

Judge blocks schools from enforcing Gov. Pritzker's mask, vaccine mandates

By GREG BISHOP
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Some Illinois school districts said they would continue to enforce mask mandates while others decided to go mask optional or even close after a circuit court judge late on Feb. 4 ruled Gov. J.B. Pritzker's mask and vaccine mandates null and void.

Pritzker's mandates have been in effect since last fall. Separate lawsuits from hundreds of plaintiffs in about 150 schools challenged the mandates with the cases heard over several days last month.

Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Raylene Grischow on Feb. 4 said in a ruling granting a temporary restraining order against the mandates that the governor's

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—Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Raylene Grischow

orders seemed to try and work around individual due process in law and called the bureaucratic maneuvering a "type of evil" that the law was intended to constrain.

The judge ordered districts to temporarily halt requiring masks and excluding children from school and stop requiring vaccines or testing for teachers, unless there's individual due process. She said all non-named districts may govern themselves accordingly.

Attorney Thomas DeVore, who filed the separate cases on behalf of more

than 700 plaintiffs against nearly 170 school districts, the Pritzker administration and state education officials, argued state statute requires due process for medical devices or procedures to be forced on someone.

"I can only hope this might be the time for the Governor to lift what the Court has found to be illegal mandates and let the good people of this state get back to their lives," DeVore told The Center Square after the ruling.

Before the ruling was issued, Pritzker still wouldn't

say when he'll lift his mask mandate in schools.

"I believe that we should remove masks as soon as we possibly can," Pritzker said Friday afternoon. "I'm constantly listening to the doctors and scientists and encouraging them, 'when can we do this, what's the right time, what's the right way to do it.' And so, very hopeful we can make an announcement about that."

After the judge's ruling blocking mandates, the gov-

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Construction of a Dollar General store is being proposed for 12th Street and Lori Lane on the east side of Mendota.

Dollar General proposing a second Mendota location

City intersection getting 4 stop signs

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA—A Mendota intersection will become a four-way stop and another Dollar General may be coming to Mendota, it was learned at the Feb. 7 regular meeting of the Mendota City Council.

Alderman Kyle Kim informed the council that a traffic study was conducted in the 1200 block of Jefferson Street and it was determined that four stop signs will be placed at the intersection of Jefferson Street and Wisconsin Avenue. Kim added that pedestrian cross lines will be painted when weather permits.

Also from Kim's report, the council approved a new contract with Northern Illinois Ambulance Billing for fire department billing and also amended the ordinance for ambulance and fire rates to reflect the new rates.

Alderman John Hesenberger called a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3 in the City Council chambers to consider variance requests from Dollar General. The requests are for property located at the southwest corner of the intersection of 12th Street (U.S. 34) and Lori Lane, and if approved, a



12,480-square foot Dollar General will be constructed on the site.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick said bid packets are available for the 2022 curb project. The project will involve both sides of Springfield Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Indiana Avenue, and the south side of 16th Street from Augustine Avenue to Lincoln Avenue. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Alderman John Holland said budget meetings will begin Thursday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.

Alderman Jay Miller called a License Committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10.

In other items, Police Chief Greg Kellen informed the council that the entry patrolman application list will be posted and candidates informed with a letter.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Mendota schools not part of mask lawsuit; face masks still required in school buildings

MENDOTA – Mendota schools will be among those in the state who will continue to enforce mask mandates after a circuit court judge late on Feb. 4 ruled Gov. J.B. Pritzker's mask and vaccine mandates null and void.

J. Bradley Cox, superintendent of Mendota Elementary District 289, issued the following statement:

As many of you know, there was a court ruling in Springfield late on Friday on the current pandemic mitigation measures issued by the Governor and the Illinois Department of Public Health. It is important to note that this ruling is not a class action lawsuit, meaning that its findings do not directly apply to our District. (According to legal counsel, the court that made this ruling has no jurisdiction over our District and community.)

Our current Plan was adopted by the Board of



Education in August of 2021. This Plan specifically outlines that the District will follow the CDC guidance ("the District plan is subject to change due to a change in guidance or mandates from ISBE, IDPH, CDC, and the Governor's Office"). The current CDC guidance can be found on their website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

The CDC guidance specifically says:

- Indoors: CDC recommends indoor masking for all individuals ages 2 years

and older, including students, teachers, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.

This means that tomorrow morning (Monday, Feb. 7), we will all continue to mask in accordance with CDC guidelines, on campus and buses. As we have done all year, anyone who comes to school without a mask will be provided one prior to going to their classroom.

Superintendent Jeff Prusator gave the following statement for Mendota High School District 280:

On Feb. 4, 2022, a circuit court judge in Southern Illinois issued a temporary restraining order involving the masks mandate in schools, testing, and quarantining of close contact students. This temporary restraining order applies only to the schools named in the court cases.

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Mendota High School senior Jacob Swope, left, shows his surviving egg to teacher Joe Hughes after withstanding a drop from 8 meters (about 26 feet) during an egg drop project in physics class. MHS students and staff, as well as visitors to MHS, will be required to continue to wear face masks while in the building.

Bills to address teacher shortages advance

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Two bills aimed at relieving the state's teacher shortage, at least in the short term, advanced out of a Senate committee last week.

The Senate Education Committee unanimously endorsed two bills that would allow retired teachers to work as substitutes more days in a school year without losing any of their pension benefits.

"We all know that the teacher shortage is significant and it had been prior to COVID, and we were already trying to find a solution," said Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood, the Senate majority leader. "But once COVID hit, it's exacerbated because of the social distancing that's required. Many school

districts have classrooms that have far too many children in them, which is requiring that additional staffing."

Lightford was speaking in favor of Senate Bill 3201, by Sen. Napoleon Harris, D-Harvey. In its current form, it would extend the return-to-work limit for downstate teachers in the Illinois Teachers Retirement System to 150 days from its current 120 days. But Harris said he intends to amend the bill to drop the proposed limit to 140 days to satisfy concerns from teachers' unions.

Allowing retired teachers more flexibility to return to work was one of the recommendations of the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools when they released their annual survey in January in which 88 percent of the districts responding said they had

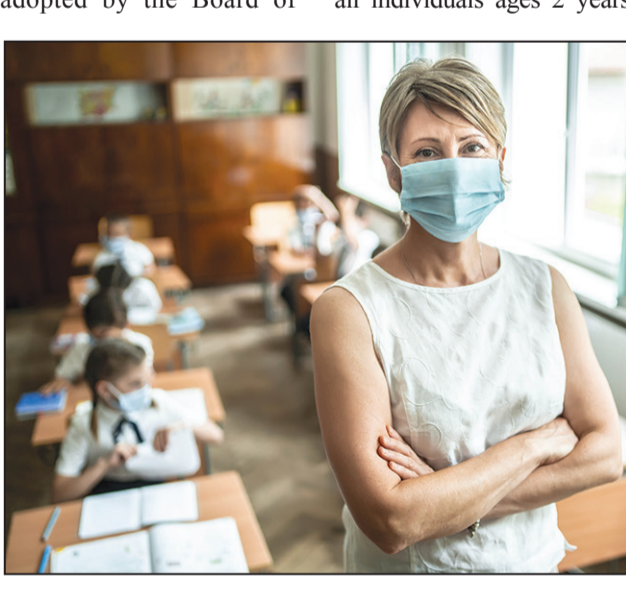
a shortage of full-time teachers, while 96 percent said they had a shortage of substitute teachers.

But that would only be a short-term solution. A similar bill is pending in the House that would extend the return-to-work limit only through June 30 of this year. Harris, however, said he thinks it should be extended through the 2022-2023 academic year as well.

"I'd like to keep it until the following school year due to the fact that this school year is pretty much almost over," he said.

He said extending it through June 2023 would "give the school districts and administrators time to navigate

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Fritts to run for 74th Dist. Representative

DIXON – Brad Fritts has announced his intention to seek the office of State Representative in the 74th District. The following is an announcement he made on the Dixon riverfront on Feb. 4.

“For 22 years, I have grown up, lived, and worked in Illinois. I have been to countless dinners and followed and worked behind some of the greatest politicians to ever hold office. In my whole lifetime however, I have never heard anyone say, “It sure is nice to live in Illinois.” Or “I love where I live.” The general population

has lost hope. I have watched countless friends, family, and neighbors leave this state for lower taxes, better jobs, better schools, and better infrastructure. We are letting the inept career politicians of Springfield divide our families and push out the very people we care about the most. Not only that, but it is all being done with our own hard-earned tax money.



Fritts

The origin of this country did not stem from a population of people who let themselves be taxed without proper representation. We were born from a group of people that had a dream of self-representation, and literally gave their lives to make that dream happen. Now is the time to take back what is ours, and I will lead that charge.

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Valentine's Story Time at Graves-Hume Public Library

MENDOTA - Love is in the air! Graves-Hume Public Library will offer an All Ages Valentine's Day-themed Story Time on Monday, Feb. 14 beginning at 6 p.m. Join them for stories, crafts and other activities.

“We all love someone, let's make the person you love a special Valentine. Join us on Valentine's Day as we craft, play games like 'hot potato heart' and read books,”



Graves-Hume Public Library

said Carolynn Ohlendorf Youth Services Manager. “It'll be such a sweet day!” Graves-Hume Public Library programs are open to all. No library card is required. Registration is encouraged for youth programs. Call (815) 538-5142 or visit the library to register.

Check out the library's Facebook page for more details or stop in for a newsletter.

Lincoln School R.E.A.C.H. Award

The following Lincoln School students were nominated by their teacher for the R.E.A.C.H. Award for the month of January: Ayden Stallings, Nikkie Figueroa, Alexxa Figueroa, Aubrey Mathieu, Samuel Saylor, Victor Correa, Lyncoln Daley, Dia Zendeli, Cruz Arteaga, Angel Rivera, Camilo Ramirez, Isabella Silva, Cooper Klein, Gage Hanson, Billy Bromenschenkel, Lila Coss, Miguel Valencia, Khil Ford. Please note: Students are not named in order. (Photo contributed)



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Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Students at Blackstone can work together as a class to earn Paw Pride certificates. Certificates can be earned by showing positive behavior throughout our school. Each trimester, there is a goal to reach and those classes earn a reward with me. For the second trimester, we just had three classes reach their reward this week so they will earn game time with me. Congratulations to students in Mrs. Lindenmeyer, Mrs. Higdon and Mrs. Nurnberg's classes for already reaching their goal!

The students nominated for the Principal Award this past week included Keegan Mauch, Leona Watson, Damien Arteaga, Shandi Matura, Kaidyn Swope, Gage Cordella, Syomara Gonzalez and Shane Luebbing. The winners were Charles Smith, Ximena Salinas, Raelynn Gibson and Delilah Wallace. Congratulations to all of you!

At Blackstone School, we have a kindness program and our motto is “Kindness Begins With Me.” We constantly talk to our students about being kind kids. That means being kind to their friends, to their

teachers and also to their families. At the end of every month, each classroom teacher will pick one student who has gone above and beyond to show kindness to others.

All of our January winners were just announced. Congratulations to Koreann Riniker, Carter Stallings, Cian Gaspar, Paola Arteaga, Damien Arteaga, Kale Smith, Marshal Brown, Gage Cordella, Camilo Murillo, Layla Martinez, Finley Bonnell and Santiago Raya. Keep being KIND KIDS!

Due to the huge success of our Nothing Bundt Cake fundraiser, the pick-up date has to be changed by the company. The pick-up date is now Friday, Feb. 11 from 3-5 p.m. at Lincoln School. Again, thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser. We appreciate your support.

Students recently brought home a flyer to order a 2021-2022 elementary yearbook from Inter-State Studios. The yearbook cost is \$15. Orders are due on Friday, Feb. 25. You can also order online. The order information is on the flyer. The elementary yearbook includes all students in prek-4th grade.

