paw Paw.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must complete a minimum of 6 (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kishwaukee with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

CARL'S QUIZ

Why do professional interior house painters wear white overalls rather than blue overalls?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Grenoble (1968) was the first Winter Olympic Games to be broadcast in color. From Grenoble, ABC also provided the most extensive satellite coverage of any Olympics yet, including some live daytime coverage and the rest same-day coverage.

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

Mendota Weather

Feb. 2, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Snow Likely
High: 22 Low: 14

Thursday
Scattered Snow
High: 19 Low: 3

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 17 Low: 2

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 21 Low: 14

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 8

Monday
Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 9

Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 34 Low: 14

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see cloudy skies with an 80% chance of snow, high of 22°, humidity of 79%. North wind 15 to 19 mph. New snow accumulation of around two inches possible. The record high for Wednesday is 51° set in 1968. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday night with an 80% chance of snow, overnight low of 14°. North wind 19 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 0°.

Regional Cities

City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	24/18	sn	22/6	sn
Champaign	30/20	sn	24/8	sn
Chicago	27/21	sn	24/13	sn
Freeport	19/9	sn	15/-2	sn
Joliet	26/19	sn	23/7	sn
Moline	21/12	sn	18/0	sn
Peoria	24/18	sn	22/4	sn
Rockford	20/11	sn	17/1	sn
Springfield	27/20	sn	24/5	sn

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall	Departure
Monday	29	7	27/11	0.01"	0.01"	0.01"
Tuesday	10	-1	27/11	0.00"	0.31"	0.31"
Wednesday	16	-8	28/11	0.00"	-0.30"	-0.30"
Thursday	32	24	28/11	0.00"	15.0°	15.0°
Friday	19	6	28/11	0.00"	19.4°	19.4°
Saturday	26	7	28/11	0.00"	-4.4°	-4.4°
Sunday	28	15	28/11	0.00"		

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:07 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	8:26 a.m.	7:02 p.m.
Thursday	7:06 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	8:54 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Friday	7:04 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	9:19 a.m.	9:23 p.m.
Saturday	7:03 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	9:41 a.m.	10:28 p.m.
Sunday	7:02 a.m.	5:18 p.m.	10:04 a.m.	11:32 p.m.
Monday	7:01 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	10:27 a.m.	Next Day
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	5:21 p.m.	10:53 a.m.	12:36 a.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow, highest temperature of 52 in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers, highest temperature of 79 in Bonita Springs, Fla. The central United States will see mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and isolated snow, highest temperature of 74 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 52 in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 67 in Norwalk, Calif.

Local UV Index

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Weather Trivia

Why does salt keep snow from turning to ice?



Answer: Salt water needs to be much colder to freeze.

Weather History

Feb. 2, 1952 - The only tropical storm of record to hit the United States in February moved out of the Gulf of Mexico and across southern Florida. It produced 60 mph winds and two to four inches of rain.

Feb. 3, 1988 - Arctic air continued to invade the central United States. The temperature at Midland, Texas plunged from a record high of 80 degrees to 37 degrees in just three hours. Morning lows in the higher elevations of Wyoming were as cold as 38 degrees below zero.

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Lee L. Wendel

MENDOTA - Lee L. Wendel, 84, of Mendota, passed away Jan. 26, 2022 at home surrounded by his family and friends.

Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. on Jan. 31 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. A service followed at 7 p.m. with his granddaughter, Rev. Maria Bonine officiating. Private burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota at a later date.

Lee was born Jan. 17, 1938 at Harris Hospital in Mendota to proud parents Henry and Gunda (Rebhan) Wendel. He was welcomed home by a sister, Evelyn and brother, Lyle.

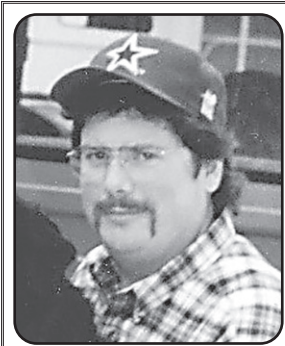
In his younger years, Lee had numerous cars and a very heavy foot which coined him his nickname, "Lightning Lee." In 1955, he graduated from Mendota High School. In 1956, Lee and his brother started farming the family farm and continued until 2009 when Lee's son, Terry joined him in the farming business. He also worked several winter jobs in town.

Lee had three daughters from his first marriage, Susan (Hughie) McCoy, Connie (Jon) Yambert and Sherry (Lane) Zerbe. On Aug. 30, 1968 he married Carol Ossman in Dixon, which Judge Bales officiated. Carol had three children, Robert Lewis, Kathy Lewis and Dawn Thomas. Lee adopted her youngest daughter, Dawn. In May of 1972, Lee and Carol had a son, Terry "Boomer" Wendel. Lee lived in the same house his entire life. He loved the farm and enjoyed watching the crops grow from the front porch.

Lee also leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his dog and faithful companion, Rags.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; a brother; one daughter, Sherry Zerbe; one granddaughter, Sarah Christoffersen; one grandson, John Zimmerly; and his loving wife of 51 years, Carol in 2019.

Memorials may be directed to the Sublette Fire and Ambulance Departments. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



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Gerald G. Whitmore

MENDOTA - Gerald "Jerry" George Whitmore, 86, of Mendota, passed away peacefully on Jan. 26, 2022 at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Rockford.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Private burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota later in the spring.

Jerry was born Aug. 9, 1935 in Aurora to George E. and Bernice E. (Caponash) Whitmore, Jr. He married Patricia A. Stillwell on Nov. 26, 1958 in LaSalle. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Darryl G. (Lisa) Whitmore of Palatine and Scott E. (Cheryl) Whitmore of Marysville, Wash.; four grandchildren, Joie (Aaron) Ocheltree of Bloomington, Katherine N. (Ryan) Lawson of Washington state, Grace Whitmore of Wauwatosa, Wis. and Eve M. Whitmore of Mount Prospect; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; his parents; and one sister, Patricia A. (Whitmore) Rod.

Jerry was a Boy Scout and graduated from Mendota High School in 1954. He became interested in HAM radio at an early age and this interest turned into a lifelong hobby. Over the years, he contacted and spoke with untold other HAM operators around the world. His call sign was K9HAW, and he would tell people he was "the laughing dog" as a way to remember it. After high school, he worked for Whitmore Electric in Mendota, a business his father had started in 1932. He and Patricia took over the business in 1968 and continued it for another 20 years. Under his ownership, the business expanded and completed many projects, large and small, in and around Mendota. In 1974, they opened a subsidiary business, Witco Lighting and Home Center in downtown Mendota, which sold electrical fixtures, lamps and other residential items. Other contributions to the city where he grew up included being a member of the volunteer fire department from 1960 to 1974 and joining the Chamber of Commerce in the early 70s, eventually serving as president from 1973 to 1974.

After closing Whitmore Electric, he and Patricia moved to Las Vegas for a few years, where he worked in electrical sales. By the mid-90s, they were ready to return home, where he worked a few more years as an industrial factory electrician before retiring. He took up woodworking and built and equipped an extensive shop in his home where he produced many items, some of which won prizes at the local fair. He always loved cars and in his 30s, he restored a Ford Model A, which he often drove in the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Parade. In retirement, he bought a red 1966 Ford Mustang convertible, which he loved to drive around town with the top down. He enjoyed talking to old friends and meeting new people. On vacations, he would invariably spend 20 minutes talking to the attendant at every gas station, while Patricia sat in the car growing ever more impatient. If you ran into Jerry around town, you had to be careful not to "get him going" unless you had some time to spare!

Memorials may be directed to The PAN Foundation online at panfoundation.org or the charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Kishwaukee offering six online wine appreciation courses

MALTA - The Kishwaukee College Community Education department will offer six online wine appreciation classes during the spring semester. All classes take place from 7-8 p.m. via Zoom and provide an overview of wines, their grapes and regions. Certified sommeliers from Geneva Wine Cellars, Liz Koval and Tim Campbell, will teach the classes.

Feb. 3- Spanish Wines: Madeira, Port and Sherry

Feb. 10- Northern/Central Italian Wines: Tuscany, Piemonte, Chianti and

Barolo

March 3- South American Wines: Chile, Argentina and Uruguay

March 10- Southern Italian Wines: Sicily and Sardinia

April 7- Mediterranean Wines: Greece, Lebanon, Israel, Morocco and Tunisia

April 21- California Wines: Napa and Sonoma

Register for the courses at www.kish.edu/personalenrichment. For more information on the wine courses, contact Melissa Gallagher at mgallagher1@kish.edu.

Raymond J. Wilson

MENDOTA - Raymond J. Wilson, 77, of Mendota, passed away Jan. 19, 2022 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Cremation rites have been accorded and burial will be private.

Raymond was born Jan. 23, 1944 in Gary, Ind. Survivors include several family members and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Raymond served in the U.S. Navy. He was a friend to everybody he met. He truly enjoyed playing video games. He also loved to cook and opened his door to anyone in need of a good meal...especially on the holidays.

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

Richard B. Reese

OTTAWA - Richard "Rich" B. Reese, 53, of Ottawa, passed away Jan. 27, 2022 at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4 at Gladfelter-Roetker Funeral Home, Ottawa. Interment will follow at West Serena Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3 at the funeral home.

