



Mendota High School adopts semester exam waivers due to COVID

□ School calendar approved for 2022-23

By **BONNIE MORRIS**
Editor

MENDOTA – With more than 75 Mendota High School students at home last week – either quarantined, symptomatic or suspended – on the days semester exams were originally scheduled, changes in the use of semester exams in determining grades were explained during the District 280 Board of Education regular meeting on Dec. 20.

Principal Denise Aughenbaugh noted that in addition to the 75 students out of the classroom last week, there had been hundreds of students cycling in and out of quarantines. “We were hopeful that we could run a regular final exam schedule, but we have approximately 15 percent of our students at home this week. Scheduling exams and sending online exams is just not in the best interest of students,” she said.

The administration and faculty agreed to waive the 15 percent cumulative final fall exams this year because of the attendance constraints. Aughenbaugh said students could still be expected to take a mastery test in classes, but it will not impact their overall cumulative grade by 15 percent. Students were already offered the opportunity to earn final exam exemptions and a teacher institute day was held on Dec. 20 so some students could meet with teachers, either in-person or remotely, to finalize miss-

ing assignments and take advantage of remediation opportunities.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Aughenbaugh presented information on the shortage of school principals in Illinois, which was published in the November 2021 Illinois Principals Association report on “Effective and Sustained Principals for Every Illinois Community.” With the high school to begin the search for a new principal by the July 1, 2023 timeline, she said it is important to know the current state of candidates.

First, she said the report indicates there is a significant decline in new principals. Between 2011 and 2020, individuals completing their principal requirements declined over 75 percent. The conclusion of the report states that the rate of principal attrition is at a “crisis” level.

“Our district, like many others, will need to make a strong effort to invest in both current and future school leaders. Effective leadership is very important to the success of a school,” Aughenbaugh added.

DAR and SAR Awards

Aughenbaugh recognized this year’s Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution award winners. Alex Stremlau, daughter of Nick and Tracie Stremlau, is the DAR recipient. Andrew

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City Council passes 2021 tax levy, purchases building on Main Street

By **KIP CHEEK**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council passed the city tax levy and purchased property at its Dec. 20 regular meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

John Holland presented the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$2,068,576 to fellow council members and the levy was approved. The levy is slightly higher than the 2020 levy of \$1,974,761. Holland said the increase will have minimal effect on property tax bills.



In other action from Holland’s report, the council approved a cyber policy quote from National Specialty Insurance in the amount of \$9,335 and granted bonuses of \$50 in Mendota Chamber Bucks to all full-time employees.

Also during Holland’s report and handled at the conclusion of other aldermanic reports, the council went into closed session to discuss the purchase of property. After resuming in open session, the council approved the purchase of the building at 1017 Main St. (formerly The Head Hunter Salon & Day Spa) in the amount of \$210,000.

During Jim Fitzpatrick’s report, the council approved a 2022 motor fuel tax resolution of \$200,000 for repair of streets and highways according to the Illinois Highway code.

Fitzpatrick noted at the Dec. 6 council meeting that there will be special hours for the city burn pit for Christmas tree disposal. The hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8.

Mayor David Boelk extended Happy New Year wishes to everyone.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

New state laws taking effect Jan. 1

□ Minimum wage hike, pets in public housing among new changes

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Minimum wage workers in Illinois will see a boost in their hourly pay to \$12 per hour starting Jan. 1, while tenants in affordable housing units will be allowed to keep pets.

Those are just some of the more than 300 new laws that take effect in the new year.

The minimum wage increase is actually the result of a 2019 law that phases in a state minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025. This year, it will increase by one dollar to \$12 an hour.

The law allowing public housing tenants to keep pets is the result of Senate Bill 154, by Sen. Linda Holmes, D-Aurora, and Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego. It provides that tenants of multifamily housing units that are acquired, built or renovated with money from the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund may keep up to two cats or one dog weighing less than 50 pounds.

It applies to residents of housing units that are designated as affordable housing for low- and very-low-income families. The bill passed both chambers in its final form on May 30 and Gov. JB Pritzker signed it into law Aug. 6.

Other new laws include:

- Vehicle taxes: SB58 raises the private vehicle tax, which is a sales tax paid on the purchase of

vehicles, by \$75 for each model year where the purchase price is less than \$15,000 and by \$100 for vehicles priced above that amount. However, the registration fee for trailers weighing less than 3,000 pounds will drop to \$36 instead of \$118.