HCC, Inc. announces promotions and retirements

MENDOTA – Brian Nelson, President and Chairman of HCC, Inc., announced that Mark Lambole, Executive Vice President, will take on the additional responsibilities for oversight of HCC Curitiba, South America. This will be in addition to his duties of oversight for Triple C Manufacturing, Inc. and HCC Mendota.

The Curitiba Facility, like Mendota, manufacturers sieves, chaffers and reels for the combine industry.

In addition, David Young has been promoted to Director of Engineering replacing Jeff Maney. Maney decided

to retire at the end of 2021, but will continue to support new product/process activities in a consulting role for HCC, Inc.

HCC, Inc. is a holding company comprised of four locations including HCC Mendota, HCC Curitiba, Triple C Manufacturing, Inc. in Sabetha, Kan. and Graphics and Industrial Circuits, LLC. in Kirkland.

HCC, Inc. has expertise in complex fabricated assemblies for the ag industry, hydraulic lift beds for the ranching and utilities industry, along with electronic contract assembly.

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ANNIVERSARIES



John & Cathy Betz

Betz 50th anniversary card shower planned

MENDOTA - John and Cathy (Schultz) Betz will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 19. They were married at Holy Cross Church in Mendota on Feb. 19, 1972. John and Cathy have two children, Melissa (Tyler) Williams of Parker, Colo. and Kevin (Katie) Betz of Waterman. They have five grandchildren, Colton, Shaelyn and Alliah Williams and Elsie and Henry Betz.

John is still active in farming and they both keep busy with their large garden. They love spending time with their family, but especially enjoy spoiling their grandchildren.

The family would like to honor this special milestone with a card shower. Cards of congratulations may be mailed to John and Cathy at 35244 2500 N. Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

St. Margaret's OB services moving to Peru location

SPRING VALLEY - In November of 2021, St. Margaret's Health filed an application with the State of Illinois to discontinue its obstetrics unit at Spring Valley and consolidate all of its inpatient obstetrical services to the St. Margaret's Health-Peru campus. The State recently approved that application, allowing St. Margaret's to proceed with the consolidation.

This consolidation, which is now set for March 15, will enable more efficient utilization of resources and improve the patient's labor and delivery experience.

All St. Margaret's obstetricians have medical staff privileges at St. Margaret's Health-Peru, so patients will not experience any interruption in their care. Patients can expect to receive the same quality healthcare services they have come to know through their same physician or provider.

St. Margaret's Health looks forward to this next phase of the affiliation between the Spring Valley and Peru campuses.

Follow all exciting updates and progress on Facebook or visit www.aboutsmh.org.



Retiring directors, Rex Elmore, left, and Brian Carlson, were recognized at the Bureau County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. Elmore, who served as District 3 Director, was elected in 2004 as the Indiantown Township Director, serving for seven years. He then served as vice president from 2011-2020 and most recently, was District 3 Director for one year, a total of 18 years service. Carlson, who served as an at-large director, was appointed in 2012 and elected to the position in 2014, serving the organization a total of 10 years. (Photo contributed)

Bureau County FB holds annual meeting

PRINCETON - Bureau County Farm Bureau hosted its 107th annual meeting on Jan. 10 at the Farm Bureau Building in Princeton with directors, officers and members in attendance. Members were also able to vote through mail by proxy.

During the meeting special guests, current directors and staff were introduced, members were elected to serve on the 2022 Bureau County Farm Bureau board and official business was approved. Representative Dan Swanson and Representative Lance Yednock both spoke to those in attendance about their committee assignments and house bills to look for in this legislative session.

The following directors were elected to serve a two-year term at the meeting: William Anderson, District 2, Seat 2; Ray Cheline, District 2, Seat 2; Aaron Sears, District 3, Seat 2; Lyle Eiten, District 4, Seat 2; and Evan Hultine, At-Large, Seat 2. Current directors recognized for their continued service at the annual meeting were Brian Sanden District 1, Seat 1; Kent Bickett, District 2, Seat 1 and David Ohlson, At-Large, Seat 2.

Officers were elected within the board at a reorganization board meeting held later that evening following the annual meeting. Evan Hultine of Princeton was re-elected to serve as President; David Ohlson of Wyanet was elected to serve as Vice President, Kent Bickett of Princeton was elected to serve as Treasurer and William Anderson of Walnut was re-elected to the role of Secretary. Each of these positions is for a one-year term.

PAW PAW

Paw Paw Library to host a virtual evening with Jasmine Guillory

PAW PAW - Join the Paw Paw Library on Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 7-8:15 p.m. for a lively evening with bestselling author Jasmine Guillory as she discusses the importance of real life and the modern rom-com.

Guillory is an American novelist, lawyer and author of six romance novels including "The Wedding Date," "The Proposal" and "While We Were Dating." Her stories have been described as rollicking, charming, witty, zesty and glamorous romantic-comedy novels. Known for her descriptive, fully-developed character-relationships, Guillory treats very tenderly and respectfully mental health, depression and anxiety. Copies of Guillory's books are available at the Paw Paw Library.

Winter fun workshop for youth

LASALLE-ACloverbud "Winter Festival of FUN!" workshop will be sponsored by the LaSalle County 4-H youth development program on Feb. 26. This workshop is for creative youth ages 5-7 who are invited to expand their creativity and experience what being a Cloverbud means.

Participants will complete up to three creative art projects, learn about and complete a STEM project in addition to enjoying games, refreshments and a take home treat. The workshop will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 1-3 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension Education Center and

Community Teaching Kitchen, 944 E. First St., LaSalle. Enrollment in 4-H is not required but attendees must register for the workshop. Participants should register in advance at <https://go.illinois.edu/cloverbudfun>. A \$5 supply fee will include all supplies to make projects and refreshments.

To learn more about LaSalle County 4-H, call (815) 433-0707 or e-mail Toni Pienta at fusinatt@illinois.edu.

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CARL'S QUIZ

What is the only food that never expires?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The tradition of house painters wearing white overalls had become the standard in the painting industry by the mid-1800s when members of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades wore whites to distinguish themselves from non-unionized painters. The color also set painters apart from farmers, who wore blue or brown as a rule, and railway workers, who wore pinstripes.

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

Mendota Weather

Feb. 9, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

- Wednesday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 20
- Thursday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 23
- Friday**
Chance Snow
High: 41 Low: 15
- Saturday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 24 Low: 8
- Sunday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 11
- Monday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 12
- Tuesday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 30 Low: 15

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 37°, humidity of 76%. West wind 11 to 17 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 58° set in 1990. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 20°. West northwest wind 13 to 16 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 7°. The record low for Wednesday night is -15° set in 1975.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	36/21	mc	29/22	mc
Champaign	38/23	mc	30/22	pc
Chicago	37/24	mc	29/23	mc
Freeport	37/18	mc	31/24	mc
Joliet	37/21	mc	29/22	mc
Moline	40/19	mc	35/28	pc
Peoria	40/21	mc	32/26	pc
Rockford	37/20	mc	31/24	mc
Springfield	40/22	pc	33/26	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

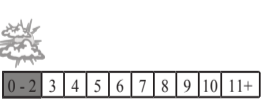
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	38	15	28/11	0.00"	0.06"
Tuesday	50	27	28/12	0.04"	0.31"
Wednesday	20	14	28/12	0.02"	-0.25"
Thursday	18	10	29/12	0.00"	Average temp..... 20.4°
Friday	23	4	29/12	0.00"	Average normal..... 20.2°
Saturday	18	-1	29/12	0.00"	Departure..... +0.2°
Sunday	34	16	29/12	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Full 2/16	6:59 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	11:22 a.m.	1:38 a.m.	New 3/2
Wednesday	6:57 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	11:56 a.m.	2:40 a.m.	
Thursday	6:56 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	12:37 p.m.	3:39 a.m.	
Friday	6:55 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	4:35 a.m.	
Saturday	6:54 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	2:20 p.m.	5:24 a.m.	
Sunday	6:52 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	3:22 p.m.	6:07 a.m.	First 3/10
Monday	6:51 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	4:27 p.m.	6:43 a.m.	
Tuesday					

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated snow, highest temperature of 45 in Washington, D.C. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 74 in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 67 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 63 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 86 in La Puente, Calif.

Weather Trivia

Has it ever snowed on the equator before?

Weather History

Feb. 9, 1933 - The temperature at Moran, Wyo., located next to Teton National Park, plunged to 63 degrees below zero to establish a state record. The temperature at the Riverside Ranger Station in Montana hit 66 below zero to establish a record for the nation that stood until 1954.

Feb. 10, 1978 - As much as eight inches of rain drenched Southern California, resulting in widespread flooding and mudslides. The heavy rainfall produced a wall of water that ripped through the mountain resort community of Hidden Springs, drowning at least 13 people.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Helen E. Clark

SUBLETTE - Helen E. Clark, 93, of Sublette, passed away Feb. 2, 2022 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 11 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Chaplain Kent Terry officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the funeral home and for one hour prior to services on Friday.

Helen was born Dec. 8, 1928 in Atkinson to Fredrick and Maude (Boothe) Clark. She married Archie Clark on Dec. 15, 1946 in Ohio, Ill. He preceded her in death on March 28, 1999.

Survivors include one son, John (Cherry) Clark of Nashville, Ind.; three daughters, Connie Hobbs of Amboy, Shirley (David) Maki of Lancaster, N.Y. and Debra (Ken) Mann of Mendota; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Robert Clark; one sister, Katherine Anderson; one grandson, Nicholas Clark; and a son-in-law, Douglas Hobbs.

Helen graduated from Ohio High School. She worked and retired from Farmers State Bank in Sublette. She was a lifetime member of Green River Saddle Club and a member of Sublette Union Church and Sublette Fire Department Fire Bells.

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

Donna J. Chapman

MENDOTA - Donna J. Chapman, 87, passed from natural causes on Feb. 7, 2022 at Heritage Health Nursing Home, Mendota.

Public visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. A private family funeral will follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota.

Donna was born Aug. 19, 1934 in Rushville to Paul and Florence (Croxtan) Park. The fifth of 11 children, she relished in the many memories she shared with her siblings. She married the love of her life, Richard Roman, in 1955 in Spokane, Wash. where he was stationed while serving in the U.S. Air Force. He preceded her in death in 1977. They had two daughters, Rose (Terry) Wiesbrock of Fox Lake, Wis. and Barb Schumacher of LaSalle. In 1979, she married Jack Chapman. He preceded her in death in 2020.

Survivors include her two daughters; three grandchildren, Brad (Brenda) Grothen, Brooke Schumacher and Brandon Schumacher; three siblings, Kay Fitzjarrald of Rushville, Nancy Schisler of Rushville and Teressa Rogers of Mt. Pulaski; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, her parents and seven siblings, Gene Park, Jeanette Hoff, Beverly Park, Jim Park, Ralph Park, Bill Park, and Paulette Park.

Donna was a resident of Mendota for over 50 years and spent many of those years employed at the Mendota Reporter. She enjoyed her family, her flowers, watching the birds, and keeping up with the Game Show Network. For many years you could see her with a wave and a smile while on her routine walks through town. Though her family is heartbroken by her passing, we know she will forever be remembered for her kind words, her quick wit, and for always having a way to make us laugh.

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



Kent E. Smith

MENDOTA - Kent E. Smith, 64, of Mendota, passed away Feb. 3, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford surrounded by loved ones.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 at Victory Baptist Church, Mendota with Pastor Steven Breedlove officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Kent was born Dec. 16, 1957 in Peru to Walter "Ed" and Jean (Currie) Smith. He married Mercy Harris on Aug. 4, 2001 in a waterfall ceremony in Bureau County.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; three daughters, Abbie (Dillon) Mattingly of Manlius, Bryanna (Nick) Kunz of New Bedford and Mecca (Sal) Guerrero of Ohio, Ill.; one sister, Terri (Michael) Smith of Peru; and eight grandchildren, Lunden Mattingly, Maci Mattingly, Maya Kunz, Brantley Kunz, Colton Kunz, Jasper Guerrero, Lincoln Guerrero and Amelia Guerrero.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Gary.