Rich was born Aug. 10, 1968 in Ottawa to Rodney and Nancy (Miner) Reese. He married Michelle on Aug. 26, 1989 in Ottawa.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle; his mother, Nancy (Darrell) Cochran; two children, Riley (Mackenzie Ciesielski) Reese and Briana Reese; two brothers, Irwin (Michele) Ayers and Robert Reese; one granddaughter, Hazel Reese; and his step mother, Judy Reese.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rodney Reese; one uncle, Don Reese; one aunt, Maggie Maltas; his grandparents; and his father-in-law, David Morecraft.

Rich worked as an operator at Grain Co. FS. He loved the outdoors and especially loved camping and fishing. He loved snowmobiling in the winter, although he had to give it up at the age of 43. He was a handyman and enjoyed working on and restoring his trucks. In the last year, his pride and joy was his granddaughter, Hazel. Rich would be very thankful for the constant support, as he was always there for others as they were for him. If anyone knew him, they would know he was a simple man and how much he hated having attention drawn to him. He loved his family dearly and will be deeply missed by many.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family. To share a memory, please visit www.gladfelter-roetker.com or Gladfelter-Roetker Funeral Home on Facebook.

Martin E. Vincent

PRINCETON - Martin "Buck" E. Vincent, 50, of Princeton, passed away Jan. 30, 2022 at home.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday with Rev. Kevin Hancock officiating. Cremation rites will follow and private family burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, West Brooklyn at a later date. A celebration of life will be held at the Mendota Moose Lodge following the services.

Martin was born April 8, 1972 in Dixon to Edward and Katherine (Studebaker) Vincent.

Survivors include his parents of Princeton; one brother, Matthew (Gwen) Vincent of Lonestar; one sister, Amber (Jason) Cavanagh of Ottawa; one niece, Annabel Vincent; and three nephews, Amos Vincent, Hunter Owens and Gaige Owens.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and two uncles, Thomas Studebaker and James Vincent.

Martin was a 1989 graduate of LaMoille High School. He worked for Carter Lumber in Mendota, Asplundh Tree Service and Labor Union Local 393. He was a member of the Mendota Moose Lodge, NRA, Malden Veteran's Club and Arlington Fire Department. He enjoyed hunting and spending time with family and friends.

Memorials may be directed to the Arlington Fire Department. Online memorials may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Restaurants seek second round of taxpayer aid due to omicron

SPRINGFIELD - Omicron's surge is causing restaurants to wonder if they'll make it through the winter, prompting many to seek another round of aid from federal taxpayers.

More than 3,300 small restaurant operators signed a letter last month requesting the U.S. Congress approve more funds, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Omicron dampened what is usually the biggest season for restaurants over Christmas and New Year's Day weeks and continues to keep customers away, Illinois Restaurant Association President Sam Toia said.

"It's having an impact," he said. "It's having an impact on team members not going to work. It's having an impact on customers canceling reservations."

Restaurants are hoping Congress will replenish the federal fund used last year to buoy the industry, Toia said. Initially, Congress allocated \$28.6 billion through the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF). Restaurants are seeking \$60 billion this time.

"Now with the new variant out there for COVID, things have gotten even tougher again, so we really encourage the federal gov-

ernment to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund with another \$60 billion," Toia said.

Last time around, about one-third of applicants received an RRF grant, according to Toia.

"Right here in Illinois, there were 11,000 restaurants in Illinois who got nothing," he said.

Toia said this time associations are working to get those left out of earlier grants some help.

"We encourage our leaders in D.C. to step up and complete the mission," Toia said.

Much of Illinois' congressional delegation has been supportive of the idea, according to Toia. Lawmakers in favor are expected to face opposition from Republicans, who say the federal government has spent enough taxpayer money over the pandemic, the Wall Street Journal reported.

"We would hope that the federal government would put \$60 billion on the side for our independent restaurants because independent restaurants are the soul of every neighborhood, not just here in the state of Illinois but around the country," Toia said.

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award-winning actress who has presented history programs for over 10 years. She holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University specializing in American studies and U.S. history as well as a master's degree in theater. A former museum director, she is author of two books on history and works full-time as an author and public speaker. Her programs have been presented for hundreds of museums, libraries, senior centers and organizations around the country.

This program is free and open to all. To attend, register online at <https://bit.ly/3GSf6Rm>.

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dollars in federal funding for rental assistance programs. For the May to July 2021 application period, IHDA distributed more than \$593 million to fund nearly 65,000 applications, according to its website.

Faust said the agency expects to distribute about \$200 million this year based on the ongoing impact caused by the pandemic, plus an additional \$50 million for people who are behind on property taxes.

IHDA also allocated \$75 million in COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program funds created by the American Rescue Plan. Chrissy Moran, IHDA managing director of multifamily financing, said the funds help developers overcome increased construction costs related to the pandemic.

Currently, IHDA has 5,325 units under construction across 22 counties. The grant will help fund an additional 1,800 affordable units for senior citizens, veterans and families.

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burn also handles traffic complaints, conducts school zone enforcement, works with officers assigned to the red-light camera program to locate and cite violators, and assists with maintaining vehicle-based equipment.

Office Blackburn is an experienced officer who goes above and beyond to perform his job at an excellent level. He is the ultimate team player, putting the community, the mission and his team's needs in front of his own. He exemplifies Police Chief Niski's principles of humility, honor, excellence and responsiveness.



In Illinois for 2021, soybean production totaled 672 million bushels with an average yield of 64 bushels per acre (up 4 from 2020), both tops in the nation.

USDA pegs Illinois No. 1 for soybeans, No. 2 for corn output

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

BLOOMINGTON — USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service final crop production estimates for 2021 confirm a bin-buster harvest.

But, strong demand estimates coupled with production issues elsewhere in the world could keep the pressure on prices.

Nationwide, soybean production totaled a record 4.44 billion bushels (up 5% from 2020) with an average yield of 51.4 bushels per acre (up 0.4 of a bushel). Corn production was estimated at 15.11 billion bushels (up 7% from 2020 and the second-largest on record) with a record yield of 177 bushels per acre.

In Illinois, soybean production totaled 672 million bushels with an average yield of 64 bushels per acre (up 4 from 2020). Both are tops in the nation and the yield is a new state record, surpassing the previous mark of 63.5 bushels recorded in 2018.

Corn production in Illinois finished at 2.19 billion bushels (second-highest in the nation behind Iowa) with an average yield of 202 bushels per acre (up 21 bushels from the previous year and second-highest in the Corn Belt). It's the second-highest corn yield average in history in Illinois, behind the current record of 210 bushels in 2018.

USDA estimated 2021 sorghum production at 448 million bushels, up 20% from last year due to a 24% rise in acres. The average sorghum yield (69 bushels) was down 4.2% from the previous year.

USDA's quarterly stocks report pegged crops stored in all positions as of Dec. 1 totaled 11.6 billion bushels of corn (up 3% from the previous year), 3.15 billion bushels of beans (up 7%) and 1.39 billion bushels of wheat (down 18%).

"Overall, it looks like these reports are neutral to a little friendly when you look at the big scope of things," Randy Martinson, of Martinson Ag Risk Management, said during a teleconference hosted by the Minneapolis

Grain Exchange.

Strong crop output in the U.S. was countered with a large cut (9.5 million metric tons, mmt) in global soybean output. USDA also lowered its corn production estimates by 3 mmt in Brazil and .5 mmt in Argentina.

"The big change is on the global side," Karl Setzer, AgriVisor commodity risk analyst, told the RFD Radio Network.

USDA raised its 2021/22 season-average price estimates by 50 cents for soybeans to \$12.60 per bushel and by 10 cents for wheat to \$7.15. The season average price estimate for corn was unchanged at \$5.45.

USDA raised ending stocks by 47 million bushels for corn (to 1.54 billion bushels), 10 million bushels of soybeans (350 million) and 30 million bushels for wheat (628 million) in its world ag supply and demand estimates report.

"That's still relatively tight, although it's up 10 million bushels from last month," Setzer said of the bean stocks estimate.

Meanwhile, despite this month's increase, wheat stocks are still down 26% from last year and are at the lowest level since 2013/14.

Demand also remains relatively strong, with corn used for ethanol up 75 million bushels to 5.32 billion bushels. Exports, however, declined for corn and wheat and remain unchanged for beans.

"On the demand side, ethanol (corn use) increased by 75 million bushels because of strong demand and margins," Martinson said. "We did see exports drop, which could be a little premature by USDA with all the issues we're seeing in South America."

As for wheat, Illinois harvested 610,000 acres last year with a record statewide yield of 79 bushels per acre. USDA estimates farmers planted 34.4 million acres of winter wheat last fall, up 750,000 from the previous year.

(This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.)

Gov. Pritzker vetoes paid COVID leave for school, university employees

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker vetoed a bill that would have provided paid administrative leave for public school and university employees who miss work due to COVID-19-related issues and instead negotiated "compromise" legislation that would provide such leave to only those who are fully vaccinated.

"Vaccines are a vital tool in preventing the deadly effects of COVID-19, and those who take the steps to be fully vaccinated against this virus are doing their part to keep everyone safe," Pritzker said in his veto message. "They deserve to be able to take the time they need to respond to the ongoing devastating impacts the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on them and their families."