- College admissions: HB226, establishing the Higher Education Fair Admissions Act, prohibits public colleges and universities from requiring applicants to submit SAT, ACT or other standardized test scores as part of the admissions process, although prospective students may choose to submit them if they wish.

- Drug prices: SB1682 requires pharmacies to post a notice informing consumers that they may request current pharmacy retail prices at the point of sale.

- FOID card changes: HB562 enacts several changes to the Firearm Owner Identification card law. Among other things, it provides for a streamlined renewal process for FOID cards and

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LOCAL AND AREA

Dr. Scholl to retire after 33 years practicing in Mendota

MENDOTA - Dr. David Scholl knew at an early age that he wanted to pursue a career in medicine. But his defining moment is not what you might expect.

"I was 14 and a high school sophomore at the time when I spent a week in the hospital for appendix surgery," he says. "It was the most interesting experience I had ever been through. I had two roommates and we played cards and teased the nurses. I had a blast."

Dr. Scholl, a family practice physician at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, is retiring after a long career as a Mendota physician. His last day is Dec. 30. "Dr. Scholl has been a well-respected physician and member of the Mendota community for more than 30 years," says Dr. Brian Rosborough, chief medical officer for OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical



Dr. Scholl

Center. "The positive effect he has had on his patients and the staff at Saint Paul Medical Center will be missed."

In college, Dr. Scholl took a part-time job as a radiology technician at AMITA Health Resurrection Medical Center, near his northwest Chicago home. After earning his medical degree at that same hospital, Dr. Scholl served three years for the Department of Defense at the Dyes Air Force Base in

Abilene, Texas. That's when he developed a passion for working at a smaller hospital where he could do everything from emergency care, assisting with surgery and delivering babies.

That experience ultimately drew Dr. Scholl to Mendota, where he joined a private practice in 1988 and embraced the small town feel of this rural community. "It was destiny," he says. "Mendota was a place where I could get involved, not have to worry about travel time and I could attend most of my children's sporting events."

Dr. Scholl joined Mendota Community Hospital in 2002 and then OSF HealthCare when the two organizations merged in 2015. "It was a good move for the community," he says. "It allowed health care in Mendota to move into the 21st century. Patient care and technology has improved greatly. I truly

believe in the Mission of the Sisters. They are remarkable people."

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Scholl has been an active community volunteer. Over the years, he has volunteered on the hospital board, served as medical director for Abigail Women's Center, a pregnancy crisis center in Mendota, and taught health classes at Mendota High School.

Dr. Scholl says he will remain active in the Mendota area following his retirement. He and his wife, Joan, plan on spending more time with their five children and 16 grandchildren. He also enjoys playing golf, guitar and working around the house.

"I feel truly blessed to be part of the Mendota community," he says. "I will miss the patients - many of whom have become like best friends. It's hard to say goodbye."



Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President, Brian Duncan, left, presents the award to Lee County Farm Bureau president, Adam Henkel. (Photo contributed)

Lee Co. Farm Bureau honored by IFB

AMBOY—The Lee County Farm Bureau was recently recognized during the 107th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau for their outstanding programming during 2019 and 2020.

The LCFB was recognized for outstanding programming in the areas of Ag Literacy and Membership Value and was also recognized as a top county for non-farming member growth for counties in their membership group.

The Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for recognition of outstanding achievement by individual members and county Farm Bureaus. Counties compete for awards with other counties of similar membership size.

Soups and Stews for Instant Pot, Slow Cooker and Stovetop

LA SALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host Natalie Martin, Master Gardener, on Tuesday, Jan. 18 as she presents a unique program to celebrate National Soup Month beginning at 6 p.m.

January is National Soup Month. The cold temperatures and chilly days make this perfect time to celebrate and reminisce with a warm bowl of hearty soup or stew. Martin will demonstrate three different soup or stew recipes, uti-

lizing three different cooking methods -stovetop, Instant Pot, and slow cooker. She will include vegetarian as well as meat-friendly versions.

This program is free and open to all. Register at <https://bit.ly/3ypuaCy>.

For more information, please contact the LaSalle Public Library at (815) 223-2341 or e-mail Rachael Blomquist at rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us.

Illinois Audubon Society purchases additional land in Lee Co.

LEE COUNTY - The Illinois Audubon Society has purchased an 80-acre addition to the 352-acre Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve located in Lee County.

The addition contains highly restorable sand woodlands and savannas interspersed with small wetlands and wet sand prairies. "This land will provide immediate food, shelter and breeding areas for native fauna, and safe habitat for native flora," said Deb Carey, Illinois Audubon Society President.