Kent was a 1977 graduate of LaSalle-Peru High School. He was an active member of Victory Baptist Church and a Blue Cap leader for Disaster Relief. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and belonged to the Christian Motorcycle Association. He loved spending time with his family and friends and especially his grandchildren. He also loved to go fishing and hunting.

Memorials may be directed to Victory Baptist Church. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Katherine J. Funfsinn

MENDOTA - Katherine J. Funfsinn, 79, of Mendota, passed away peacefully on Feb. 6, 2022 at Heritage Health, Mendota, surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial will be at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Peterstown.

Pallbearers will be Curtis Kittilson, Patrick Dewey, Zachary Dewey, Steve Sondgeroth, Tim Funfsinn, and Trevor Richmond. Honorary pallbearer is Chuck Mann.

Katherine was born June 16, 1942 in Mendota to LeRoy and Mabel (Earich) Heinzeroth. She married Leonard W. Funfsinn on June 15, 1963 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Peterstown.

Survivors include two daughters, Tina (Carl) Kittilson of Mendota and Beth Dewey of Sterling; five grandchildren, Curtis, Jolene, Rachel, Patrick and Zachary; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Keith Heinzeroth, Sr. of Mendota; and two sisters, Velma Schmidt of Mendota and Joyce Spanier of Rockford.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband in 2014; three sisters, Pearl Pfeifer, Dorothy Hunter and Ruth Musser; and three brothers, Donald, Richard and Wayne Heinzeroth.

Katherine was a 1960 graduate of Mendota High School and a member of Holy Cross Church. She worked in the Holy Cross School cafeteria for 19 years and also worked for H&R Block as a receptionist. Her volunteer activities included serving as an electoral judge for several years and counting church offerings with her friend, Nancy Kaiser. Other pastimes included sharing lunch with her lady friends at Subway and Pizza Hut, watching and cheering her grandkids on at their sporting events while wearing her rockin' purple shoes. She loved watching birds, the neighborhood squirrel, which mom named Freddy, and enjoyed doing Sudoku and word search puzzles.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services and Stonecroft Village. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Katherine's family wishes to thank all the staff of Heritage Health, Mendota, OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota and Stonecroft Village, Mendota for their loving care.

IV Beekeepers meeting Feb. 11

LA SALLE - The Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association will hold their next meeting on Friday, Feb. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension Center (lower level), 1689 N. 31st Road, Ottawa. Masks will be required.

IVBA is a support group

for anyone interested in beekeeping as well as people who are currently beekeepers. Meetings are free and take place the second Friday of the month (no meetings in July or December).

A Beginner Beekeeping Class is tentatively set for Saturday, March 12.

Genealogy Guild meeting canceled

OTTAWA - The February meeting of the LaSalle County Genealogy Guild has been canceled.

The LaSalle County Genealogy Guild is located at 115 West Glover St. in Ottawa. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays; other days by appointment. For more information, please call (815) 433-5261, e-mail lscgg@sbcglobal.net or visit their website at lscgg.org.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Augustana College Dean's List

ROCK ISLAND - Augustana College has announced the dean's list for the 2021-22 fall semester, which includes local students Abby Phalen and Bryson Prusator of Mendota and Macy Rodrick of Troy Grove.

Students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for courses taken during the term to be included.

Aurora University Dean's List

AURORA - Aurora University has named two Earlville students to the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester: Hannah Cwikla, who is majoring in social work, and Rena Jones, who is majoring in exercise science.

The dean's list at Aurora University recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

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"My name is Brad Fritts, and I am running for the Republican nomination for State Representative in the 74th District. I am running to be an advocate for the people of this district. Tom Demmer has battled the last 10 years, but the fight doesn't stop with him. With your help and your vote, we will continue to build upon the work he started.

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our public school system so the best educated students in the world are from this state. We will fight for fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget. We will support our law enforcement who keeps us safe and hold accountable the ones who violate that trust. We will fight for term limits to keep a consistent turnover of leadership and new ideas flowing through our statehouse. We will put an end to gerrymandering and force our politicians to represent us, not pick and choose who they want. We will institute programs to help our fellow man to overcome the chains

Fritts

of mental illness and addictions. We will work to reform our prison system to slow the rate of re-incarceration. We will investigate corruption and hold all accountable regardless of gender, race, financial or public status. It is time to make this state a home to brag about again.

"I realized this is an aggressive agenda. The journey will not be easy, and it will not happen overnight. However, this fight starts today by working to elect me as your next state representative. Springfield does not need any more seasoned politicians.

The have plenty of those and the current state of our state is what we have to show for it.

I am running because it is time to get young people in office who are beholden to no one except the people of this state.

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Mendota High School was not one of the schools named in the court cases. This ruling does not have a state-wide impact, therefore, I want to emphasize that this court case does not apply to Mendota High School. MHS is still subject to follow the Governor's Executive Orders and the CDC requirements.

The State has appealed this ruling. Within the next few days, the court will determine if all previous masking, testing, and quarantine mandates stay in place until the appeal is heard and determined. The appeal process can take a few weeks. At the conclusion of the appeal process, MHS will make a determination on what our policies and procedures will be for the remainder of the school year.

We appreciate your continued support and patience as we work through this transition period. At this time, no determination has been made as to what our future policies and procedures will be. We are hopeful that as we proceed through the rest of this school year, fewer mitigations will be needed to keep our students and staff safe. Masks must continue to be worn on buses and inside the school.

Teachers

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the teacher shortage" that is happening "all across our state and the country."

The committee also advanced SB3465, by Sen. Robert Martwick, D-Chicago, which would offer a similar option for teachers who retired from Chicago Public Schools. It would allow those retired teachers to return to work in "subject shortage areas" through June 30, 2024, without losing pension benefits.

Martwick said the bill is identical to one that passed last year that applied only to downstate teachers.

"This extends the same provisions to the Chicago Public Schools," Martwick said. "It would allow them to hire back retired teachers, but they would have to go through a whole process that would declare them as an area suffering a shortage."

Both bills advanced out of the committee on 13-0 votes, although Harris said he plans to bring his bill back with an amendment.

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Illinois Education Association reacts to temporary restraining order ruling on face masks, vaccinations

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Education Association (IEA) President Kathi Griffin released the following statement after a ruling by Sangamon County Judge Raylene Grischow on the temporary restraining order (TRO) that would prohibit enforcement of face masks, vaccination, and COVID testing mandates.

"This decision has the potential to shut our schools down, effectively closing our school buildings and perhaps being potent enough to stop in-person learning altogether. We've been able to have students in classrooms all over the state for this school year and last and that's because public health safety measures have been taken that follow the advice of scientists and health care professionals. Without those safety measures in place, we risk forcing thousands of teachers, education employees and students to be out sick or forced into quarantine.

"The teacher and education employee shortage is at a crisis level. Schools are shutting down because they do not have

enough healthy employees to safely hold classes even though staff continue to give up their plan time and lunches to cover classes. The science is there: masking, along with vaccines, testing, social distancing and quarantining, are the best ways to protect against the virus. Removing any of these protections would be detrimental to our students and staff safety and will almost certainly force schools across the state to close because of a staffing shortage. Omicron is proof to us that though we may be done with the virus, the virus is not done with us.

"Keeping students in the classroom is so important, but only if the environment is safe. The judge's ruling today calls into question the safety of schools across the state and we will support all efforts to stop its immediate implementation while state and district defendants pursue an appeal. Keeping learning and working conditions safe inside schools is imperative to keep our communities safe and our school buildings open for in-person learning."

Gov. Pritzker outlines \$45.4 billion budget proposal

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker on Feb. 2 offered a \$45.4 billion general revenue budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year that would include new spending on education and health care while also providing about \$1 billion in tax relief that he said would soften the impact of inflation on Illinois consumers.

In his budget address delivered from the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Pritzker claimed credit for the state being in its best fiscal condition in decades.

"After decades of credit downgrades by the end of my second full fiscal year in office, Illinois received two credit upgrades. The first upgrade the state has received in over 20 years," he said. "The massive bill backlog that contained bills past due for as long as 500 days now contains only unpaid general fund bills averaging 15 days old.

"And that \$3.2 billion structural deficit, well today I'm pleased to announce Illinois will end this fiscal year with a \$1.7 billion surplus, the first of its kind in more than 25 years."

Budget addresses are normally delivered in the House chamber of the Capitol before a joint session of the General Assembly. But the location was changed because lawmakers had canceled in-person sessions for the week due to a major winter storm that swept through central Illinois, making travel hazardous in many parts of the state.

It was Pritzker's fourth and final budget address of his first term in office and the second one colored by the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year, Pritzker delivered a prerecorded speech from a building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds that was being converted for use as a mass vaccination site.

The overall budget plan is about \$1.6 billion, or 3.4 percent, smaller than what

officials expect the state to spend in the current fiscal year. But officials also expect the state to end this fiscal year on June 30 with a \$1.7 billion surplus, money Pritzker proposes to spend paying down the state's pension debt and shoring up its "rainy day" fund, among other uses.

Budget officials currently project the state to take in \$45.8 billion in revenue during the year, which includes \$4 billion in federal funds and nearly \$2 billion in statutory transfers into the general fund from other funds, such as lottery and marijuana revenues.

Among those in the room for the speech were health care workers, and Pritzker spent part of his speech praising them for their work.

"So many of you have showed up to work in person during the worst health crisis in our state that our state has ever seen," he said. "I figured the least I could do as your governor was brave a snow storm, to deliver the State of the State address."

Included in the budget are initiatives aimed at expanding the state's health care workforce. Among those is a \$25 million program called the Pipeline for the Advancement of Healthcare, or PATH, workforce program to help community colleges train nurses, technicians and other high-demand health care personnel.

It also includes a \$180 million Healthcare Workforce Initiative directed at hospitals, clinics and other providers to pay for staff bonuses, continuing education, training and staff retention and recruitment.

Some other highlights of

the budget proposal include increased funding for all levels of education – early childhood, K-12 and higher education – as well as increased funding for human services like foster care, mental health and disability services; and funding to train and hire 300 new Illinois State Police officers.

And, as the administration had announced earlier, the plan calls for a one-year holiday from the state's 1 percent grocery tax, a one-year cancellation of the scheduled inflationary increase in the motor fuel tax and a 5 percent property tax rebate to an estimated 2 million qualifying homeowners that would be in addition to the property tax credit they can claim on their income taxes.

This year's speech was also Pritzker's first major public address of his re-election campaign and portions of it took on a decidedly political tone, taking credit for the state's improved financial condition while brushing aside his opponents and critics.

"What a self-indulgent position the cynics take, always opposing what's in the best interest of the people of Illinois, if they think it will advance their political standing," he said. "It's a curious position. But then again, there have long been people in Illinois state politics who have cared more about promoting their own propaganda than they do about what's best for your pocketbooks. During this budget cycle especially, seats at the grownup table will be off limits to those who aren't working in the public's best interests."

Masks

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ernor said in a statement he is seeking an expedited appeal in the Fourth District Illinois Appellate Court in an effort to restore his rules.

"The grave consequence of this misguided decision is that schools in these districts no longer have sufficient tools to keep students and staff safe while COVID-19 continues to threaten our communities – and this may force schools to go remote," Pritzker said. "This shows yet again that the mask mandate and school exclusion protocols are essential tools to keep schools open and everyone safe. As we have from the beginning of the pandemic, the administration

"The grave consequence of this misguided decision is that schools in these districts no longer have sufficient tools to keep students and staff safe."