House Bill 2778 passed the General Assembly during the fall veto session with wide bipartisan majorities, 53-1 in the Senate and 92-23 in the House.

It would have provided paid leave for any employee, including support staff and contractors, who missed work because they or someone in their household contracted COVID-19, if they or a family member was forced to stay home because they'd been in close contact with someone who had tested positive, or if they could not work because the school building was closed due to COVID-19.

To be eligible, however, the bill provided that the employee must either have been vaccinated or participated in the COVID-19 testing program provided by the district.

In September, Pritzker issued an executive order requiring school personnel to be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing. But his veto action means that those who choose not to be vaccinated will not be eligible for paid administrative leave.

Since that bill passed, however, Pritzker said he has been negotiating with teachers unions and other groups to negotiate a different package with a stronger vaccine requirement.

"Numerous organizations are impacted by this legislation, and my administration has listened closely to all of them, including lawmakers and our partners at the Illinois Education Association and the Illinois Federation of Teachers,

parents, school districts, community colleges and universities," he said in his veto message. "Through a collaborative, cooperative process, we have negotiated an initiative that will provide paid administrative leave for teachers who, despite doing all they can to keep themselves and their communities safe, continue to have their lives and livelihoods disrupted by COVID-19."

Under that initiative, which still needs legislative approval, public school and university employees would receive paid administrative leave if they are fully vaccinated and they or their child is required to be excluded from school because of a positive COVID-19 test or have been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

It also maintains the wage protections in HB2778 for all hourly school employees—including custodians, bus drivers, food service workers, classroom assistants and administrative staff—who miss work because the school building they're assigned to is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak. That protection would be retroactive for the entire 2021-2022 academic year.

"Keeping schools open and those inside them—and their families—safe has been our number one priority from the start of the pandemic," IEA President Kathi Griffin said in a news release. "We want people to stay home when they're sick, to be able to care for their children when their children need them the most, and to be paid when the circumstances that close their buildings are completely beyond their control."

"The pandemic has been physically, emotionally, and economically challenging for us all, and certainly no less so for educators, school staff, and their families," said IFT President Dan Montgomery. "This legislation provides important relief and ensures that education personnel can afford to take time off if they or their families become ill with COVID."

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Seniors can apply for real estate tax deferral program

OTTAWA — Senior citizens with household incomes under \$55,000 may wish to take advantage of the Illinois Department of Revenue's "Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program."

The Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program is a State sponsored tax relief program that allows qualified senior citizens to elect to defer all of the property taxes on their personal residences to 80% of equity. The maximum deferral each year is limited to \$5,000.

The deferred property taxes do not become due until the following:

- Real estate is sold
- Owner no longer qualifies
- Death of the property owner.

Interest is assessed at 6 percent simple-interest on the outstanding balance.

Filing deadline is March 1, 2022. Applications can be obtained at the LaSalle County Treasurer's Office. Please call the Treasurer's Office at 815-434-8219.

Who is Eligible?

To qualify for the real estate tax deferral, you must:

- Be 65 years of age by June 1, 2022
- Household income of no more than \$55,000
- Have lived in the property for at least the last three years
- Own the property
- Have no unpaid property taxes and special assessments on the property.

What is Qualifying Property?

Qualifying property is a homestead that:

- You own or are purchasing
- Is not income-producing
- Is not subject to a lien for unpaid property taxes and special assessments.

The deferral is similar to a loan against the property's market value. The maximum that can be deferred, including interest and lien fees, is 80 percent of the taxpayer's equity interest in the property. Filing deadline is March 1, 2022. This program must be applied for annually.

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Stacked costs reach a critical mass in Illinois

By **TOM SIMEONE**

Technology and Manufacturing Association

Right now, doing business in Illinois is hard. And not just because of COVID-19.

At a time when most legislatures are helping their state's businesses survive the pandemic, Illinois lawmakers are actively working against private industry and job creation. The Prairie State has become a breeding ground for "stacked costs" – bad government policies that either directly or indirectly raise costs for businesses.

And the costs keep stacking.

For example, you may have heard of the recent passage of Senate Bill 2048, which seeks to phase out carbon emissions from the energy sector over the next two decades and achieve 100% carbon-free energy by 2050 – the most aggressive state energy bill to date.

While this might sound like a decent goal, there is a real chance the Illinois economy could crumble before we see any of the bill's lofty goals come to fruition. Energy costs on businesses are projected to outpace any previous increases on record, leading to widespread layoffs and business closures.

More directly, last year alone, businesses saw \$655 million in new tax burdens added to their costs at the height of their COVID-19 pandemic struggles. The worst of these new taxes delayed business loss deductions for three years.

So, at a time when more businesses were reporting losses than any time in modern history – naturally making them unable to pay higher taxes without significant consequences – the governor ignored the struggles of businesses and decided to punish them instead.

The sad truth is that COVID-19 has been a political opportunity for the governor and his legislative allies, rather than a time to put agendas aside and guide our state through this crisis. So instead of pausing his administration's agenda – supposedly "infrastructure and a balanced budget" – he pushed right on through. What makes it even worse is that it was all for nothing. Despite the new tax revenue and \$8.1 billion in federal funding, 2021's budget still came in underfunded by nearly \$500 million.

And we haven't even gotten to Illinois' anti-business legal climate yet, which is shocking considering we were just ranked the country's 5th worst Judicial Hellhole according to the American Tort Reform Association's (ATRA) latest report. Stacked costs come in many forms, and our state's legal policies might just be the most malicious.

For instance, recently-signed Senate Bill 72, the Prejudgment Interest Act, puts defendants on the hook for six percent interest on future damages the day a lawsuit is filed – before they even have a chance to defend themselves in court.

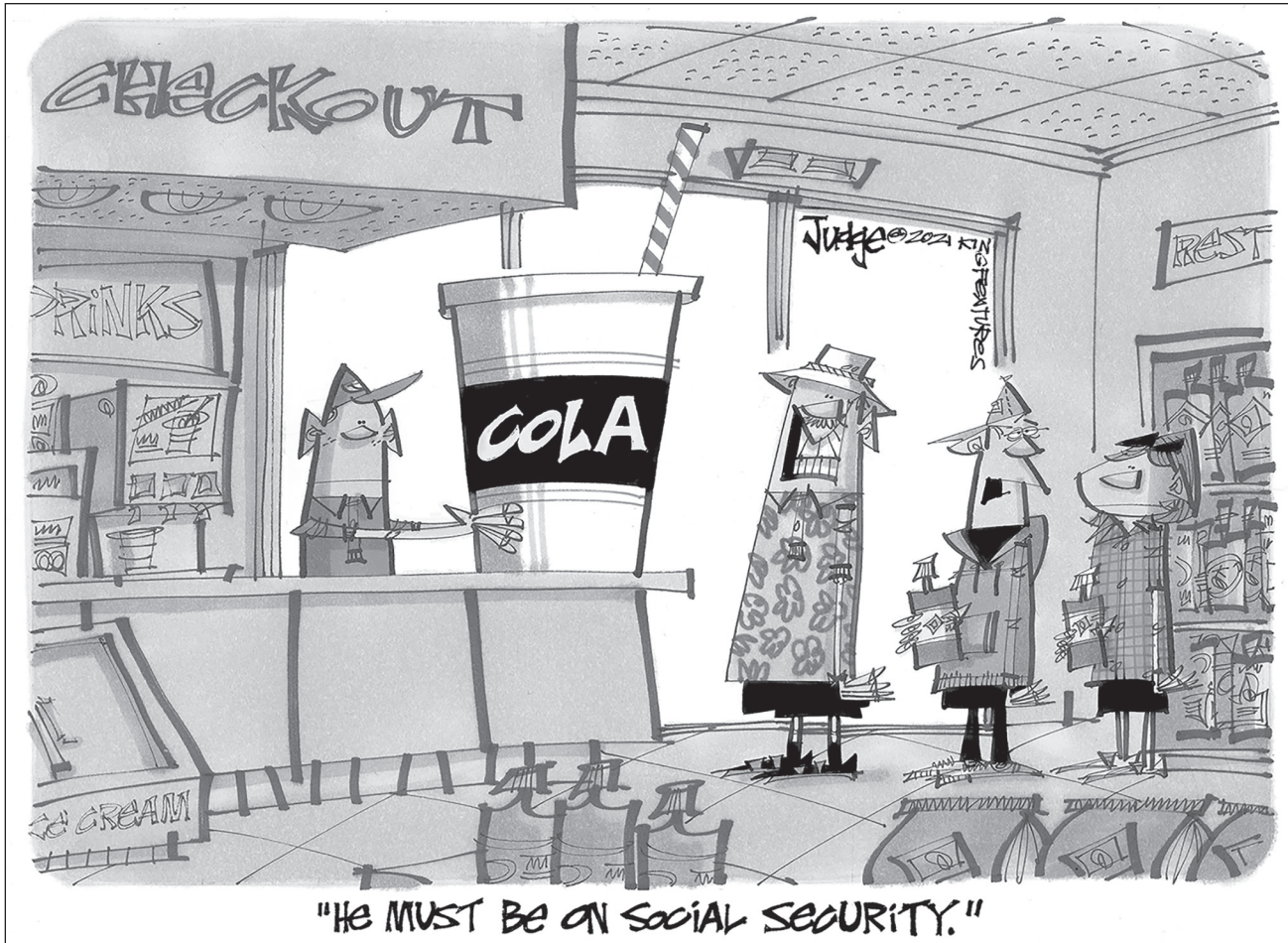
This especially ostracizes small- and medium-sized businesses who struggle to afford expensive legal fees in the first place. No matter the merit of a case, or whether a lawsuit is even filed, the mere threat of legal action from plaintiff's attorneys forces many businesses to settle rather than risk a loss in court that could bury them for good. This forces businesses to allocate more of their dollars to legal defense – costing jobs and raising prices – while incentivizing trial attorneys to sue to their hearts' content. After all, if a case isn't tossed out, they are all-but-guaranteed a settlement.