The parcel is in the Green River Lowlands Natural Division of Illinois. The Green River Lowlands are known to provide suitable habitat for several state-listed endangered and threatened species.

Acquisition of the parcel contributes to the Society's long-term goal to permanently preserve safe breeding habitat for the state-endangered Blanding's turtle, state-threatened plains hog-nosed snake and state-threatened ornate box turtle, which occur at the nearby Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve and scattered sites within the Green River Lowlands.

Funding for the acquisition comes from the recent bequest of Gil and Mary Hebard of Knoxville. "The bequest received from the Hebards has strengthened our ability to focus on our mission of land protection in Illinois," commented Jim Herkert, Executive Director. "Illinois Audubon Society also recognizes the Grigalowski family for their desire to preserve this land for the en-

joyment of future generations."

The Society will oversee the placement of two dedication stones and a bench in honor of the Grigalowski Family sometime in 2022.

The mission of the Illinois Audubon Society is to promote the perpetuation and appreciation of native plants and animals and the habitats that support them. The Society is an independent, member supported, not-for-profit, statewide organization.

Founded in 1897, the Society is Illinois' oldest private conservation organization with 2200 members, 17 chapters and 19 affiliate groups. The Illinois Audubon Society has protected more than 5,500 acres by investing \$12.5 million to protect land and water throughout Illinois.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Milwaukee School of Engineering Honors List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Jenna O'Donnell of Mendota was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering Honors List for the 2021 fall quarter. Undergraduate students who earn a GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) for the quarter are eligible. O'Donnell is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering.

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LOCAL AND AREA

80th birthday card shower planned for Carole Benson

AMBOY - The family of Carole Benson of Amboy is requesting a card shower in honor of her 80th birthday. Benson was born on Jan. 3, 1942 at Angear Hospital in Sublette.

Her family includes four children, Susan (Hugh) McCoy of Sublette, Connie (Jon) Yambert of Compton, the late Sherry (Lane) Zerbe of Byron, and Dr. Jonathan (Sarah) Medina of Hunt-ertown, Ind. She has eight grandchildren, Ryan McCoy of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., Courtney McCoy of Ottawa, Shannon Wegner of Dixon, Kelly Callahan and Michelle Callahan, both of Aurora, Jennifer Hermeyer of Amboy, Josh Christof-fersen of Chicago, and Tara (Adrian) Medina of Naples, Fla. A granddaughter, Sarah Christoffersen, died in



Benson

infancy. She also has nine great-grandchildren, Ren McCoy, Nolan Wegner, Sienna Morales, Caden Hermeyer, Jayce Hermeyer, Asher Eccles, Alexis Medina, Liliana Medina, and Quentin Medina.

Cards of congratulations may be sent to Carole Benson at P.O. Box 96, Amboy, IL 61310.

LaSalle County Farm Bureau manager earns state certification

OTTAWA - Kayla Kiefer, FBCM, has completed all the requirements to receive her designation as a "Certified Manager" by the Illinois Farm Bureau. Kiefer has been the manager of LaSalle County Farm Bureau since 2015.

The FBCM program, which recognizes county managers for professional achievement and staff leadership, was started in 1993 by the Illinois Farm Bureau. To receive the FBCM designation, county farm bureau managers must complete a series of six exams which assess expertise in various managerial areas. Recertification is granted every five years based on 50 hours of continuing education areas and professional staff leadership.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through



Stockman of the Year
The LaSalle County Stockman's Association announced their 2021 Stockman of the Year, Larry Stillwell during their Harvest Rewards Banquet in November. Stillwell, left, and his wife, Nancy, right, are congratulated by board member Floyd Crane during the event. Stillwell, who is a past LCSA president, farms in the Tonica area. (Photo contributed)

Kishwaukee offering new certificate in Organizational Leadership

MALTA - Kishwaukee College has created a new Organizational Leadership certificate, which will be available to students in the spring 2022 semester.

The certificate is designed for students seeking entry-level leadership positions within an organization while building necessary communication and business skills. Additionally, those currently employed and looking to advance in their careers can benefit from this certificate.

Organizational leadership offers a wide range of career possibilities in today's global marketplace. Students will prepare for positions in general management, business information management, human resources man-

agement, operations management and administrative support.

"This certificate is a great way to gain or expand leadership skills. The courses focus on real-world situations to help students understand and practice leadership," said Tammy Tiggelaar, Associate Professor of Business and Marketing Management at Kishwaukee College. "Leadership is essential at all levels of an organization. No matter the industry, skills like problem-solving and decision-making are key."