—Gov. Pritzker

will keep working to ensure every Illinoisan has the tools needed to keep themselves and their loved one's safe."

DeVore had previously said he expects the case to go all the way to the Illinois Supreme Court.

While some districts said without mandates they will go remote, other districts with mask optional policies all year have done so without much disruption.

His speech and budget proposal also drew predictably partisan reactions from Republicans, including Jesse Sullivan, a GOP candidate for governor, who called the proposed tax relief package "nothing more than attempted bribery" and "a classic election year tactic."

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, also issued a statement criticizing the budget plan.

"The governor's budget address is always a wish-list, and this year it's clear that the governor wishes to be reelected," he said. "The budget laid out by Gov. Pritzker today is packed with gimmicks and one-time tricks, but no structural reforms."

Meanwhile Democrats, who control both chambers of the General Assembly with supermajorities, universally praised the budget plan.

"The governor's budget address lays out a clear path to continue moving our state toward financial stability and surety while prioritizing hardworking Illinoisans," House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, of Hillside, said in a statement. "I could not be more proud of this state and the significant progress we've made in such a short amount of time."

"I'm not accustomed to good news in a budget speech," Senate President Don Harmon, of Oak Park, said in a separate statement. "This is a budget proposal unlike any I've seen in my

time in the Senate. It speaks to the work we've done, together, to bring stability to our state finances. That stability allows us to invest back in our state and provide relief to those hit hardest by the pandemic and associated economic downturn."

Industry groups, on the other hand, had mixed reactions to Pritzker's budget plan.

Health care groups like the Illinois Primary Health Care Association and the Illinois Medical Society praised the budget plan for investing in the state's health care workforce and Pritzker's plan to pay down past-due bills in the state employee health insurance program.

But the Transportation for Illinois Coalition, made up of business, labor and infrastructure groups, warned that canceling the scheduled increase in the motor fuel tax could have a long-term impact on future road construction and maintenance.

And Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association President and CEO Michael Jacobson issued a statement saying he was disappointed that the budget plan did not include any additional relief for the hospitality and tourism industry, which he said was particularly hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lawmakers will spend the next several weeks holding committee hearings with state agency officials in order to craft a final budget plan. They are scheduled to wrap up their work by April 8.

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The price of admission

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Colleges should admit the most qualified applicant.

That's the way many of us were taught life is supposed to work. But we know it often doesn't.

The U.S. Supreme Court is taking up the issue of university admissions in its upcoming term. It will look at the admission formulas used by Harvard University and the University of North Carolina that give extra help to Black and Hispanic applicants who apply.

Some Asian and white applicants were turned away from these universities while Black and Hispanic candidates with lower test scores were admitted. And they say it isn't fair. But it also is unfair that many African American and Hispanic kids reside in neighborhoods with underperforming schools that fail to adequately prepare them.

There are strong arguments on both sides but something that is rarely discussed is a different set of preferences that are inherently wrong – but legal. I'm talking about “development admits,” the children of wealthy donors.

Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Golden won a Pulitzer Prize looking at this phenomenon and went on to write the 2006 book, “The Price of Admission.” It's one of my favorite works of investigative journalism.

I first became aware of the issue when I read a Wall Street Journal story in 2003 about a prominent family with roots deep in Illinois: the Bunns.

Here is the first few paragraphs of the story:

“DURHAM, N.C. -- Despite her boarding-school education and a personal tutor, Maude Bunn's SAT scores weren't high enough for a typical student to earn admission to Duke University.

But Ms. Bunn had something else going for her -- coffee-makers. Her Bunn forebears built a fortune on them and, with Duke hoping to woo her wealthy parents as donors, she was admitted.

Afterward, her parents promptly became co-chairmen of a Duke fund-raising effort aimed at other Duke parents. “My child was given a gift, she got in, and now I'm giving back,” says Maude's mother, Cissy Bunn, who declines to say how much the (Lake Forrest) family has contributed to the university.”

Later in the story, Cissy Bunn acknowledges her daughter didn't fit the academic profile of a Duke student saying, “She's bright, she had good grades, but she doesn't meet the superstar status.”

She then added, “Did my normal child take the place of somebody who could really make a difference in the world? Sure, yes, to an extent. But there are so many things you can lose sleep over. I'm happy for me and my child.”

When I first read that quote, I was outraged. It had never occurred to me that rich people received preferential treatment when applying to colleges.

The story made me think of Danny my roommate my junior year at Iowa State University. Danny was a bright, motivated student who dreamed of being an aerospace engineer. But he graduated from a failing high school in a poorer Chicago neighborhood.

My roommate, who happened to be African American, had many of the precursors associated with academic success: a loving, stable two-parent family that valued hard-work.

Perhaps the biggest drawback was the high school he attended. The institution didn't adequately prepare him for college. For example, it didn't offer the advanced math classes necessary for a budding engineering student to succeed.

While his college peers were taking calculus, he was enrolled in remedial math.

In many ways, the future academic performance of college students isn't determined just by effort or intellect but by their home zip code. Danny lasted a year on campus and never returned.

That's why I have long favored giving parents vouchers that they can use at either public, charter or private schools. It would give academic choices to families otherwise trapped.

The fact that youngsters in predominantly Black or Hispanic neighborhoods often are forced to attend schools that perform far below the national average is a form of systemic racism.

Another form of racism is interpersonal. For example, in her book “Becoming,” Michelle Obama writes about the mother of one of her white roommates being so appalled that her daughter was assigned a Black roommate that she hectoring university administrators until her daughter was moved to a different room.

Along those lines, I remember that my college roommate Danny and I were proud uncles. We both had pictures of our young nieces framed above our desks. My niece was about 3 and his was 1.

I can't count the number of times, a white person came into our room and saw the picture above his desk and said, “Oh my God, he's got a kid.” Never once did anyone look at my desk and say, “Is that your daughter, Scott?”

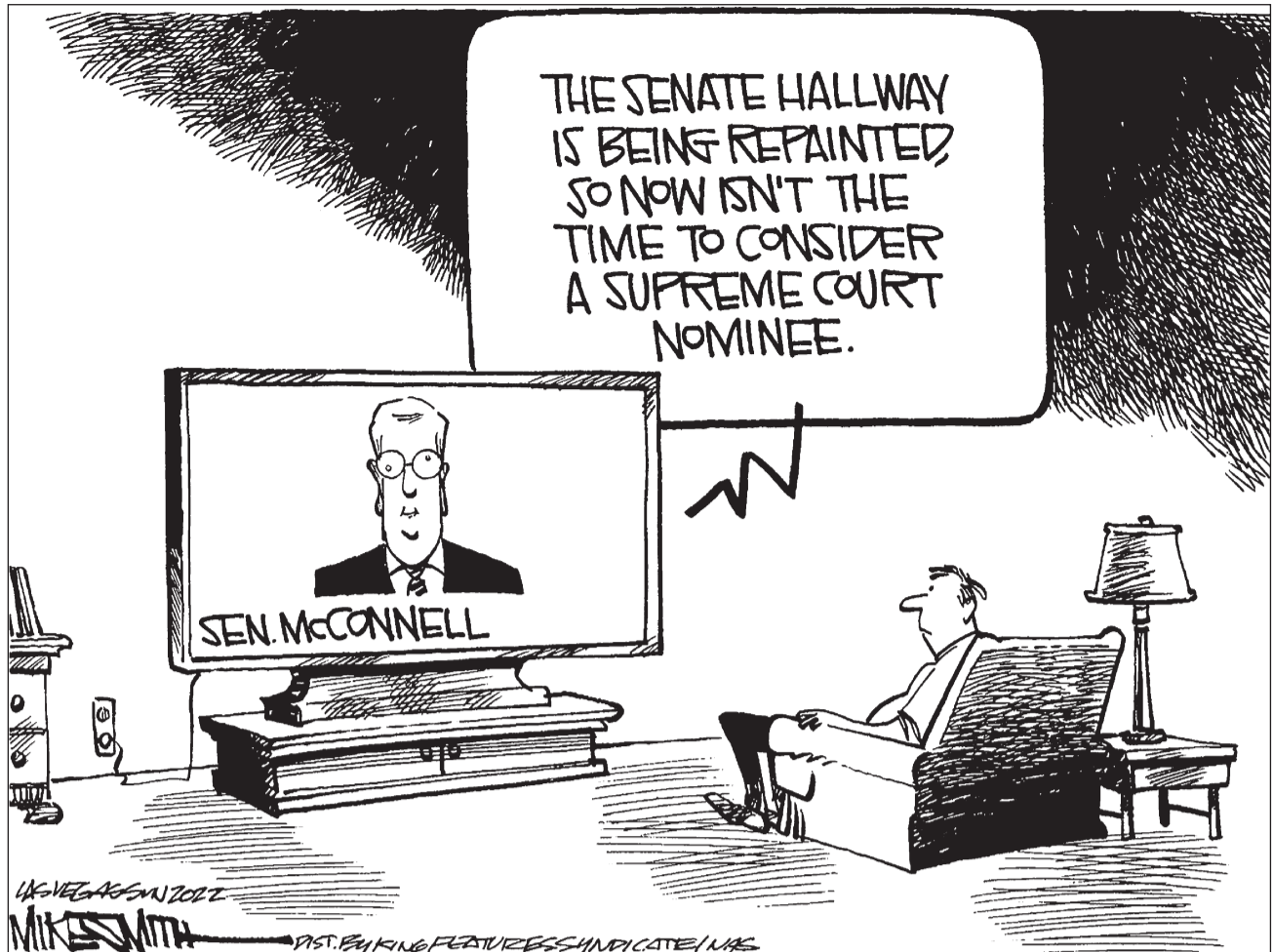
A recent New Yorker article noted that Harvard has more students from families in the top 1% of wealth than in the bottom 60%. And yet this is the university fighting all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court for greater “diversity.”

How about economic diversity? Why not admit more kids from the middle and working classes and fewer from ultra-wealthy families? Strange, I haven't heard any groundswell among college administrators to do that.

To be honest, I don't have a ready opinion on how the Supreme Court should finesse the issue of racial preferences this year. It's a terribly divisive issue.

But something most Americans can agree upon is that a group not needing extra help getting into college is the children of the wealthiest 1 percent. It makes little sense to cut a break to someone because of the size of their parents' pocketbooks.

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



Savings & Loan celebrates 50th – 1976

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Feb. 7, 2001.)

By Jessica Nashold

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, Mendota Savings & Loan held an open house on Feb. 6, 1976, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A supplement to The Mendota Reporter on that date included a history of the business, starting with its founding in 1926 by 10 Mendota businessmen, as Mendota Building & Loan Association. They were K.W. Pohl, B. Harry Reck, Walcott Van Etten, O.J. Ellingen, R.E. Hall, Robert Allen, R.N. Crawford, Fim Murra, John W. Dubbs and Dr. A.C. McIntyre.

Mendota Building & Loan began operations on Feb. 3, 1976.

The supplement carried pictures of two houses for which Building & Loan provided mortgages in the first year – the Wennmacher house at 702 Second Ave. and the George Anderson residence at 1107 Fourth St.

The Building & Loan name was changed to Mendota Savings & Loan and after the National Bank of Mendota moved to a new building, Savings & Loan took over the former bank building at the corner of Washington Street and Illinois Avenue.

At the time of the 50th anniversary, Tom Merwin was manager. His office staff was comprised of his wife, Helen, Sheila Jenkins and Mary Chapman. The Savings & Loan Board in 1976 was made up of G.A. Prescott, president since 1951, W.P. Yenerich, R.L. Shotliff, Julius Schaller, Paul Hilst and Tom Merwin.