Last but certainly not least, Illinoisans will vote on a ballot measure in November that would constitutionally ban "right to work" laws in our state. In every state such a measure is enacted, jobs are lost, prices go up, benefits are reduced, and workers are stripped of a choice when it comes to joining unions or pursuing their own agreements with employers.

This country kicked off 2022 with record inflation, a troubling labor shortage, continued supply chain issues, and a fresh spike in COVID-19 cases. It seems logical that state politicians like state Sen. Rob Martwick and Gov. Pritzker should bend over backwards to support jobs and employers, rather than adding to their struggles. Instead, new costs just keep coming for Illinois businesses, which only leaves us to wonder: at what point does our economy eventually break?

If lawmakers don't reverse course soon, the damage could be beyond repair.

(Simeone is vice chairman of the Board of the Technology and Manufacturing Association, which serves more than 700 small and medium-sized manufacturers in northern Illinois.)



Officer Neuman nabs culprits – 1944

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Feb. 2, 1994.)

By **Jessica Nashold**

State Police officer William Neuman was at home when he received a call that a transit truck hauling field guns from the Rock Island arsenal had been crowded off the road near Van Orin. The caller said three men were in the offending car, which appeared to be headed for Mendota.

Neuman responded immediately and sighted the described car at the intersection of Route 51 and 34. He stopped the vehicle as it turned north on Iowa Avenue.

According to The Reporter's account, one of the trio said, "plug him," but Neuman was able to take control the gun and deliver the miscreants to the Mendota police station.

It developed that the three were boys from Chicago and Moline ages 14, 15 and 16. They were driving a stolen 1941 Ford sedan filled with merchandise that had been taken from taverns and filling stations in the Moline area. Among stolen items were gasoline stamps and a supply of pennies.

When Moline police arrived to pick up the boys and return them to their jurisdiction, they told authorities here that the group had stolen and abandoned six cars.

The Moline police complimented State Officer Neuman on his capture of the tough young trio they had been trying to apprehend for several weeks.

Work on the long-awaited houses to be built in Mendota with financial assistance from the Federal Housing Administration was under way. On Feb. 3, 1944, it was reported that excavations for two basements had been completed – one east of Blackstone Park and another south of the high school. There would be houses on East Sixth Street and on First Street adjacent to Ninth Avenue. There would be a total of at least 10 houses.

The contractor, Mr. Robbins, would need trucks to haul material from Chi-

Backtracks & Sidetracks

cago and workers to do the building.

Men looking for work make applications at once.

The following week it was learned that the response to this invitation had not been adequate.

It is difficult to secure labor here, so he (Mr. Robbins) has brought in a force doing this work in other cities.

The Mendota Reporter sponsored a drive during which 38,000 pounds of waste paper were turned in at local junk yards. Prizes were awarded to Kenneth Jauch, \$3; Eddie Nance, \$2; and Billy Gilman, \$1. These three had turned in over a ton of paper apiece.

Totals of over 1,000 pounds each were recorded for Max Fayen, Donald Scott, Roland Walter, Norma Wolfe and Betty Rave. Elaine Eichorn and Audrey Truckenbrod collected 900 pounds each.

A bowling match was arranged between Hal Totten, a Chicago sports announcer and columnist, and Esther Barnickle. This would be held either before or after a match between a Chicago team and a team of Elks men.

Esther is Mendota's leading lady bowler and will hold up her end of the match against Hal easily.

Esther achieved a respectable 474, but Totten was said to have exceeded his customary average and scored a winning 629.

The Reporter listed expiration dates for the many coupons required in connection with rationed purchases. This included one coupon for meat, butter and cheese, another for fruit and vegetables, as well as separate coupons for sugar, shoes, gasoline and fuel oil.

Debate teams at Mendota High won 11 of 12 debates during a tournament held at Augustana College. This was the third time within 10 years that Mendota had brought home the first prize trophy, which was displayed in The Reporter window. The winning years were 1935, 1943 and now 1944.

Red Cross home nursing classes were conducted with Inez Trout, R.N., as project chairman and Mildred Pohl, R.N., instructor. The classes were held at the Elks and lasted six weeks.

They are proving of value to our own Harris Hospital. Volunteers from the class give at least two hours a day, one day a week.

Green River Ordnance was advertising for more workers.

You men and women, old or young, who are not in this fight, come and help us...we need you, everyone.

The Burlington was replacing 90-pound rails with rails of 110-pound weight. A crew worked all day Sunday (Feb. 6, 1944) making the change between Sixth and Eighth streets. At least a mile of track would be changed in connection with the project.

Pictures of Mendota servicemen were published in The Reporter each week and on Feb. 4, 1944, the four Shapiro brothers were featured – PFC Harry Shapiro, Pvt. David Shapiro, A.S.HV12USNR Abe Shapiro and Lt. Sam Shapiro.

Home on furlough the week of Feb. 10, 1944, were Cpl. Wilbert Barnickle, Pvt. Floyd Trembley, A/C Delbert Holland, T/Sgt. Ray Cook, PFC Emerson Tidd, PFC Donald King, Cpl. Frederick C. Yost, Pvt. Alan Novak, Pvt. Douglas Mathesius and Leon Frey, who had just completed boot training at Great Lakes.

A tire recapping and vulcanizing service opened on Main Street in a building owned by Ray Possley. Roy Ohlinger was manager of this service.

Could DeSantis beat Trump?

By **Rich Lowry**

It was only a matter of time before Ron DeSantis' rising star ran into the unmovable object of Donald Trump's will to continue to dominate the GOP.

A spate of recent news stories has focused on the proto-feud between the past president with future ambitions and the protege who rode his endorsement to victory in a Florida GOP gubernatorial primary and has big ambitions of his own.

The level of the clash shouldn't be exaggerated -- so far, it mostly consists of muttering from Mar-a-Lago.

Obviously, it's also insanely early. But the Trump-DeSantis storyline is inherently alluring, given the chances of a collision between two men who have been allies and the possibility of the subordinate in the relationship eclipsing the figure who helped to elevate him.

Whether that ever happens is unknowable, yet the spat is revealing, nonetheless. Some version of what DeSantis represents has the greatest odds of coaxing the party away from Trump and forging a new political synthesis that bears the unmistakable stamp of Trump while jettisoning his flaws.

There's simply never going to be a GOP revelation in which the rank-and-file suddenly decides, "It was a mistake to ever embrace Donald Trump, and now we want to be the party of Adam Kinzinger." There will be no Bourbon Restoration.

The challenge to Trump will have to come from the Trump wing -- at this point, more like the Trump fuselage, wing and landing gear -- of the party. After Trump's presidency, the party is more populist, focused on the culture war, resistant to media narratives, and skeptical of business -- and would it remain so if Trump retired tomorrow.

Although in many ways an orthodox conservative, DeSantis covers these bases. Importantly, he's a lightning rod for criticism from the left -- now a major plus for Republican voters -- and gives as good as he gets in clashes with the media. There are few causes that light up the Republican base that he doesn't find a way to address, whether on big tech or critical race theory, and he has emerged as the party's

exemplar on the pandemic, with his strenuous opposition to lockdowns and mandates. This gives him credibility with Trump voters and the foundation to compete with Trump, not as a critic or scold but as someone who can do it better.

In fact, it is likely that the most telling line of attack against a potential candidate Trump would come from the right.

That he elevated Dr. Anthony Fauci early in the pandemic and listened to his advice for too long.

That despite all his talk of building the border wall, he didn't get it done and left intact a desperately flawed immigration system.

That he rattled China's cage but didn't make fundamental changes to the trading relationship and was too complimentary of President Xi Jinping.

And, finally, that he lost to Joe Biden, a desperately flawed candidate who only made it into the White House because Trump made himself so unpopular.

Would DeSantis be audacious enough to run against Trump in 2024? The case against waiting is that it's extremely unlikely that the governor can maintain his exalted status in the party until 2028.

On the other hand, the case against running in 2024 is that it involves the enormous risk of encountering the business end of the Trump buzzsaw, which could change DeSantis' image in the party forever.

Trump took a not-so-veiled shot at DeSantis in a recent interview, hitting unnamed "gutless" politicians who won't say whether they've gotten a COVID-19 booster shot or not. DeSantis has been notably evasive on this question, and Trump was giving him a hint of things potentially to come.

For the moment, though, DeSantis should take the grumbling from Trump as a compliment -- the past and current master of the GOP sees a future threat arising.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Mark Peasley, 2111 Cedar Ave.,815-252-7243
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LOCAL AND AREA

Child activity center to open at IVCC

OGLESBY—A Child Activity Center staffed by the Illinois Valley YMCA will soon open at Illinois Valley Community College.