The program takes one year to complete and builds upon classes needed for Kish's Supervision Basics Certificate. Students who wish to continue their education can use the Organizational

Leadership certificate as a pathway to earn their Associate in Applied Science in Marketing Management or higher degrees.

Classes offered in the Spring semester include Human Relations, Introduction to Management and Leadership Development. These classes are being offered online, with regular class meetings happening via Zoom to allow students to participate in virtual class discussions and activities from anywhere.

The spring 2022 semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 18. For more information, visit kish.edu or contact Academic Advising at advising@kish.edu or One-Stop at onestop@kish.edu.

Casting call for Stage 212's "Unnecessary Farce"

LASALLE - Auditions for Stage 212's spring production, "Unnecessary Farce" by Paul Slade Smith, will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15 and at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 at the Manahan Center, 700 First St., LaSalle.

The play, which tells the tale of a police sting operation on an embezzling mayor that goes hilariously wrong, will be directed by Joseph Ennenbach and produced by Larry Kelsey and Jessica Kreiser.

The cast consists of four men and three women ranging in age from the 20's to the 70's. The auditions will consist of readings from the script, but familiarity with the script is not a requirement to audition. Perusal scripts are available by contacting the director at (815) 488-0633 or at nnbox@hotmail.com.

Per state-mandated COVID protocols, masks are required in the building except when actually auditioning. Stage 212 auditions are open to all, regardless of previous theatrical experience. Volunteers are also welcome for production crews.

"Unnecessary Farce" will be performed April 22-23-24 and 28-29-30-May 1.

Red Cross Blood Drive report

MENDOTA - The American Red Cross held a successful blood drive on Dec. 14 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. There were 66 presenting donors and 69 good units were collected. This included 54 whole blood and 15 double red cell donations.

Organizers reported a great turnout and expressed their appreciation to everyone who gave their time and donated. Joe Masini was a first-time donor.

Volunteers for the day

included Sandy Schroeder, Margy Frey, Kristi Carroll, Peg Mathesius-Cerveney, Lori Schlesinger and Lori Simonton. Mendota Subway again donated sandwiches for the donor luncheon. First State Bank also sponsored sandwiches and chips for the drive.

The next bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. If you would like to make an appointment or have questions, please call Lori at (815) 866-3582.

CARL'S QUIZ

To support the American war effort during World War II, what item was the first to be rationed in the U.S. beginning on Dec. 27, 1941?

- 1.) Bicycles, 2.) Stoves, 3.) Tires, 4.) Sugar, 5.) Coffee

The answer to the Dec. 15 quiz is: "Jingle Bells" is the most frequently used Christmas song in movies according to IMDb credits.

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

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Mendota Weather

Dec. 29, 2021

Seven Day Forecast

	Wednesday Mostly Cloudy High: 32 Low: 19
	Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 22
	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 27
	Saturday Scattered Snow High: 36 Low: 11
	Sunday Isolated Rain High: 19 Low: 12
	Monday Sunny High: 20 Low: 13
	Tuesday Sunny High: 22 Low: 16

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 32°, humidity of 64%. West southwest wind 8 to 11 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 54° set in 1984. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 40% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 19°. North wind 8 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 14°. The record low for Wednesday night is -9° set in 1963.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	34/20	mc	34/23	mc
Champaign	41/27	mc	40/29	pc
Chicago	36/25	mc	35/27	mc
Freeport	28/12	mc	28/14	mc
Joliet	36/23	mc	35/25	mc
Moline	30/16	mc	34/21	pc
Peoria	36/23	mc	38/26	pc
Rockford	30/14	mc	30/17	mc
Springfield	39/25	mc	40/29	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	43	27	30/14	0.00"	0.09"
Tuesday	41	23	29/14	0.00"	0.49"
Wednesday	32	17	29/13	0.00"	-0.40"
Thursday	50	32	29/13	0.00"	
Friday	59R	45	29/13	0.00"	Average temp. 37.3°
Saturday	51	31	28/13	0.00"	Average normal 21.1°
Sunday	42	29	28/13	0.09"	Departure +16.2°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
New 1/2	Wednesday 7:22 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	2:27 a.m.	1:14 p.m.	Full 1/17
	Thursday 7:22 a.m.	4:35 p.m.	3:44 a.m.	1:47 p.m.	
	Friday 7:22 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	5:03 a.m.	2:29 p.m.	
	Saturday 7:23 a.m.	4:37 p.m.	6:21 a.m.	3:22 p.m.	
First 1/9	Sunday 7:23 a.m.	4:38 p.m.	7:33 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	Last 1/25
	Monday 7:23 a.m.	4:39 p.m.	8:34 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	
	Tuesday 7:23 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	9:22 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	

Local UV Index



UV Index

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

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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 61 in Leonardtown, Md. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 83 in Weston, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 81 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated snow, highest temperature of 41 in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 63 in Jal, N.M.