The open house was attended by 450. Prizes of \$25 savings accounts were won by Paul D. Schmitz, Debra Braddy, Mrs. Norbert Wagner and Art Yenerich.

The Kanteen asked the city council to resume its financial assistance to the youth center of \$100 per month. It had been discontinued because of the behavior of young people who congregated outside the Kanteen building. Treasurer Carl Miller reported that for the year

1975, expenses were \$4,217.18 while income had totaled \$1,977.22.

Although Mendota's Bicentennial parade was scheduled to be held on Aug. 15, 1976, during the Sweet Corn Festival, plans were already underway. The Chamber of Commerce accepted a February proposal from Mid-America Drum & Bugle Corps to furnish six different marching units for the parade.

Chamber president Mike O'Connor and Dave Westerman, chairman of the festival, were seeking volunteers to serve on committees for the many events planned in connection with the combined Bicentennial and Sweet Corn Festival.

After hearing recommendations by Lyle Pendarvis, agriculture instructor at MHS, the high school board approved changes in the curriculum for the Ag Department. In the new program, agriculture students would take one semester of Basic Production followed by a course in Agri-Business the second semester. On this foundation, students could then sign up for courses in Agriculture Mechanics, Beef, Dairy & Genetics, and Farm Management, as well as Soils & Crops, if they had missed the semester on Basic Production.

These changes would supply training for students interested in a career in agriculture, not necessarily on the farm.

With a referendum scheduled for Feb. 24, 1976, on two bond issues, The Reporter's Mike O'Connor conducted interviews to clarify points of interest for voters to consider in making a decision.

One of the bond issues was to approve \$375,000 for purchase of 139 acres of land at \$2,700 per acre. This was needed to carry out the prescribed flood control measures. Harold Foster, who had been involved with the flood control project for 15 years, answered questions about steps already taken and those to come. Ald. Marjorie Carroll, chairman of the Public Buildings & Grounds committee, responded to

questions about the recreational aspect of a new lake and a park extending to the Lake Mendota area.

The second bond issue was for \$190,000 to remodel the Hume building on North Main Street to provide council chambers, the city clerk's office and records, and the police department, including the jail. Interviews for this segment were again with Ald. Carroll in her capacity as chairman of the Public Buildings & Grounds, also with Mayor Murray Reeser and Police Chief Irvin McDougall.

In addition to recounting the failings of the existing municipal building, those interviewed gave details of what the renovation would accomplish.

When put to the vote on Feb. 24, 1976, both issues were approved. For the floor control issue, 233-135, for the municipal building renovation, 222-145.

Mendota High School custodian Harry Schultz found it necessary to place locks on the boys' second floor restroom door. An unknown student, sitting in a sink, had pulled it from the wall, causing considerable damage. Then, a similar incident to the girls' restroom resulted in broken pipes, putting this room under lock, as well. The report of these incidents in the Tattler was signed “Trojan Tattler staff.”

Shirley Roloff's fourth grade health class enjoyed a field trip to the water treatment plant. Charles McLaughlin, superintendent of the water department, met the group at Conco well #4 and explained the system to them.

Ben Sutton returned to Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y., following an externship as assistant to the food service manager at John L. Logan College in Carterville, Ill. After graduating from Culinary Institute, he planned to specialize in sauces, soups and stocks at restaurants.

SIDETRACK – Sutton for a time operated a restaurant in Mendota called Le Bistro at 1206 13th Ave.

Biden can't embrace COVID normality

By Rich Lowry

Joe Biden was the candidate of normality who hasn't been able to deliver it, particularly on the pandemic.

This is not entirely his fault, obviously. He didn't create the delta and omicron surges, nor did he -- or most anyone else -- foresee that the vaccines wouldn't prevent infections as advertised.

On COVID, though, as on much else, he has been trapped by a commitment to his political base and by a reflexive opposition to everything associated with Donald Trump into an endless emergency posture that isn't wearing well with time.

Everyone agrees now -- after the flameouts of initial efforts to pass Build Back Better and of the attempt to trash the Senate filibuster -- that Biden needs a political reset. His looming Supreme Court pick will presumably provide a much-needed win, but is unlikely to move the needle much. It's on the pandemic that Biden has, in theory, an opportunity to change course in a significant way.

By more fully embracing an approach geared to living with COVID and returning to normality, Biden could usefully play against type, align himself with shifting public opinion, and acknowledge the reality of the third year of the pandemic when vaccines and boosters are easily available to anyone who wants them.

Even the thought of such a tack would, once upon a time, have elicited charges of intolerable recklessness. In certain quarters, it still does. But the public is moving in this direction. A new Monmouth poll found that 70% of the public agrees with the statement that “it's time we accept that COVID is here to stay and we just need to get on with our lives.”

Unsurprisingly, 89% of Republicans agree with that view. But so do 71% of independents and nearly half of Democrats.

An NBC News poll on the schools found the same kind of partisan splits. According to the survey, 65% of people were most worried about kids falling behind academically and only 30% most worried about stopping the spread of COVID. Again, Republicans and independents were strongly

on one side -- 87% and 66% most worried lost learning -- and Democrats divided, with 43% worried about kids losing academic ground.

In a big Kaiser Family Foundation survey, 51% of Democrats described the pandemic as the biggest problem facing the country, whereas only 28% of independents did and 19% of Republicans.

This suggests that the response to COVID is beginning to become a wedge issue -- Democrats can play to their base, which is most invested in maintaining restrictions, only at the risk of alienating the broader electorate.

Biden, whose handling of COVID is less and less popular, shows signs of being conflicted. The White House counseled against panic at the outset of the omicron surge, and even talked of a declaration of independence from the virus last summer. But the president hasn't been able to make it unmistakable that he thinks we've entered a new phase in the pandemic. As the heterodox center-left writer Matthew Yglesias points out, the Biden administration may believe that it has embraced normality but what it's really done is only make “the most extreme public health people mad at them.”

If the administration wants to make a statement, it could decisively turn against the teacher unions on the issue of keeping schools open, siding with parents and kids over a Democratic interest group. It could relax its indefensibly sweeping guidance on school masking and instantly pave the way for local school districts to lift their mandates. It could end the federal mask mandates on travel.

But any of these mandates would mean crossing progressives; enduring the scolding of one-dimensional public-health experts; and courting comparisons to Donald Trump, or even worse, Glenn Youngkin and Ron DeSantis.

And so President Biden, as conditions change, can't change with them, putting normality on indefinite hold.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

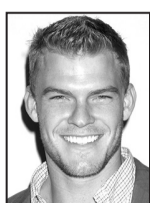
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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I saw that they are turning my favorite novels ("Jack Reacher") into a TV show. However, wasn't there a movie first? I never saw it because Tom Cruise seemed miscast in the role, but I'm willing to give the series a chance if the actor fits the part better. -- **E.K.**



A. Ritchson

A: When Tom Cruise was cast as Jack Reacher a decade ago in the movie of the same title, fans of the novels balked. Isn't Jack Reacher 6 feet 5, they asked? Even Lee Child, the author of the novels, expressed concern that the 5-foot-7 Cruise wasn't what he envisioned. The movie did well enough to justify a sequel four years later, and in 2018 a deal was signed to take the character in a new direction in the form of a series. According to TV Guide, Reacher "is fond of staring down his adversaries and letting his imposing frame do the intimidating." Actor Alan Ritchson will now assume the big shoes of Reacher. DC Universe fans

might recognize him as Arthur Curry/Aquaman in the "Smallville" series and as Hank Hall/Hawk in "Titans." "Reacher" will premiere on Amazon's Prime Video beginning Feb. 4 and co-stars Willa Fitzgerald ("Younger") and Malcolm Goodwin ("iZombie").

As for Cruise, don't worry, he's still gainfully employed. He's filming his eighth "Mission Impossible" film and has the sequel to "Top Gun" ("Top Gun: Maverick") due out soon. ***

Q: Whatever happened to Bridget Fonda? I loved her in "Point of No Return" and "Singles" back in the 1990s, but she seems to have disappeared. -- **D.J.**

A: The daughter of Peter Fonda and niece of Jane Fonda, Bridget Fonda was the It Girl of the '90s. In addition to the movies you named, she starred in "Single White Female," "Lake Placid" and "A Simple Plan," among others. She had a handful of credits through the early 2000s, but that was it. She then married Oscar-winning composer Danny Elfman and has remained out of the spotlight. ***

Q: When did Rob Lowe start acting? The first time I saw him was in the movie "The Outsiders," but my sister swears that he was a child actor before then. -- **C.I.**

A: Rob Lowe was born in Virginia to a schoolteacher mother and an attorney father. While he wasn't a child actor during his elementary grade years, he did earn his first television acting credit at the age of 15 with the sitcom "A New Kind of Family," followed by acting roles in a couple of ABC Afterschool Specials. "The Outsiders" is where his heartthrob status began and really has never stopped. (He looks amazing at the age of 57!)

He branched out into comedy with the Austin Powers movies and returned to television drama in Aaron Sorkin's "The West Wing." He's hinted that his favorite role was playing health nut Chris Traeger in the NBC comedy "Parks & Recreation." You can catch Rob in the hit "9-1-1: Lone Star," which airs on Monday nights on Fox.

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

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD--Picture movie executives are wondering what they can come up with to get people back into movie theaters. Well, desperate times demand desperate measures. In order to get people back into seats in big-screen movie houses, producers and directors are now demanding their leading men bare all ... and we do mean ALL, including frontal nudity!

Bradley Cooper, age 47, agreed to do it for Oscar-winning director Guillermo del Toro for "Nightmare Alley." Cooper said, "In order to do it in a real way, it demanded I'd be naked ... full frontal and partially backside. I had to do that scene the first day Toni Collette worked."

Cooper's not alone in baring all. Benedict Cumberbatch, 45, has a full-frontal scene in "The Power of the Dog," for which he'll probably be up for an Oscar, and 47-year-old Simon Rex did it for the comedy-drama "Red Rocket," which cost \$1 million and only grossed \$1,024,049. But Alexander

Skarsgard beat them all by doing full frontal in HBO's "True Blood" in 2013 at 37 and again in HBO's "Big Little Lies" in 2017 at 41. ***

George Clooney and Julia Roberts have appeared in at least five films together -- "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" (2001), "Ocean's Eleven" (2001), "Ocean's Twelve" (2004), "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) and "Money Monster" (2016) -- and were trying to replicate their magic-making again in another film, "Ticket to Paradise." In it, they play divorced parents rushing to Bali to stop their teenage daughter from jumping into an unwise marriage, like they did.

They were shooting in Australia until the latest outbreak of COVID-19 forced the production to shut down, and they returned to the U.S to wait out the three months

until it resumes. Universal Pictures is optimistic that they'll return Down Under in time to complete filming in time for the new release date, Oct. 21, pushed back from Sept. 30. ***

Boy, has Harry Potter come of age! Daniel Radcliffe's taken on some far-out roles, not the least of which is three seasons of "Miracle Workers," which premiered in 2019 and has been renewed for a fourth season. Now he'll play the title role in "Weird: The Al Yankovic Story." Weird Al had big hit comedy parodies of the Michael Jackson blockbuster "Beat It," called "Eat It," and Madonna's show-stopping "Like a Virgin," called "Like a Surgeon." His string of hits made him the biggest-selling comedy recording artist of all time and won him five Grammy awards. They promise the film will feature tales of torrid celebrity love affairs and a famously depraved lifestyle. We'll next see Radcliffe in "The Lost City," with Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum, premiering March 25.