The short-term watch center on the second floor of the Peter Miller Community Technology Center will open for use by IVCC students as early as February. The YMCA will charge IVCC \$50 an hour with a schedule determined on an on-going basis.

A recent focus group with IVCC students cited childcare as a barrier to enrollments.

IVCC President Jerry Corcoran announced the partnership at the Dec. 9 meeting and said he was optimistic the center could accommodate up to 18 children.

Trustees also approved:

- Licensing Brightspace by Desire2Learn for a three-year contract averaging \$54,000 annually from 2022 through 2025. The college will migrate from Blackboard to the new Learning Management System by July.

- Basic, intermediate and advanced manufacturing certificates. The “stackable” certificates will allow students multiple entry and exit points and will prepare them for technical careers more efficiently, said Dean of Workforce Development Shane Lange.

- An Early Childhood Education Licensure Endorsement certificate including courses in child growth and development, curriculum programming, language development and math for young children, among others. “This allows teachers to add professional development hours and teach a wider range of ages,” said Tammy Landgraf, ECE program coordinator.

- Release of closed session minutes from special meetings Aug. 30 and Sept. 2. The meetings involved selection of a person to fill a board vacancy. (Bill Hunt of Oglesby was selected Sept. 2 to replace trustee David Mallory of Hennepin.)

- Purchase of up to eight battery backup systems for servers from CDW at a cost not-to-exceed \$42,479.

- A request from tutoring coordinator Angela Dunlap for temporary reassignment from full- to part-time.

- Closed session minutes from Dec. 9. In other business, the board learned:

- Dr. Jim Carlson has been hired as temporary IT Director/Project Manager. The retired Seneca Township High School superintendent is expected to serve in the role for six to 12 months. Chris Dunlap recently stepped away from his duties as IVCC’s IT director.

- Test question development training is available to faculty via the “20-minute Mentor” subscription and a workshop presented by the college’s Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Assessment (CETLA).

- The number of required credits for the Associate in General Studies (AGS) has been reduced from 64 to 60.

- The Illinois Board of Higher Education approved IVCC’s Associate of Applied Science in Dental Assisting.

- Samantha Manahan has been hired as administrative assistant in Community Relations. She holds a bachelor’s in marketing and is completing a master’s in digital studies from Northern Illinois University.

- Edgar Lucero Castillo has resigned as staff accountant in the Business office and Jill Thompson from the assessment center.

- A pair of MOUs have been signed with AFT Local 1810 regarding COVID-19 quarantine and testing days and full-time counselor alternative service delivery.

- In a campus update, Director of Human Resources Leslie Hofer said her department filled 45 full- and part-time positions in 2021 including 11 full-time support staff hires.

- Corcoran credited Director of Learning Resources Patrice Hess for coordinating the Jan. 7 all-staff session and development day activities. “I also want to thank all contributors to the discussion on COVID-19 protocol, especially, those who’ve demonstrated their patience and professionalism

when explaining what’s involved with adherence. As conditions have changed along with directives from the governor’s office, health department and CDC, so have we,” Corcoran said.

- Jill Guynn, University of Illinois Extension Director for the Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam Unit, will retire at the end of January. “I want to recognize Jill for recommending the Extension be located at IVCC in the first place. She and her colleagues also played an important role in helping us relaunch our ag program,” Corcoran said.

- Fall GPAs for student athletes were 2.83 for men’s sports and 3.21 for women’s. The overall athletics’ GPA was 3.01.

- The IVCC Foundation’s 2021 Annual Appeal has raised a record \$44,205 from 133 donors.

- In public comment, English instructor Delores Robinson praised Medical Assistant program coordinator Kaity Ritter for her leadership of the high-demand program.

- Fall semester headcount increased about 4 percent and credit hours were down about 2 percent. Winter Inter-session enrollment yielded 158 credit hours from 65 duplicated students and 88 percent of seats were filled. “Despite the challenges we’ve faced, enrollment continues moving in the right direction,” Corcoran noted.

- Dr. Holly Novak, a Springfield cardiologist, will be the 2022 commencement speaker. Novak graduated from IVCC in 1974 and was one of the first students to attend Southern Illinois University’s School of Medicine. A philanthropist, Dr. Novak is among the IVCC Foundation’s leading benefactors.

- For the first time, IVCC plans to hold its commencement outside. Corcoran said, “Mark your calendars for a very special event in IVCC’s 98-year history beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14 with Dr. Holly Novak as our distinguished keynote speaker.”

Community Calendar

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 1

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Feb. 4 & 18

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Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25

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Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25

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Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28

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Feb. 8 & 22

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Feb. 8 & 22

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Feb. 15

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Driver’s Review will be available virtually only. Registration preferred.



Winter Weather Ordinances

MENDOTA – During winter weather conditions, the Mendota Police Department reminds residents to obey the following ordinances:

• Ordinance 41.38 – Parking After Snowfall

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street in the city at any time after a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred, unless the snow has ceased and has been plowed off or otherwise removed from the street.

Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for each violation of this ordinance and may be subject to towing said vehicle away. The cost of said towing shall be the obligation and expense of those violating this Section.

• Ordinance 6.21 – Depositing Snow in Streets

No person within the city shall remove any snow from his private property or from offstreet parking lots or right of way parking into any of the city streets or alleys. This Section does not apply to removal of snow from sidewalks. This Section is specifically directed to, but not limited to gasoline stations, medical and dental clinics, or any other business or corporation which has private parking on the property or in those areas where the berm of the city has been dedicated or given over for parking facilities.

The above ordinances are in place to assist the city of Mendota with snow removal from the city streets.

• 2022 City Council schedule •

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council meeting schedule for 2022 is as follows:

Jan. 3 and 17; Feb. 7 & 22; March 7 & 21; April 4 & 18; May 2 & 16; June 6 & 20; July 5 & 18; Aug. 1 & 15; Sept. 6 & 19; Oct. 3 & 17; Nov. 7 & 21; Dec. 5 & 19.

Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and are held in the City Council Chambers, 607 Eighth Ave., Mendota.

• Winter driving safety tips •

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind drivers of a few safety tips to keep everyone safe while driving in winter weather conditions.

Take the time to clean the snow and ice from all vehicle windows prior to driving on the road. Keep your speed down to assist in keeping control of your

own vehicle when driving on slick icy roads. If traveling long distances remember to pack a few emergency items to take along in the event your vehicle should go off the roadway, including a cell phone, blankets and water.

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IVCC News Briefs

Scholarship applications available

OGLESBY – Students planning to attend Illinois Valley Community College next fall are encouraged to apply for Foundation scholarships online by Feb. 10.

Current students, high school seniors and anyone planning to enroll in fall or spring 2022-23 courses is welcome to apply for nearly 200 Foundation awards.

The online application at www.ivcc.edu/scholarships is due by 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Applicants must also submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.studentaid.gov.

Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$4,500. In total, up to \$400,000 will be disbursed.

Awards are available in specific disciplines ranging from agriculture and automotive to manufacturing and welding. There are also about 50 “open” scholarships available to students in any course of study.

Contact Foundation secretary Donna Swiskoski at (815) 224-0551 or donna_swiskoski@ivcc.edu for information.

Essay contest entries due Feb. 14

OGLESBY – The submission period for Illinois Valley Community College’s 2022 Paul Simon Student Essay Contest is open.

The student who best describes “How IVCC has changed my life” will win \$300 and read their essay at the May 14 commencement.

All currently enrolled full- or part-time IVCC students are eligible. Essays must be 500 words or less and be submitted as an attachment to Community_Relations@ivcc.edu. Deadline is noon Monday, Feb. 14.

Vaccine clinic scheduled for Feb. 15

OGLESBY – A free COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Illinois Valley Community College is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 in Room CTC124.

Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available as well as Pfizer and Moderna booster shots for individuals 18 and older.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, authorized and recommended for those 12 and older, will also be available.

Walk-ins are welcome but advanced registration is encouraged at <https://idph-mychart.pchosted.com/IDPH/signupandschedule/embeddedschedule?vt=24629&d-ep=9001410011355>.

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My wife and I would like to extend this opportunity to give a very warm thank you for the cards, gifts and OSF Saint Paul celebration honoring my retirement from medicine. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. I have been so blessed to have experienced and have known such an outstanding caring community for 33 years. These years have gone by much too quickly and once again I want to thank you for putting your trust in my care. The graces of God have been with me and I will always cherish these memories. May the graces of God always be with you.

Sincerely,
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and Jane Scholl

GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE DEADLINES

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

NRCS announces 2022 RCPP application cutoff date for Working Lands, Water & Wildlife Partnership Project

CHAMPAIGN — State Conservationist Ivan Dozier announced USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will offer Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) funding for the Working Lands, Water and Wildlife Partnership Project throughout Illinois. Illinois NRCS has partnered with the Conservation Fund to help producers address resource concerns of inadequate habitat for wildlife, water quality, and long-term protection of farmland.