Weather Trivia

What is the most snowfall recorded over a 24-hour period?

75.8 inches.
Answers: On April 14th and 15th of 1921, Silver Lake, Colorado had

Weather History

Dec. 29, 1830 - A very heavy snowstorm ushered in the "winter of the deep snow". The storm produced 30 inches of snow at Peoria, Ill. and 36 inches at Kansas City, Mo. The snow continued until the middle of February, causing great suffering among pioneers.

Dec. 30, 1988 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed in the southwestern United States. A week of subfreezing temperatures in Southern California claimed the lives of five people. Redding, Calif. was blanketed with four inches of snow.



The following financial institutions will be closed the days listed below.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Mary R. Hochstatter

MENDOTA - Mary Rita Hochstatter, 98, of Mendota, passed away Dec. 23, 2021 at the Villa Senior Care Community, Sherman.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Peterstown with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial will be at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Peterstown. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota, with a 3:15 p.m. Rosary. Visitation will also be held Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Mary was born Nov. 5, 1923 to Timothy and Josephine (McGrath) Flaherty of Dimmick Township. She married Paul Hochstatter, son of Benjamin and Mary (Granfield), on Sept. 12, 1945 at Sacred Heart Church, Dimmick. He preceded her in death in 2019.

Survivors include four daughters, Paula (Randy) Jones and Kathy (Steve) Swan, both of Springfield, Joanne (Michael) Sadrakula of Arlington Heights and Becky (Brad) Townsend of Sorrento; one son, Bob (Cathy) Hochstatter of Bartonville; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Celeste Schmitt and Jeanne Hochstatter, both of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers, Francis and Martin; and three sisters, Mary Eleanor, Lucille McNally and Sister Timothy Marie (Patricia).

Mary attended country school and was a 1941 graduate of LaSalle-Peru High School. She attended LPO Junior College for one year. Mary and Paul were lifelong farmers. Prior to her marriage, she worked in the office at Conco Engineering in Mendota. She left her job at Conco Engineering to support the effort of World War II and worked to build ships (LSTs) at the Seneca Shipyards on the Illinois River. Some of these landing ships' tanks were used at Normandy during the D-Day invasion. She found working at the shipyards to be her most interesting job. After her marriage, she taught at a country school for two years. While raising her family, she worked various part time jobs and then attended IVCC in Ogleby to obtain her degree in Library Science. After attending IVCC, she worked at Mendota High School in the library for several years before retiring and found working at MHS to be her most enjoyable job.

Mary was a member of the Saints Peter and Paul Church Altar Society and the local Home Extension. She was an avid reader, an amazing seamstress and enjoyed crocheting and gardening. She was always first in line to help family, friends and neighbors when needed. She had an avid interest in history and was able to recall amazing details of historical events and facts, resulting in never beating her while watching Jeopardy. During her retirement, she manually researched the genealogy of the Flaherty family, tracing their roots back to emigrating from Ireland and created a large family tree book with hundreds of photos and pages of information. She and her four daughters traveled to Ireland in 1998. Mary and Paul loved to travel and visited most of the U.S. and 10 countries in Europe. In later years, they spent several months every winter in Daytona Beach.

Memorials may be directed to Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Doris A. Mellott

MENDOTA - Doris A. Mellott, 86, of Mendota, passed away Dec. 25, 2021 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota surrounded by her family.

A private family visitation will be held from noon until 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota followed by a 1:30 p.m. public Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Cross Church, Mendota. Father Jeff Windy will officiate. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota.

Pallbearers will be Meghan Morrison, Jake Zdunich, Bryton Mellott, Brandy Mellott, Alicia Mallery, Owen Mallery and Jason Bauer.