Radcliffe

Couch Theater

"The Tinder Swindler" -- If you're the type of viewer who often yells at the television "Grrrrr, you in trouble now!" then buckle up for this one! This true crime documentary follows the intricately woven story of multiple women who all fell for the same man they met on the dating app Tinder. After much wooing, globe-trotting, wining and dining came the sudden desperate demands for thousands of dollars as Mr. Wonderful claimed to be in dire danger for his life. After some of the conned women eventually find each other, they pool their collective anger and seek revenge on the playboy shyster. (Netflix)

"Backyard Bar Wars" -- Ever since "This Old House," Americans have been in a decades-long love affair with home renovation shows. This latest offering to the genre is hosted by comedian Chris Distefano (formerly of MTV's "Guy Code") and originally aired on TruTV, but is now in wider distribution. In it, two homeowners

compete against each other for bragging rights based on who can create the dopest home pub in one week. The fun and sometimes over-the-top designs are a nice change from the shiplap-heavy, neutral-grey-everything of so many other reno shows. (HBOMax)

"Book of Love" (PG-13) -- Man writes book, book fizzles except in Mexico. Man goes to Mexico on book tour, wonders why there's such passion for his arrival. Man discovers woman hired to translate book into Spanish took creative liberties and rewrote book ("just the boring parts"). Man gets mad. Woman makes man see he didn't know what he was writing about in the first place. Man and woman may or may not then fall in love. An Amazon original movie, the plot is an interesting twist on the themes of finding your passion in life and finding connection with people you think are all wrong for you. Starring Sam Claflin and Veronica Echegui. (Prime Video)

"The New Air Force One:

Flying Fortress" -- The current two Air Force One presidential jets having been in service for over 30 years, so updated versions are now under construction by Boeing. This NatGeo documentary allows us glimpses at the new design and all the unique features, technology, and personnel that make it the world's most secure and top-secret command center. (Disney+)

"The In Between" (PG-13) -- As a former teenage girl, I can verify that teenage girls tend to think most everything is a sign. And as that former teenager, I definitely identify with main character of this supernatural romance flick. Tessa is a 16-year-old girl who survives a car crash but loses her boyfriend, Skylar, in it. Soon after physically recovering, she begins to experience unexplained feelings, movements and voices. A friend suggests these happenings are Skylar reaching out to her from some type of purgatory because he has unfinished business to complete with her. (Paramount+)

Trivia Test

1. MYTHOLOGY: In Roman mythology, Cupid is the god of love. What's the name of the Greek god of love?
2. MOVIES: Which movie series features a character named Inspector Clouseau?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the basic currency used in Greenland?
4. HISTORY: What was the first toy to be advertised on U.S. television?
5. MEASUREMENTS: What is the unit of measurement used to gauge the speed and direction of a computer mouse?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. territory's unofficial slogan is "Where America's Day Begins"?
7. TELEVISION: What is the longest running scripted TV series?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which

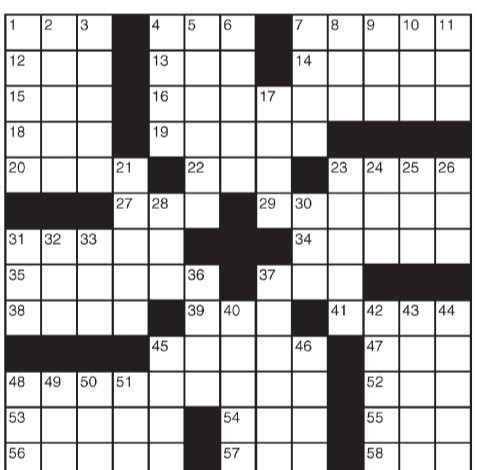
- president campaigned for election with the slogan "Happy Days Are Here Again"?
9. LANGUAGE: In British English, what is a windcheater?
 10. ANATOMY: What part of the human brain controls hunger?

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- 18 Guitar's kin
- 19 Symbol of freshness
- 20 Lancaster or Reynolds
- 22 "Blue Bloods" ailer
- 23 Fly high
- 27 Flamenco cheer
- 29 Oliver Twist, for one
- 31 French composer Gabriel
- 34 Hilo hello
- 35 Snowman's nose
- 37 Links org.
- 38 Prop for Dr. House
- 39 Devilish laugh
- 41 Body powder
- 45 "I'm with you!"
- 47 Meadow
- 48 Pennsylvania city
- 52 Conditions
- 53 Boredom
- 54 Kimono sash
- 55 Packed away
- 56 "The Dapper Don"
- 57 Fixed
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- 1 "Shoo!" org.
- 9 Acapulco gold
- 10 Gullet
- 11 Capitol Hill VIP
- 17 Old U.S. gas brand
- 21 Baseball manager Joe
- 23 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 24 Discoverer's call
- 25 Satisfied sigh
- 26 Genetic letters
- 28 Summer sign
- 30 Cleaning cloth
- 31 TV watchdog
- 32 Small battery
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 36 Biblical pronoun
- 37 "Friends" role
- 40 Community spirit
- 42 Fake name
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by Linda Thistle

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BRIDAL GUIDE

Factors to consider in a wedding day timeline

The notion that “timing is everything” is applicable in many situations, perhaps none more so than on a couple’s wedding day. Many couples spend months, if not years, planning their weddings in the hopes that all that hard work will ultimately result in a day they will cherish forever.

The sheer volume of things to do on a wedding day can make couples feel overwhelmed. Those feelings can be overcome by emphasizing timing on the day of the wedding. Wedding day timelines will differ depending on variables that are unique to each couple’s wedding, but the following are some factors to consider as couples organize the big day.

- **Venue(s):** The schedule couples adhere to on their wedding day will be greatly affected by their choice of venue. Does the venue have somewhere on premises for the couple and their party to get ready? Are the ceremony and reception being held at the same venue? Before creating a timeline, consider the location of the ceremony and reception venue(s) and the accommodations each provides. Getting to and from multiple facilities won’t be an issue if couples choose a multipurpose venue where they can get ready, tie the knot and dance the night away all in one place. Couples who will be moving from venue to venue throughout the day must build the time it takes them and their party to get about into their timelines.

- **Wedding party:** The size of the wedding party also bears consideration when planning a wedding day timeline. Large parties will require more time to get ready, and that should be factored into couples’ timelines. Large parties also may be harder to corral and transport from place to place, so couples should build some extra time into their timelines to account for that. Small wedding parties can be easier to manage, so couples with small parties may be able to begin their timelines a little later in the day than those with large wedding parties.

- **Weather:** Weather is the most unpredictable variable couples need to plan for on their wedding days. As the wedding day approaches, couples can monitor the day’s forecast and then make any necessary changes to account for inclement weather. Getting around in a rainstorm will likely take longer than moving about on a sunny day, so some minor tweaks to the timeline may be necessary if storms or another type of inclement weather is in the forecast.

Couples can access wedding day timeline templates on various websites. But it’s important that couples remember that their weddings are unique, so online guidelines might not be realistic. A careful consideration of a handful of variables specific to couples’ weddings can help them craft timelines that make their big day go smoothly.

4 tips for finding the right wedding venue

Wedding planning requires couples to make many decisions, including where the wedding will take place.

A couple’s wedding day is typically broken into two parts: the ceremony comes first, and the reception follows soon after. Depending on couples’ preferences and religious beliefs, ceremonies may take place at a house of worship or another location that is separate from the reception venue. In some instances, couples may choose one location for both the ceremony and the party to follow. Wedding venues are where the bulk of the day will unfold, and couples can consider these four tips to find a venue that suits their needs.

1. Consider your theme and wedding style. Most couples know which sentiments they want to convey during their weddings. The venue should match the theme so the entire wedding will feel connected to the space. A modern wedding, for example, will be at home in an art gallery or warehouse. A wedding with natural elements may work better on a ranch or in a botanical garden. Zeroing in on the wedding style helps narrow down potential venue options.

2. Assess the budget. A couple may find what seems to be the perfect venue, only to realize that the cost of the space doesn’t fit their budget. Ampersand Travel says the venue accounts for the most significant wedding expense, at an average cost of \$9,000. Finding a venue that will maximize dollars spent involves looking at what is included. Rentals for chairs, linens, lighting, a dance floor,

and other extras can quickly add up. Couples should have a set limit they’re willing to spend on the venue and let that dictate the location.

3. Availability of the location. When a couple wants to get married, so venues will book up quickly during that time of year. Those who have their hearts set on specific days will have to begin the search earlier than couples with no attachment to a particular date. Concessions may need to be made if a certain date is a must.

4. Estimate the size of your guest list. Price, date and style will factor into wedding venues, but the number of guests also is a major consideration. A trendy restaurant may seem like the perfect locale, but it must be able to accommodate everyone on the guest list. Couples should sit down with their families and come up with a list of potential guests and look for a venue that can accommodate everyone.

Couples also should visit potential venues in person to see which, if any, details might be missing from online or magazine advertisements. A host of factors, including accessibility, should be considered when looking for a venue.

Finding the right venue requires careful consideration of various factors that are unique to each couple.



A host of factors, including accessibility, should be considered when looking for a venue.



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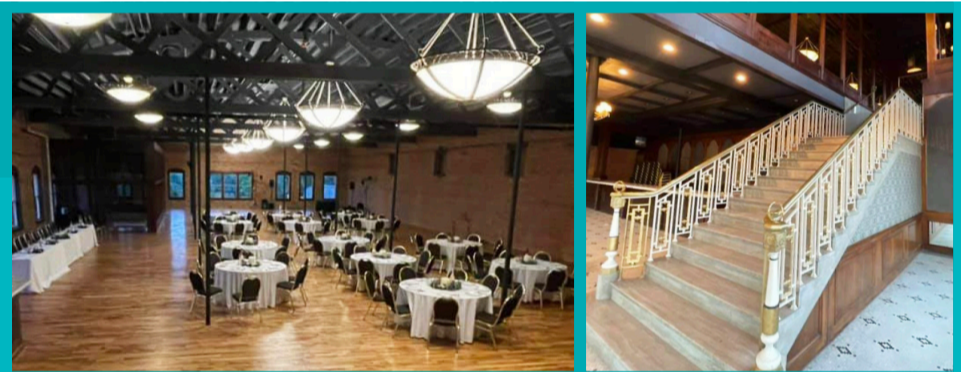
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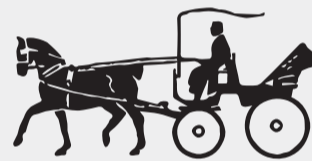
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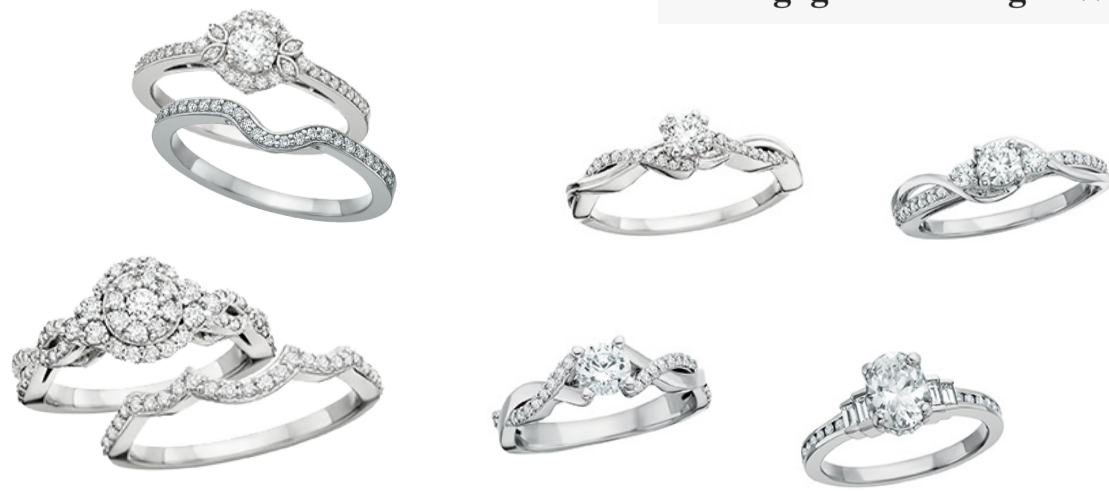
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THE BACK PAGE