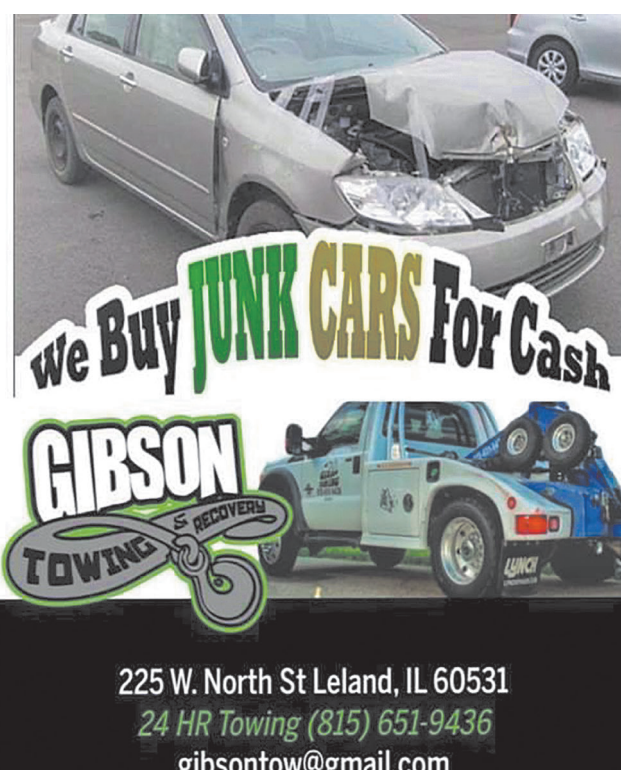
Landowners can apply for assistance through RCPP to implement practices such as silvopasture establishment, tree/shrub establishment, and cover crops. Landowners can also receive a rental payment to help offset lost income while transitioning to organic farming or installing tree and berry crops. Funding is also available for landowners interested in protecting and preserving their farmland through an entity-held easement that will keep the land in agriculture.

According to State Conservationist Ivan Dozier, the focus of the Working Lands, Water and Wildlife Partnership project is to improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and preserve

farmland in the following 26 counties: Boone, Cass, Champaign, DeKalb, Ford, Iroquois, Jackson, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Madison, Mason, McHenry, McLean, Ogle, Perry, Peoria, Piatt, Tazewell, Vermilion, Will, Winnebago, and Woodford.

Financial assistance from NRCS will be available to producers in portions of Illinois with land in the above-mentioned counties. While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit a signed application (NRCS-CPA-1200 form) to the local NRCS field office or through the <http://www.farmers.gov> website using their account. Submit by the cutoff date of March 4, 2022, to ensure applications are considered for 2022 funding.

Farmers can obtain a blank application form from the local office or visit the Illinois NRCS website. Producers who wish to use Farmers.gov, can sign in or create a new account by clicking on “Sign up” in the upper right of the website. To see if you are eligible to participate in the program, contact your local NRCS field office or visit the Illinois NRCS website at www.il.nrcs.usda.gov.



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SPORTS



Mendota's Rafael Romero eyes the basket as St. Bede's Jake Bradach, left, and Duncan Lawler apply defensive pressure on Jan. 28 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Trojans split pair of Three Rivers games; take down North Boone

Mendota couldn't keep up with Hall and dropped a 53-42 decision to the Red Devils in Three Rivers Conference action on Jan. 25 at Spring Valley.

After trailing by just a bucket (16-14) heading to the second quarter, the Trojans were outscored, 12-7, in the stanza and were down 28-21 at the break. Hall built on its lead in the third period on its way to the double-digit victory.

Krew Bond paced Mendota's scoring with 15 points, while Ryne Strouss hit double figures with 14 tallies.

Hall had the three-ball working as eight of its 20 field goals came from beyond the arc.

The Trojans were able to survive a St. Bede second-half comeback and downed the Bruins, 41-33, in league play on Jan. 28 at the MHS gym.

Mendota put together a solid first half and took a 23-13 lead to the locker room. But its point total dipped to just six in the

third period and St. Bede tallied 14 to make it a two-point game with eight minutes left to play. The Trojans got things together again in the fourth and outscored the Bruins, 12-6, to claim their second conference win of the season against four losses.

Bond was the lone Mendota player in double figures with 18 points. Strouss added seven points and Rafael

Romero provided six.

Mendota made it two straight wins after a 59-49 triumph over North Boone on Jan. 29 at the MHS gym.

A slow start put the Trojans in a 12-6 hole after the first quarter, but they reversed the trend and were able to carry a 20-18 lead to the locker room. Mendota slowly pulled away in the second half on its way to the

double-digit victory.

Bond scored 16 of his game-high 25 points in the second half. Strouss dropped in nine points, all in the second half, and Izaiah Nanez helped out with eight markers.

The Trojans (5-15) had four less field goals than North Boone, but they were 25 of 35 from the free throw line compared to six of 11 for the Vikings.

HALL 53, MENDOTA 42

Mendota (42)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Bond	4	6-9	2	15
Perez	0	2-2	4	2
Landgraf	2	0-0	2	4
R. Strouss	7	0-0	2	14
Nanez	3	0-0	5	7
Guzman	0	0-0	2	0
Totals	00	0-0	0	00

Hall (53)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Reseticich	7	3-4	3	19
Lucas	1	0-0	1	2
Pecher	0	0-1	0	0
Plym	3	0-1	0	8
Garland	6	1-1	1	16
Smith	1	0-0	2	2
Coble	1	1-2	2	3
Dye	1	0-0	1	3
Totals	20	5-9	10	53

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mendota	14	21	30	42
Hall	16	28	39	53

Three-point goals: Mendota - Bond 1, Nanez 1; Hall - Reseticich 2, Plym 2, Garland 3, Dye 1

MENDOTA 41, ST. BEDE 33

St. Bede (33)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Hueneburg	1	0-0	0	3
Brady	1	2-2	5	5
Lawler	1	2-5	3	5
Jackson	5	0-0	2	10
Story	0	1-2	1	1
Pillion	3	2-2	2	9
Brown	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	11	7-11	14	33

Mendota (41)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	2	0-0	0	4
Bond	6	6-8	0	18
Landgraf	2	0-0	4	4
Romero	3	0-0	4	6
Nanez	1	0-0	2	2
Perez	0	0-0	3	0
R. Strouss	2	3-3	2	7
Totals	16	9-11	15	41

SCORE BY QUARTERS

St. Bede	3	13	27	33
Mendota	8	23	29	41

Three-point goals: Mendota - none; St. Bede - Hueneburg 1, Brady 1, Lawler 1, Pillion 1

MENDOTA 59, NORTH BOONE 49

North Boone (49)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Shammakh	5	1-2	2	13
Ovalle	0	2-2	3	2
C. Doetch	1	1-2	5	3
W. Doetch	6	0-2	4	13
Nolen	3	0-0	5	6
Raabe	4	2-3	4	10
Danner	1	0-0	2	2
Totals	20	6-11	25	49

Mendota (59)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	2	2-4	0	6
Bond	6	12-17	0	25
Landgraf	2	0-0	5	4
Romero	1	3-4	3	5
Nanez	2	3-4	1	8
Perez	0	2-2	0	2
R. Strouss	3	3-4	1	9
Totals	16	25-35	10	59

SCORE BY QUARTERS

North Boone	12	18	30	49
Mendota	6	20	38	59

Three-point goals: Mendota - Bond 1, Nanez 1; North Boone - Shammakh 2, W. Doetch 1

Lady Trojans rally past Newman, 41-36

STERLING – The Mendota Lady Trojans got a much-needed 41-36 victory over Sterling Newman in Three Rivers Conference action on Jan. 27 at Sterling. The MHS win completed a season two-game sweep over Newman.

After leading 7-3 at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Trojans fell behind 21-19 at the half and 32-27 after three. But Mendota had a strong fourth quarter, outscoring the Lady Comets 14-4 to escape with the come-from-behind win.

“Our defense was solid early and we got some good looks, then we threw the ball all over the place in the second quarter,” said Mendota coach John Hansen. “We decided to run the offense in the fourth and attacked the rim.”

Sophomore Reanna Brant sparked the comeback as she scored eight of her team-high 14 points in the final frame. Paige Manning finished with seven points and Natalie Bodmer added six. Brant and Naitzy Garcia led the squad with eight rebounds apiece, while Katie Jenner provided six caroms

and eight steals.

Both teams struggled from the free throw line with Mendota converting eight of 20 and Newman making nine of 23.

Mendota's two scheduled conference games against Princeton were postponed and have been rescheduled. The Lady Trojans (3-17-2-6) will travel to Princeton on Tuesday, Feb. 8 and the teams will meet at the MHS gym on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

MENDOTA 41, NEWMAN 36

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Jenner	0	2-7	6	2
K. Delao	2	0-1	1	4
Salinas	1	0-0	5	2
Bodmer	1	3-4	4	6
Manning	2	3-5	2	7
Stewart	0	0-0	3	0
Wasmer	1	0-0	1	2
Brant	7	0-3	8	14
Garcia	2	0-0	8	4
Totals	16	8-20	38	41

Sterling Newman (36)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Duhon	1	0-0	4	2
Waldschmidt	3	1-4	3	8
Johns	4	6-16	1	14
Kelly	5	2-3	1	12
Fowles	0	0-0	3	0
Papoccia	0	0-0	3	0
Amos	0	0-0	2	0
Totals	13	9-23	17	36

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mendota	7	19	27	41
Newman	3	21	32	36

Three-point goals: Mendota - Bodmer 1; Sterling Newman - Waldschmidt 1

MHS sophomore cagers win over Hall, St. Bede

Mendota's sophomore boys' basketball team jumped out to an early lead and maintained it throughout in a 51-40 triumph over Hall in Three Rivers Conference action on Jan. 25 at Spring Valley.