Doris was born June 11, 1935 to Laurence and Josephine (Sondgeroth) Amfahr and grew up one of six children on the family dairy farm. She married Don Mellott on Oct. 10, 1959. He preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1971.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Lonie of Utica, Deanna (Thad) Zdunich of Serena, and Denise (David) Mallery of Hennepin; one son, Duane (Cindy) Mellott of Gilbertsville, Ky.; six grandchildren, Meghan (Kyle) Morrison of Blue Grass, Iowa, Jake Zdunich of Ottawa, Bryton Mellott of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Brandy Mellott of Tolleson, Ariz., Alicia Mallery of Phoenix, Ariz. and Owen Mallery of Hennepin; three sisters, Verona Whitmore, Carol Fischer and Roberta Lauer, all of Mendota; and one brother, Henry Amfahr of Merced, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and one sister, Laurine Harms.

Doris graduated from Mendota High School in 1953. She and Don became the parents of four children and resided in West Brooklyn. Doris worked at Wayside Press in Mendota as a press operator and then at Sauer-Sundstrand in Peru as a secretary for over 25 years until her retirement in 2000. She enjoyed going to watch her grandchildren in all their sporting events, piano recitals, musical productions, and graduation ceremonies. She was always there whenever her grandchildren or children needed her. She was an avid Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bulls and Chicago Bears fan. She enjoyed going to a Chicago Cubs game whenever one of her grandchildren or children could take her. She was even able to go to a Championship game when the Chicago Cubs defeated the Cardinals and was thrilled to see the Cubs win the World Series. She also enjoyed going to watch her beloved Cubs play in Phoenix, Ariz. and spend time with her granddaughter.

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Spring courses include: Fundamentals of CNC Operations, CNC 1200; CNC Mill Machine Operations, CNC 1202; CNC Turning Center Operations, CNC 1204; and CNC Turning Center Operations 2, CNC 1206.

IVCC is also offering the majority of its industrial maintenance courses this spring, Lange said.

"Local and regional employers have a crucial shortage of maintenance technicians," he said. "Job outlook and advancement is the best it has been in at least a decade."

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"We have courses for students looking to begin gaining skills and for those expanding upon what they already know," he said.

In-person registration is open Monday, Dec. 20 and then resumes Monday, Jan. 3.

Please visit www.ivcc.edu for additional information.

Leslie E. Mullins Jr.

PAW PAW- Leslie E. Mullins Jr., 88, of rural Paw Paw, passed away Dec. 26, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30 at the Paw Paw United Methodist Church, 370 Wiley Ave., Paw Paw. Funeral services will immediately follow the visitation at 11 a.m. with Pastor Dana Cox officiating. Interment will follow in Old English Cemetery, Shabbona.

Les was born Sept. 2, 1933 in DeKalb to Leslie E. and Elizabeth (Harbert) Mullins. He married Jane Ping on Aug. 20, 1977 in Arthur. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Leanne (Doug) Dickinson of Compton; two grandchildren, Trent and Kayla Hickey, and a sister-in-law, Karen Olscamp.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jane; a sister, Mary Louise Sedlak; and a brother, Richard Mullins.

Les was a lifelong farmer, raising Hereford beef cattle. He was still farming and raising animals until this last month. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1956. He enjoyed talking about his days traveling the country while in the Army. He was a loving grandfather to Trent, 17, and Kayla, 15. He enjoyed keeping up with friends, new and old, and always had time for a conversation, even when others did not.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Les' name may be directed to the family for a memorial that will be established.

Arrangements were completed by the Jacobson-Torman Funeral Home in Shabbona.



Don't fly blind when feeding pet birds

Picky eaters come in all shapes and sizes, and our avian friends are no exception. Despite birds' tendency to favor some foods over others, creating a balanced diet is a crucial factor to pet bird ownership.

Dr. Ashley Navarrette, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, offers guidance on developing a healthy diet for pet birds.

"Like with any pet, diet plays a crucial role in maintaining bird health and preventing disease," Navarrette said.

When it comes to bird feed, owners typically are presented with two options—pellets and seeds.

While a majority of seed-based diets are supplemented to assure all needed nutrients are provided, many birds will be selective in what they choose to eat from the feed. This can often lead to nutrient deficiencies in pet birds.

On the other hands, the benefit of a pelleted diet, Navarrette said, is that it "allows for multiple ingredients to be combined and formulated to meet the nutrient requirements of specific species of pet birds."

Because pellets are homogenous, pet birds consume the entire pellet, which allows for a more balanced diet. A pelleted diet also contains protein sources such as egg and legumes, which will supply pet birds with the protein they need.

"One might compare pet bird pellets to canine and feline kibble that provides total nutrition," Navarrette said. "I routinely recommend that pellets/



formulated diets make up approximately 70-85% of the diet and the rest can be supplemented with fruits, vegetables, and legumes."