Oh, go play in the snow (part 2)
 After a January 2022 snowfall, Sawyer and Watson DeMars, above, play in a snow bank in Cottage Grove, Minn. Sawyer, 4, and Watson, 2 ½, are the sons of Adam and Alxee DeMars of Cottage Grove, and the great-grandsons of Fred Bell of Mendota. Below, Bell, who grew up in Oneida, N.Y., is parked in a snowbank with his brother, Herbert, in Oneida in March 1941, while waiting for their dad who was in the post office. Fred was 2 ½ at the time and Herbert was 4, the same ages as Fred's great-grandsons in the Minnesota snowbank. (Photos contributed)



POLICE BLOTTER

LEAVING SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
 Mark J. McConville 23, of Arlington, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident after police officers investigated a hit and run accident near the intersection of 13th Avenue and U.S. 52 at 11:07 p.m. Feb. 4. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
 Jennefer A. Jackson, 30, of 1103 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers were called to a domestic disturbance near the intersection of Sixth Street and 11th Avenue at 3:06 a.m. Feb. 5. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
 Juan P. Santizo Aranda, 28, of 205 Sandra Ave., Apt. L2, Mendota, was charged

with domestic battery after police officers were called to a domestic disturbance near the intersection of 15th Street and Stroble Avenue at 3:45 a.m. Feb. 5. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

BATTERY
 Debbra L. King, 51, of LaSalle, was charged with battery after police officers were called to a disturbance near the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Second Street at 6:25 p.m. Feb. 5. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
 Robert A. Kordick, 38, of 205 Sandra Ave., Apt. E2, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Main and Meriden streets at 2:54 a.m. Feb. 6. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

• Snowmobile routes •

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 - Seventh Street to Front Street
 - Front Street north from Seventh to Eighth streets
 - Eighth Street west crossing BNSF railroad tracks
 - 15th Street from First Avenue west to Lincoln Avenue
 - Lincoln Avenue from 15th Street south to 12th Street
 - 12th Street from Lincoln Avenue west to E. Main Street
 - E. Main Street from 12th Street north to Illinois Route 251
 - Third Street from W. Seventh Avenue west to 12th Avenue
 - 12th Avenue from Third Street south to Second Street
 - Second Street from 12th Avenue west to 14th Avenue
 - 14th Avenue from Second Street south to Division Street
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SPORTS



Mendota's Paige Manning battles for a rebound with Alaina Wasilewski of Bureau Valley on Feb. 5 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

MHS girls post solid win over Bureau Valley

□ Kewanee holds off Lady Trojan rally

The Mendota Lady Trojans dug themselves an early hole and never recovered in a 52-39 loss to Kewanee in Three Rivers Conference action on Feb. 3 at Kewanee.

Kewanee fired in three three-pointers on its way to a 17-point first quarter while Mendota only managed five points in the stanza. The Lady Trojans were able to cut the deficit down to single digits at the half (21-14), and got within five points in the third period, but they couldn't get any closer.

"We played better than the final score," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "Free throws hurt and Kewanee hit a bunch of big shots."

The Lady Trojans went to the charity stripe 16 times and only converted four.

Reanna Brant paced Mendota with 19 points and 14 rebounds, while Katie Jenner had seven points and six caroms. Naitzy Garcia also had six rebounds, Kya Delao had three steals and

Natalie Bodmer handed out three assists.

A strong second half propelled Mendota to a 38-26 conference win over Bureau Valley on Feb. 5 at the MHS gym.

The Lady Trojans were up 15-14 at the half, but came out with a solid third quarter. Mendota scored a flurry of baskets down low to pull out to a 25-16 lead three minutes into the third quarter and led 28-19 after three.

Brant, who was held scoreless in the first half, erupted for eight points in the third period and added five more in the fourth to finish with a team-high 13. Paige Manning dropped in 10 tallies for the Lady Trojans, who are 4-18 overall and 3-7 in league games.

Bureau Valley claimed a 33-17 win in the sophomore game. Cassie Gonzalez led Mendota with eight points and Grace Wasmer added six.

KEWANEE 52, MENDOTA 39				
Mendota (39)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Jenner	3	1-4	6	7
K. Delao	0	0-2	2	0
Bodmer	1	0-0	1	2
Manning	2	0-2	5	5
Brant	8	3-4	14	19
F. Delao	1	0-0	0	2
Stewart	0	0-0	1	0
Garcia	2	0-4	6	4
Totals	17	4-16	35	39

MENDOTA 38, BUREAU VALLEY 26				
Bureau Valley (26)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Salisbury	3	4-6	2	10
Nordstrom	1	1-3	3	3
Marquez	0	0-1	1	0
Etheridge	2	0-1	1	4
Neuhalfen	0	0-0	4	0
Balensiefen	2	0-0	0	5
Cady	1	0-0	0	2
Stabler	0	0-0	1	0
Kerber	1	0-0	4	2
Totals	10	5-11	16	26

Kewanee (52)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Eggmann	6	1-2	1	16
Kelly	3	1-2	2	7
Stevens	3	3-3	0	9
Rodgers	1	0-0	2	2
McLean-Garcia	3	0-2	0	6
Rodgers	0	0-0	1	0
Crafton	4	2-2	4	11
Smith	0	1-2	0	1
Totals	20	8-13	10	52

Mendota (38)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Jenner	1	1-2	1	3
K. Delao	1	1-6	3	3
Salinas	0	0-0	1	0
Manning	5	0-2	4	10
Brant	6	1-4	2	13
Zinke	1	0-0	0	2
Bodmer	1	0-0	2	2
Tolentino	1	0-0	0	2
Garcia	1	1-2	1	3
Totals	17	4-16	14	38

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	
Mendota	5	14	22	39
Kewanee	17	21	33	52

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	
Bureau Valley	8	14	19	26
Mendota	11	15	28	38

Three-point goals: Mendota - Manning 1; Kewanee - Eggmann 3, Crafton 1

Three-point goals: Bureau Valley - Balensiefen 1

Girls open regional at Wheaton Academy

□ Lady Trojans traveling to West Chicago for first-round game on Feb. 12

SOMONAUK – The Mendota Lady Trojans will participate in the Somonauk Class 2A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament to be held Feb. 12, 14, 17.

Two games will be played on Saturday, Feb. 12, both at the schools of the higher seeds. Mendota will travel to West Chicago (Wheaton Academy) for a 7 p.m. tip-off and Sandwich will make the short trek to Somonauk.

The winners of the Feb. 12 games will advance to the semifinal round on Monday, Feb. 14 at Somonauk.

Elgin St. Edward will await the Somonauk-Sandwich winner for a 6 p.m. contest, while Aurora Central Catholic will take on either Mendota or Wheaton Academy at 7:30 p.m.

The championship game is slated for Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

The winner of the Somonauk Regional will move on to the Johnsbury Sectional to meet the champion of the Oregon Regional on Tuesday, Feb. 22. The other sectional participants will come from the Woodstock Marian and Rockford Lutheran regionals.

Somonauk Class 2A Girls' Regional Saturday, Feb. 12

1 – (9) Sandwich at (7) Somonauk [Coop] – TBA

2 – (12) Mendota at (6) West Chicago (Wheaton Academy) – 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 14

3 – (2) Elgin (St. Edward) vs. Winner Game 1 – 6 p.m.

4 – (3) Aurora (Central Catholic) vs. Winner Game 2 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17

5 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 – 7 p.m. (championship)

Trojans give up double-digit lead in league loss to Princeton

□ MHS falls twice to Princeton, once to Sterling Newman

Mendota and Sterling Newman played a tight game for three quarters before the Comets pulled away in the fourth for a 56-50 Three Rivers Conference decision over the Trojans on Feb. 1 at the MHS gym.

Newman held a two-point lead (14-12) after the opening stanza and then Mendota took a 28-27 margin to intermission. The Comets made up that one-point deficit to knot the score at 43-all heading to the fourth frame, where Newman outscored the Trojans, 13-7, to pull out the victory.

Isaac Guzman and Rafael Romero each had 12 points to top the Trojan scoring chart, while Krew Bond finished with nine points and Emilio Perez added eight.

Each team connected on 22 field goals, but Newman made it to the free throw line 16 times and converted 10, while the Trojans were just two of two from the stripe.

A fast start carried Princeton to a 66-35 win over Mendota in a league contest on Feb. 4 at Princeton.

The Trojans fell behind 19-7 after the first quarter, and while they heated up in the second period, they still trailed 36-20 at the break. Mendota managed only 15 second-half points compared to 27 for the Tigers.

Bond had 16 points to pace the Trojans, while Romero and Nanez chipped in with eight and six points, respectively.

PRINCETON 63, MENDOTA 35

Mendota (35)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	0	1-2	1	1
Bond	7	1-4	1	16
Landgraf	0	0-0	2	0
Romero	4	0-2	2	8
Perez	0	0-0	1	0
Nanez	2	0-0	2	6
Stamberger	1	0-0	1	2
R. Strouss	1	0-0	2	2
Rocha	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	15	2-8	13	35

Princeton (63)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Davis	4	3-4	3	11
Dressler	3	0-0	2	8
Byers	0	0-1	0	0
Thompson	8	2-2	1	20
Rosario	1	1-2	1	3
Scaggs	2	0-0	0	5
Williams	0	1-2	1	1
Monroe	7	0-0	3	15
Wallace	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	25	7-11	12	63

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	
Newman	14	27	43	56
Mendota	12	28	43	50

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	
Mendota	7	20	29	35
Princeton	19	36	51	63

Mendota couldn't stand prosperity as Princeton rallied from a big deficit to down the Trojans, 55-48, in conference play on Feb. 7 at the MHS gym.

Unlike three nights before, the Trojans were the ones in control as they went from an 11-10 first-quarter lead to a 34-21 halftime advantage. Princeton closed the gap after three frames, but Mendota still carried a 41-33 lead to the final frame. But in those final eight minutes, the Tigers erupted for 22 points and Mendota could only muster seven. Princeton went to the free throw line 19 times in the fourth quarter and converted 14.

Bond dropped in 17 points for the Trojans (5-18, 2-7) and Romero provided eight tallies.

PRINCETON 55, MENDOTA 48

Princeton (55)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Davis	5	6-9	3	16
Dressler	1	3-4	4	5
Thompson	5	6-10	2	16
Williams	0	0-2	0	0
Monroe	6	3-5	2	16
Byers	0	0-1	1	0
Rosario	0	0-1	2	0
Scaggs	1	0-0	1	2
Totals	18	18-32	15	55

Mendota (48)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	2	0-0	2	6
Bond	5	5-8	2	17
Perez	0	0-0	1	0
Romero	4	0-2	5	8
Nanez	3	0-0	5	6
R. Strouss	1	3-4	4	5
Landgraf	2	2-4	3	6
Totals	17	10-18	22	48

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	
Princeton	10	21	33	55
Mendota	11	34	41	48



Mendota's Isaac Guzman tries to cut off the path to the basket of Princeton's Teegan Davis on Feb. 4 at Princeton. (Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican)

SPORTS

Wrestling season ends at regional

SANDWICH – The wrestling season came to a close for the Mendota Trojans after participating in the Sandwich Class 1A Regional on Feb. 5.

Mendota had four wrestlers in the competition. Cadence Thornton at 113 pounds and Rhett Watson at 132 pounds both finished in fourth place. The top three wrestlers in each weight class advance to the sectional.

Thornton lost both of her matches, while Watson finished with a 1-2 record. He pinned Caleb Fast of Elgin Harvest Christian Academy at the 2:45 mark of their first-round match.