The Trojans opened a 17-7 margin after the first quarter as Owen Aughenbaugh lit up the net with a trio of three-pointers on his way to an 11-point outburst. Mendota maintained the 10-point bulge at halftime (32-22) and carried a 40-32 advantage to the fourth frame.

Aughenbaugh finished with a game-high 19 points for the Trojans, while Logan Dewey dropped in 13 markers and Cale Strouss added seven.

The Trojans won their third straight game with 45-41 nail-biter over St. Bede in a conference contest on Jan. 28 at the MHS gym.

St. Bede jumped out to a 12-6 lead at the end of one and was able to hold

the advantage at halftime and heading to the fourth. But the tide turned in the final eight minutes as Mendota outscored the visitors, 12-7, to pull out the victory. The Trojans scored hit nine of 14 free throws in the final frame.

Strouss pumped in three three-pointers on his way to a 15-point performance to pace the attack. Kaleb Kleckner chipped in with eight points, while Aughenbaugh and Dewey provided seven points apiece.

Mendota hosted North Boone on Jan. 29 and the visitors came away with a 41-24 victory over the Trojans.

The game was tight for 24 minutes, with the Trojans only down 28-24 entering the fourth quarter, but Mendota went scoreless over the final eight minutes while North Boone totaled 13 fourth-quarter points.

Dewey's seven points led Mendota and Aughenbaugh had five markers.

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Jan. 24 – 1. Sports-N-Stuff 60.5-34.5; 2. Ramer Inc. 50.5-44.5; 3. Bad Kats 47-48; 4. Mendota Agri-Products 44-51; 5. Leagal Beagles 43-52; 6. CM Farm 40-55

High team game (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 781, Leagal Beagles 754, Sports-N-Stuff 649

High team game (hdcp) – Leagal Beagles 996, Mendota Agri-Products 937, Bad Kats 905

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 2095, Leagal Beagles 2033, Sports-N-Stuff 1874

High team series (hdcp) – Leagal Beagles 2759, Ramer Inc. 2660, Bad Kats 2639

Men's high game (scratch) – Matt Ramer 236, Aaron Hollocker 218, Kasen Novak 216

Men's high game (hdcp) – Aaron Hollocker 283, Kasen Novak 269, Matt Ramer 264

Men's high series (scratch) – Matt Ramer 641, Aaron Hollocker 611, Kasen Novak 532

Men's high series (hdcp) – Aaron Hollocker 806, Matt Ramer 725, Kasen Novak 691

Women's high game (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 219, Kim Smith 212, Sarah Westphal 188

Women's high game (hdcp) – Kim Smith 279, Stephanie Ramer 254, Kassidi Guerrero & Sarah Westphal 251

Women's high series (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 576, Kim Smith 529, Gail Sessler 491

Women's high series (hdcp) – Kim Smith 730, Debbie Berger 714, Sarah Westphal 674

Elks Youth 4 League

Standings as of Jan. 20 – 1. Team 6 19-9; 2. Team 1 17-11; 3. Team 5 15-13; 4. Team 2 11-17; 5. Team 4 10-18; 6. Team 3 6-22

High team game (scratch) – Team 2 251

High team game (hdcp) – Team 2 659

Boys' high game (scratch) – Parker Ramer 111, Pryar Christmann 106, Jaxen Daley 91

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Parker Ramer 241, Maddux McPheeters 240, Billy Bromenschenkel V 235

Boys' high series (scratch) – Pryar Christmann 311, Parker Ramer 286, Jaxen Daley 223

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Parker Ramer 676, Maddux McPheeters 654, Pryar Christmann 653

Girls' high game (scratch) – Delaney Tucker 98, Nadia Rodriguez 84, Chloe Klein 76

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 243, Nadia Rodriguez 229, Delaney Tucker 210

Girls' high series (scratch) – Delaney Tucker 261, Nadia

Rodriguez 209, Chloe Klein 207

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Nadia Rodriguez 644, Chloe Klein 606, Delaney Tucker 597

Elks Youth 6 League

Standings as of Jan. 20 – 1. Team 1 22-6; 2. Team 3 16-12; 3. Team 2 14-14; 4. Team 4 0-28

High team game (scratch) – Team 3 371, Team 2 306

High team game (hdcp) – Team 3 779, Team 2 774

High team series (scratch) – Team 3 1108, Team 2 896

High team series (hdcp) – Team 3 2332, Team 2 2300

Boys' high game (scratch) – Alex Holland 175, Kooper Novak 156, Aaron Doyle 135

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Alex Holland 228, Aaron Doyle 223, Kooper Novak 222

Boys' high series (scratch) – Alex Holland 507, Kooper Novak 419, Aaron Doyle 372

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Alex Holland 666, Aaron Doyle 636, Kooper Novak 617

Girls' high game (scratch) – Lexi Saylor 98, Ashlynn Rickels 76

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Ashlynn Rickels 209, Lexi Saylor 200

Mendota freshmen defeat Hall

SPRING VALLEY – Mendota was a 33-26 winner over Hall in freshman boys' basket-

ball action on Jan. 25 at Spring Valley.

Domenic Richey hit double figures with 12

points to pace the attack, followed by Cameron Kelly with nine points and Dane Hiner with six.



Mendota's Krew Bond tries to get a shot off while being hounded by St. Bede's Jake Bradach, left, and Luke Story on Jan. 28 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

SPORTS

The top 5 threats to the future of bass fishing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — More than 55 million Americans reported fishing at least once in 2020 and 2021. And while participation in fishing is at an all-time high, a variety of issues threaten the future of bass fishing. Whether you are new to fishing or an avid tournament angler, you need to know about these threats and get involved in finding solutions.

According to B.A.S.S. National Conservation Director Gene Gilliland, a biologist and conservation advocate, here are five threats that will have the biggest impact on bass fishing across North America in the next decade along with ways for avid anglers to become more involved in finding solutions.

#1: Water Policy

This one is obvious. No water — no bass. But it's not just about drought. Climate change aside, droughts come and go while some states always seem to have water. The real issue is who owns the water and who can use it.

A long-term water policy that provides for a growing human population and reserves water for fish is missing. Without plans that include recreation (fishing and boating) in the mix, water managers can draw the last drops from their reservoirs with no regard to

your fishing. Bass anglers must demand a seat at the negotiating table to ensure that our interests are considered.

#2: Invasive Species

The greatest biological threats come from invasive species. Asian carp, zebra and quagga mussels and invasive plants like Salvinia and starry stonewort are expanding their ranges. They potentially threaten ecosystems, infrastructure and economies. In many cases, the invaders are not causing harm, but their mere presence gives water managers an excuse to further regulate waterways. Fishing and boating can be eliminated in the name of "prevention." Your favorite lake could be next. What are you doing to prevent the spread of invasives? Are you setting an example? Do you clean, drain and dry?

#3: Loss of Access

Privatization of public resources is restricting fishing and boating access. Agencies are selling public lands and waters to developers. Entire lakes that are by law public water are being closed to fishing and boating. Business, industry and lake associations also frequently use liability and security concerns as excuses to restrict access.

Beyond the loss of access to fishing and boating, if the

public loses their connection with our natural resources, they may lose appreciation for the resource. In turn, we lose political support and that snowball continues to roll down the hill.

#4: Pollution and Habitat Loss

The days of rivers so polluted that they catch fire are behind us, but much of the progress made following the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972 has been lost. Environmental protections have been pushed aside in favor of economic interests. Pollution is on the rise. Chemicals and excess nutrients are causing problems with water supplies, from toxic algae blooms and oxygen dead zones to bass with hormone disruptions that cause reproductive failure.

Upstream in the watershed, the agriculture community has been slow to adopt proven conservation practices in the quest for greater profits. As a result, tons of nutrient-laden silt are washing downstream and filling in rivers, lakes and reservoirs. There is a need for balanced environmental, agriculture and forestry policies that consider watersheds and downstream impacts to fisheries.

#5: Apathy and Indifference



Bass anglers often tend to sit on the sidelines and hope that someone else will take on the challenges that face water resources and fishing. But these threats are too big to be tackled by individuals, a handful of lobbyists from the fishing industry or conservation organizations in Washington D.C. Significantly more anglers must step up and speak up.

As society grows more urbanized, people are less connected to the outdoors and nature. They don't understand the value of conservation. The fishing community needs to engage the broader public with messages about the value of clean water and how healthy lakes, rivers

and reservoirs are good for all of us. If the public values the natural world, they will fight to protect it.

What can you do?

These issues are real. They are now. If you love the sport of bass fishing you need to get involved, get organized and get political. B.A.S.S. Nation Conservation Directors can help channel your energy and get you engaged. The first step is to learn about the issues. Get the facts — then act. Follow the updates on the Bassmaster.com Conservation page or in the B.A.S.S. Conservation Facebook group.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Discover Jesus' secret to successful relationships

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I honestly didn't know what my problem was until God spoke to my heart one day and said, "You're selfish. You've studied My Word about spiritual warfare, prosperity, healing, having power and authority as a believer in Christ...but how much time have you studied about My love?"

That was the beginning of discovering that I would never be happy and have peace until I learned to love like Jesus loves.