Fruits and vegetables high in Vitamin A—such as bell peppers, carrots, sweet potatoes, squash, mango, and papaya—are great options. Other tasty treats are asparagus, cooked beans, cucumber, fig, kale, and zucchini.

Birds should never be given avocado, as it is highly toxic to them. Navarrette also suggests limiting greens that contain high water content and little nutritional value, such as iceberg lettuce and celery.

When switching from a seed to pellet diet, bird owners should consult with their avian veterinarians, who can help troubleshoot any transitioning issues.

This change must be done slowly, as it may take weeks, if not months, for birds to become accustomed to a new diet. Smaller species, such as budgerigar, may not initially recognize pellets as food. This conversion may require owners getting creative to entice their pet bird to try out the new diet, Navarrette said.

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LOCAL AND AREA

1 million EVs: Inside the state's plan for electrifying the transportation sector

Administration: Illinois 'best place in North America' to drive, manufacture an EV

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
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SPRINGFIELD – With a pair of major policy victories in hand, Gov. JB Pritzker traveled to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, in early November and shared a vision for his home state: “Illinois intends to become the best place in North America to drive and manufacture an electric vehicle.”

It's a message he's repeated on countless occasions in recent public appearances, and one that he brought to international business leaders in a trip to London prior to the U.N. conference. And it's one that, if realized, the governor believes can yield victories for his administration on a pair of his campaign cornerstones – economic growth and carbon reduction.

“This is about economic development as much as it is about saving our planet,” Pritzker said during a panel discussion at the U.N. conference with governors from Washington, Oregon and Hawaii.

Numerically, that vision amounts to putting 1 million EVs on state roads by 2030, a goal written into the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, or CEJA, a wide-ranging decarbonization bill that Pritzker signed into law in September.

But how can Illinois increase the number of EVs on state roads to 1 million from just the 34,363 licensed in the state as of the end of October?

For the Pritzker administration, CEJA and an EV manufacturing tax credit package known as the REV Act make up the backbone of a push to lure private investment while breaking down well-documented consumer barriers to EV adoption as the industry stands on the cusp of an explosion.

“We have sent a very clear market signal not just in the United States, but now across the world, that this is going to be the place if you want to make, manufacture or drive an electric vehicle, to do it,” Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell, who accompanied Pritzker on his European

trip, said. With the new laws passed, the focus turns to implementation and distributing more than \$200 million in state and federal funding for the rollout of charging infrastructure.

Mitchell and other advocates behind CEJA recently spoke to Capitol News Illinois about the next step for meeting EV rollout goals, the strengths of the two laws that aim to get Illinois there, and other actions the administration has taken.

“Jobs, jobs, jobs” approach to penetrating the EV market, Mitchell said, is that it addresses the supply and demand sides of the industry.

“It's incredibly important if we are going to be successful as a state and environmentalists are to be successful across the country, that we couch this issue in jobs, jobs, jobs,” Mitchell said.

On the supply side, CEJA includes credits of up to 80 percent for the installation of charging infrastructure. Money for that will come from a \$70 million allotment from the state's 2019 Rebuild Illinois infrastructure plan. Another \$149 million sent to Illinois from a recently-passed federal infrastructure plan will also aid in the buildout.

On the demand side, CEJA includes a \$4,000 rebate for those who buy electric vehicles in the state. The governor's office said there's about \$5.1 million in the fund that will supply those rebates beginning in July 2022, and as of now it has only a “rough estimate” that “thousands” of Illinoisans will be able to receive the rebate.

For companies like EVgo, one of the largest public charging networks in the U.S., policies like CEJA serve as a market catalyst, said Sara Rafalson, vice president of market development and public policy at the company.

“The most important thing that came out of the legislation at the state level, is that Illinois is really poised for success, because we have in place now both the complementary policies

to support vehicle sales as well as sustained long-term investments in charging infrastructure,” she said. “For a business like ours, when we see higher vehicle sales, that sends a strong signal to the market that we need to build more chargers.”

The REV Act, which passed with near-unanimous bipartisan support in the fall session, creates payroll tax credits ranging from 25 percent to 100 percent of income tax withheld for new or retained EV manufacturing jobs, depending on factors such as company location and number of employees hired. It also creates a 10 percent credit for training expenses and credits for construction wages and building materials.

That measure also provides the incentives to manufacturers of electric vehicle parts, such as batteries.

At a bill signing event for the REV Act, Jim Chen, vice president of public policy of Rivian Automotive, which has an EV manufacturing plant in the Bloomington-Normal area, said the bill will be a major support for the company that already employs more than 3,000 Illinoisans in its 3.5 million square feet of manufacturing space.