Also competing for Mendota were Jose Hermosillo at 138 pounds and Lea Turner at 152 pounds. They dropped both of their matches.

Feb. 5 - Sandwich Regional
Sandwich 239.5, Wheaton Academy 152, Plano 125, St. Bede 83, Mooseheart

63, Amboy 30, Somonauk 29, Aurora Central Catholic 28, Elgin Harvest Christian Academy 18, Mendota 12

113 pounds – Mason Smith (Somonauk) pinned Cadence Thornton (Mendota), 0:34; Vince Hefke (Aurora Central Catholic) pinned Thornton (Mendota), 0:20

132 pounds – Rhett Watson (Mendota) pinned Caleb Fast (Harvest Christian Academy), 2:45; Evan Fraser (Sandwich) pinned Watson (Mendota), 0:39; Daniel Kersey (Wheaton Academy) dec. Watson (Mendota), 14-1

138 pounds – Garrett Connelly (St. Bede) pinned Jose Hermosillo (Mendota), 2:23; Will Anliker (Wheaton Academy) pinned Hermosillo (Mendota), 3:31

152 pounds – Caden Smith (Wheaton Academy) pinned Lea Turner (Mendota), 0:32; Jack Maschmann (St. Bede) pinned Turner (Mendota), 5:19



Mendota's Natalie Bodmer slides around Jennifer Etheridge of Bureau Valley on her way to the basket on Feb. 5 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

IHSA adopts 1-32 seeding in football playoffs; discusses future direction of 8-man football

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 7.

The Board approved 1-32 playoff seeding in the Class 1A through Class 6A football playoffs. Class 7A and Class 8A were previously seeded 1-32.

At each meeting of the Board of Directors, there

are certain items the Board discusses, but upon which no action is taken, or that action may not be required.

The Board also discussed the future of 8-man football and an IHSA playoff for the sport. The IHSA Football Advisory Committee recommended that the IHSA begin an 8-man football playoff and state championship in 2023. The Board is generally sup-

portive of that idea, but did not officially act on it. The Board has requested more details from the advisory committee and IHSA staff on an IHSA 8-man football state series prior to any action, including playoff qualifier numbers, a playoff schedule, number of classes, and school enrollment limitations for participating in 8-man.

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High team game (hdcp) – Bad Kats 971, Sports-N-Stuff 939, Leagal Beagles 909

High team series (scratch)

– Sports-N-Stuff 2106, Leagal Beagles 1956, Mendota Agri-Products 1870

High team series (hdcp) – Bad Kats 2787, Sports-N-Stuff 2784, Ramer Inc. 2699

Men's high game (scratch) – Matt Ramer 246, Ron Westphal 237, Mike Smith 226

Men's high game (hdcp) – Aaron Hollocker 275, Matt Ramer 273, Bob Moench Jr. 264

Men's high series (scratch) – Matt Ramer 628, Mike Smith 604, Ron Westphal 597

Men's high series (hdcp) –

Matt Ramer 709, Mike Smith 697, Aaron Hollocker 696

Women's high game (scratch) – Gail Sessler 232, Brenda Westphal 199, Hannah Westphal 194

Women's high game (hdcp) – Gail Sessler 283, Brenda Westphal 276, Dria Kuntz 263

Women's high series (scratch) – Gail Sessler 662, Brenda Westphal 536, Hannah Westphal 532

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Somonauk
Class 2A Regional

<p>Somonauk</p> <p>Game 1 Sat, Feb. 12 @ Somonauk - TBA Sandwich</p>	<p>Winner Game 1</p> <p>Game 3 Mon, Feb. 14 @ 6PM Elgin St. Edward</p>	<p>Winner Game 3</p> <p>Game 5 Thurs., Feb. 17 @ 7PM Championship</p>
<p>West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)</p> <p>Game 2 Sat, Feb. 12 @ West Chicago @ 7PM Mendota</p>	<p>Winner Game 2</p> <p>Game 4 Mon, Feb. 14 @ 7:30PM Aurora Central Catholic</p>	<p>Winner Game 4</p>

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How to pursue peace in every relationship

Relationships are an important part of life. Healthy relationships have the ability to bring us great joy and satisfaction; however, unhealthy ones can make life miserable.

Throughout my life, God's Word has taught me so many great lessons about how to get along with people—something I wasn't very good at for a long time. But the greatest lesson was this: Choose to live in peace with others.

Simply put, it's God's will for us to live in peace and harmony with one another, and His Word offers clear instructions on how to get along with people in our daily lives.

First Peter 3:11 (AMPC) says, "Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]"

Notice that this verse says we can't merely desire peaceful relation-

ships—we have to pursue them!

Now, this doesn't mean we won't ever disagree. People are naturally going to have disagreements, and it's okay to disagree if we can do it respectfully. But we must avoid strife.

What is strife? The dictionary defines strife as "bickering, arguing, a heated disagreement, or an angry undercurrent."

Strife is one of the greatest threats to healthy relationships; it has the ability to destroy marriages, personal relationships and even churches. Like a seed, strife can get planted through something we say or do, then eventually grow to become a major problem.

God's Word tells us that it's the "little foxes" that sneak into the vineyard and spoil all the grapes (see Song of Solomon 2:15). I believe this is true when it comes to strife. Left unchecked, even minor disagreements or frustrations can eventually destroy a relationship.

So, how do we keep

strife out of our relationships? Here are some practical tips:

Maintain a Humble Heart

Where there is contention and strife, there is also pride. That's why it is so important for us to practice humility.

We all like to be right—whether it's an argument about a major issue or something trivial. However, humility insists that we give up our "right to be right."

I can't tell you how many times my husband, Dave, and I wasted time arguing about some insignificant issue. And those times I "won," I really lost, because I damaged our relationship and gave up my peace in the process.

I challenge you to adopt an attitude of humility. If you're having an argument, be the first to make peace or apologize...even if you know you are right! It may be painful in the moment, but it will be well worth it in the end.

Let Love Be Your Guide



Strife isn't just a 21st century problem. The apostle Paul wrote to the early Church, encouraging them to avoid strife and stay away from petty arguments.

In Philippians 2:2 (NIV), he writes, "Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."

Where there is unity, God pours out His blessings (Psalm 133). And Matthew 18:19 tells us there is power in agreement. However, we can't truly agree and walk in unity if there is bitterness, offense, or unforgiveness in our hearts.

I can put a big smile on my face and say all the right things, but if I'm still purposely harboring all sorts of negative thoughts and feelings about someone, I'm not really walking in love or unity. It's not just the outside that matters—what's going on inside is even more important.

First Corinthians 13:5 (AMPC) says that love "is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done

to it." Verse 7 goes on to tell us that love believes the best of every person.

I encourage you to truly love the people in your life. Make a decision to stay unified no matter what tries to get between you. Because, after all, "love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8).

Seek the Prince of Peace

The very best relationship advice I can give you is to develop a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. I encourage you to spend regular time with Him through prayer and by reading and studying His Word.

As you do, He will literally change you from the inside out, causing you to think differently and act differently. It is only when we receive His peace and His love that we can truly give it away to others!

I am so grateful for the peace of God in my life. The Lord has not only changed my relationships, but He has changed me. And He will do the same for you.

It is possible to enjoy

stable, joyful, fulfilling relationships. And it all begins with a simple decision to pursue peace.

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

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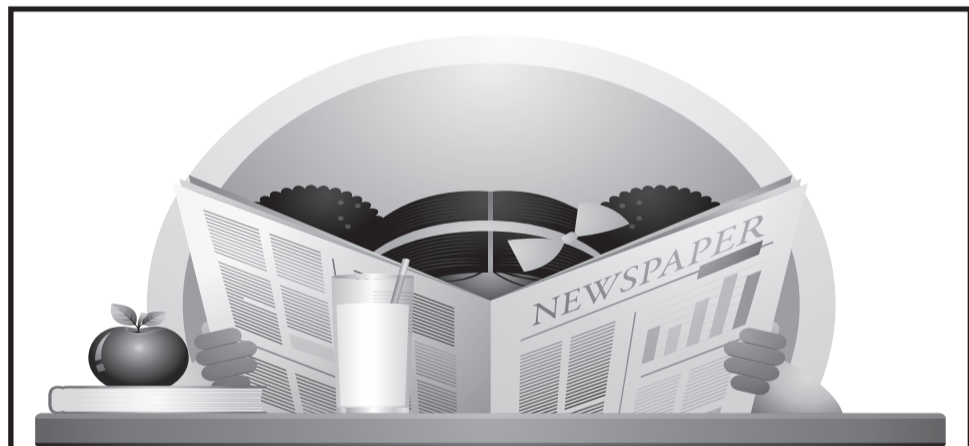
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 My sins arose,
 And bound me close,
 I could not find release.

I asked for Truth -
 My doubts came in,
 And with their din
 They wearied all my youth.

I asked for Love -
 My lovers failed,
 And griefs assailed
 Around, beneath, above.

I asked for Thee -
 And Thou didst come
 To take me home
 Within Thy heart to be.

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And when she opened
 it, she saw the child,
 and behold, the baby
 wept. So she had
 compassion on him,
 and said, "This is one
 of the Hebrews'
 children."
 Exodus 2:6-9

"A Sleeping Child" by Bartolomeo Coriolano (1630-45)

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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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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ishbosheth in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 8, what was the mountain upon which Noah's Ark rested?
 Sinai, Zion, Ararat, Ebal
3. Laban, who tried to swindle Jacob, was what relationship to him? Brother, Father-in-law, Friend, Father
4. In Matthew 10, Jesus instructed the apostles to go among the ... ? Heathen, Gentiles, Blind, Israelites
5. What happened to Moses' rod when he cast it on the ground? Broke in two, Spoke to him, Became a serpent, Blazed up
6. From Job 20, what sort of men suck the poison of asps? Wicked, Aged, Tribal, Leper

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Ararat; 3) Father-in-law; 4) Israelites; 5) Became a serpent; 6) Wicked
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*Love is patient.
 Love is kind. It does not envy.
 it does not boast, it is not proud.
 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,
 it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
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 13:4-7
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PLAINTIFF,
NO. 2022FC000009
ILLINOIS HORSE PARK FOUNDATION NFP,
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DEFENDANTS.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit(s) for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL DEFENDANTS IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED ACTION, that said suit has been commenced in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court of LaSalle County, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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PARCEL 3:
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Permanent Index Numbers: 07-17-402-017 (Parcel 1); 07-17-405-002 (Parcel 2); 07-17-406-018 (Parcel 3).
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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Court on January 31, 2022.

/s/Greg Vaccaro
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court
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No. 0206
(Feb. 9, 16, 23, 2022)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BUREAU COUNTY, PRINCETON, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) NO. 2022-PR-8 JOYCE ANN KOHR, DECEASED.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Joyce Ann Kohr, of Dalzell, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 28, 2022, to Larry Kohr, of LaSalle, IL and Randy Kohr, of Peru, IL, as **INDEPENDENT CO-EXECUTORS**, whose Attorneys of record are **SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354**. Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, 700 S. Main Street, Princeton, Illinois 61356, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscourts.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

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(Feb. 9, 16, 23, 2022)

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No. 0203
(Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23, 2022)

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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.

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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

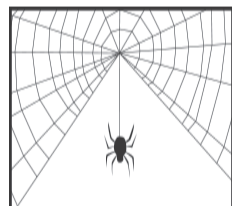
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Patricia A. Hogan of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 11, 2022 to KELLY P. MEANIX, 12

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.

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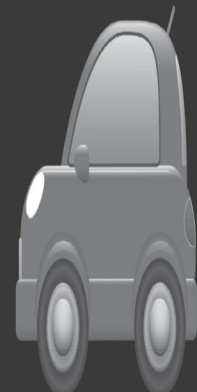
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