One of the first messages God put on my heart to teach was titled "Tell Them I Love Them." At first, I didn't want to do it. I thought, People already know You love them, God. I want to teach a really powerful

message...something they haven't heard before. But God showed me that if people really knew He loved them and what that means, then they would live much differently than they do.

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

Thankfully, Jesus gave us very real, practical examples of how we can love the way God loves us.

Loving Others "to the Highest Degree"

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

this. And it shocked the disciples.

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

Love is not just a feeling or a theory; it's a decision we make and an action we take. It's so important for us to study what the Bible teaches about God's love so we can learn to love like Jesus. And we have to pray for God to help us learn how to walk in love—to be a servant who "washes feet" by helping others.

Washing Others' Feet

Matthew 7:12 (NIV) says, "So in everything, do to others what you



would have them do to you...." This is so critical because if we want to have meaningful relationships with others, then we need to invest in their lives by giving them support, encouraging them, helping to meet their needs—serving them as we're able to do it.

It's easy to want to help people you like or those you want to impress. But when it comes to doing something for someone you don't know or someone you don't have a natural interest in, it can be a different story. And sometimes we don't feel like serving our family. I know from personal experience that people can be willing to help others at church or work, but they aren't willing to do the same things for their family.

I've learned that what I do in front of people publicly won't really mean anything if I'm not living a life that pleases God at home, too. I thought I would die of frustration before

I finally got this, so I know it's not easy. We have to realize we're naturally selfish, and we must make a conscious decision to think of others on purpose or we'll miss many opportunities to serve them.

I want to encourage you to read John 13 and pay close attention to what Jesus did and what He said. Spend some time studying scriptures about God's love and pray for Him to show you ways you can serve the people in your life. See how many creative ways God puts in your heart to "wash feet." You'll probably find it's easier and more simple than you thought it would be to help make someone's life better.

God wants us to have success and enjoy our lives. But He wants us to die to self, get over being the center of our world, and begin to focus on looking for someone who needs our help every day. When you do this, you'll discover you're actually more satisfied, content, peaceful

and happy than you've ever been in your life!

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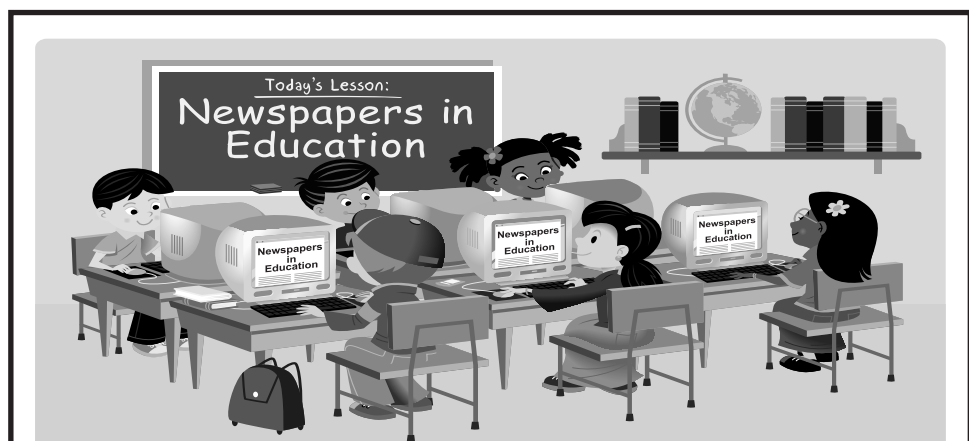
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Worship

In-person & on Facebook at:
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Methodist Church

Feb. 3 - 10 a.m. Pastor Mary leads
Heritage Worship

Feb. 6 - 9 a.m. Sunday school,
9:30 a.m. Worship in-person and on
Facebook Live

Feb. 7 - 6:30 p.m. Finance Team meets

ZION UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

808 Jefferson St.

Pastor Jeff Brace
jbrace8459@gmail.com

Church office (815) 538-2186

Facebook: Mendota Zion United
Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Sunday School for Preschool - 6th grade
in fellowship hall during worship service
(Parking lot worship available on 90.9 FM
during Sunday services)

TUESDAY - Prayer group 6 p.m.
FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.

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900 Monroe St.
(815) 503-0307

James Duncan, Pastor

Website: www.cayabc.com

Email prayer requests:
prayer@cayabc.com

SUNDAY: Worship

If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

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

UNITED PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH

Route 251 North
(815) 539-6861

Rev. Charles Yeakel, Pastor

E-mail: mendotaupc@yahoo.com
www.mendotaupc.org

SUNDAY: Christian Education
Sunday Worship

WEDNESDAY

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SUNDAY
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Prayer Service

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Sunday School
Worship

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www.mendotabiblechurch.org

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Worship
Evening Service

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CHURCH

607 Tenth Ave.
(815) 539-5626

Rev. Ken Gibson, Pastor

E-mail: office@stjohnsmendota.org

Website:
www.stjohnsmendota.org

Schedule:

9 a.m. Sunday Worship in person
and online via Facebook and Zoom

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NOTE: Please contact your
individual church regarding
online services or for other
church-related information.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Job further continued his
discourse, and said, Oh,
that I were as in months
past, as in the days when
God watched over me;
when His lamp shone
upon my head, and when by His light
I walked through darkness... JOB 29:1-3

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Accessible

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Feb. 6 - 10 a.m. Worship/Communion -
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Feb. 10 - 6-7:30 p.m. Webelos

Feb. 12 - 10 a.m. DAR meeting

Facebook page
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God's Love

By Henry Reed Conant

I know where'er my feet may be,
Tho' prone to stray,
His watchful eye is over me
Both night and day.
And tho' oft times this heart has
erred
'Mid worldly cares,
I know His pard'ning ear has heard
My humble prayers.
At all times, e'en when I have failed
To do His will,
His love has in my heart prevailed -
And guides me still.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 a.m.
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Philemon in
the Old Testament or New Tes-
tament or neither?

2. From Genesis 6:14, what was
another name for the natural
asphalt used to caulk
Noah's Ark?

Gopher, Pitch, Chimera, Helios

3. Who told Laban he had gone
20 years without a decent sleep?

Adam, Jacob, Moses, Noah

4. In John 3, who said, “How
can a man be born if he is old”?

Obadiah, Nicodemus, Joshua,
Job

5. From Acts 13, who was called
“a man after thine own heart”?

David, John the Baptist, Gideon,
Peter

6. Philippians 4:13 says, “I
can do all things through ...”?

Prayer, Belief, Deeds, Christ

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Pitch; 3) Jacob;
4) Nicodemus; 5) David; 6) Christ

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION
()
() No.
() 2022
() PR
() 000001
() CAROL J.
() PIWONSKI,
() DECEASED.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Carol J. Piwonski, of Peru, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 5, 2022, to Crystal Loughran, of Peru, IL, as INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD,

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have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscorts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Dated: January 11, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0103 (Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2022)

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on January 25, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as BriAnna Nicole Photography located at 303 7th Avenue Mendota, IL 61342. Dated: January 25, 2022. BriAnna Hagenson Applicant. No. 0201 (Feb. 2, 9, 26 2022)

2022 NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS To All Owners And Occupiers Of Lands Lying Within The Boundaries Of The LaSalle County Soil And Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the 17th day of February, 2022 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 1691 N. 31st Road, Ottawa, IL. Three (3) Directors will be elected to serve the LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois. All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote. Ken Dau Chairman LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District DATE: 1st day of February, 2022 No. 0202 (Feb. 2, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE TAKING SEALED BIDS: 1996 International 4800 Cab & Chassis; DT466 engine / Allison transmission (automatic); 4 Wheel drive; 152" Wheel base; Heat & A/C; 214914 Mi. / 11069 Hrs. 2 spare tires w/ aluminum wheels (1 has split). For appointment to inspect call 815-627-9071. Bids must be received by March 1, 2022 and should be addressed to: Paw Paw Fire Department, PO Box 81, Paw Paw, IL 61353. Payment to be made by cashier's check drawn on local bank. Sale is "AS IS" with no warranty. PPF reserves the right to reject any and all bids for cause. No. 0203 (Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF)
)
) Caroline M. Costello
) Case No. 2022-PR-16
)
) Deceased
)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Caroline M. Costello of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2022 to David W. Costello of 4612 East

First Road, Mendota, IL 61342 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 10, 2022 If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed. No. 0204 (Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LASALLE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A HOGAN, DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR-8 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Patricia A. Hogan of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 11, 2022 to KELLY P. MEANIX, 12 Hawk Hill Road, Downingtown, PA 19335, as INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR, whose attorneys of record are DUNCAN & BRANDT, P.C., 1800 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 568, Peru, IL 61354. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the La Salle County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, La Salle County Courthouse, 119 West Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 9, 2022, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and her Attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

February 9, 16, 23, 2022
DUNCAN & BRANDT, P.C.
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1800 FOURTH STREET, P.O. BOX 568
PERU, IL 61354
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GREG VACCARO – LA SALLE COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK
OTTAWA, ILLINOIS 61350
No. 0205
(Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2022)

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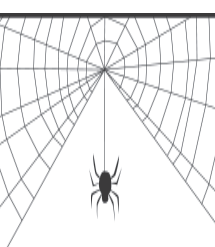
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