“Today's bill signing represents the next step in promoting Illinois as the Silicon Valley of EVs, as we work together to attract new investment from suppliers and other supporting players in this industry,” he said.

The REV Act is also an effort to lure new manufacturers here while encouraging existing companies, such as the Stellantis manufacturing company in the Rockford area, to retool their existing plants.

“The fact that the governor was able to go to Glasgow, not just with a climate bill in hand that provides a \$4,000 incentive to consumers to buy an electric vehicle, but also an incentive package to get more of those sites here to manufacture EVs as well as all the downstream materials

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Concealed Carry Licenses for people who voluntarily submit fingerprint records. It also allows the Illinois State Police to issue a combined FOID card and Concealed Carry License to qualified applicants, and it establishes a new Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force to take enforcement action against people with revoked FOID cards.

- Student mental health: HB576 and SB1577 allow students in Illinois up to five excused absences to attend to their mental or behavioral health without providing a medical note. Those students will be given an opportunity to make up any work they missed during the first absence and, after using a second mental health day, may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

- Official flags: HB605 requires state agencies and institutions to purchase Illinois and American flags that are made in the United States.

- Hair styles: SB817 prohibits discrimination in schools against individuals on the grounds of wearing natural or ethnic hairstyles, which include dreadlocks, braids, twists and afros.

- Lemonade stands: SB119 prohibits public health authorities from regulating or shutting down lemonade stands or similar operations that are operated by children under the age of 16. Known as “Hayli's Law,” it was inspired by 12-year-old Hayli Martinez, whose lemonade stand in Kankakee was shut down by local officials.

- Juneteenth: HB3922 recognizes June 19, or “Juneteenth,” as an official state holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. In June, President Joe Biden also signed a bill designating Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

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Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25
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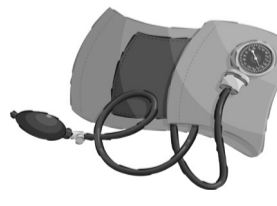
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Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28
BINGO
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Jan. 11 & 18
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Stamberger, son of Jayson and Rebecca Stamberger, is the Sons of the American Revolution recipient. Students are selected by votes of senior students and faculty based upon service, dependability, leadership and patriotism.

Updated Calendar
Dec. 20-31 - Winter break (if all work is completed)
Jan. 3 - Teacher Institute
Jan. 17 - Regular day of student attendance
May 20 - Last day of school (earliest possible)
May 23-27 - Emergency days

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The tax rate was approved by the board following a Truth in Taxation Hearing. Superintendent Jeff Prusator said there were no changes in the numbers since last month so the tax rate will either be flat or go down.

The 2022-23 school calendar was approved by the board. The school year will start earlier next fall with teachers having an institute Aug. 8 and 9 and students returning Aug. 10 and 11. There will be no school on Aug. 12 for the Sweet Corn Festival. Prusator said the high school returned to a regular schedule this year but that was disrupted this month because of the large number of students in quarantine due to COVID.

“I expect the pandemic to still be with us next year and we will go through this all over again. The numbers will go down over the summer

and then after the holidays with everyone indoors, they will go back up,” he explained. “So, we're taking a long break again at Christmas but starting a few days earlier so exams can be given and days do not have to be added somewhere else.”

The board passed a resolution to abate the Alternate Revenue Bond for the stadium payment. Next year, the final payment will be made and the stadium will be paid in full. Prusator said the money came from TIF and is to be used for capital improvements, so this was a perfect project to spend those funds on because it will benefit students and the community for years to come.

Board president Jim Laurer pointed out that this was another promise the board made and fulfilled.

The health insurance renewal was approved with only a 1 percent increase. Prusator said in 17 years, this was the second lowest increase the high school has had for health insurance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Athletic Director Steve Hanson reported on the fall sports season, which he felt went very well. “There was some success on the field, kids were able to go to all their meets, which was good for the students, and we were also able to host various tournaments,” he said.

The board approved the updated 2021-22 school calendar.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

Notice is given of the Annual Open Meeting at the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry. The meeting is open to the public and anyone wanting to serve on the board or anyone with other business should attend. Election of board members and officers will take place at this meeting. The meeting will be held at the pantry at 918 N. Main Street, Mendota, IL. at 6:30 pm on January 11, 2022.

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(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Dec. 29, 1999.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 10 years ago, on Dec. 29, 1989, that the Mendota Optimist Club sponsored Loenwolf for an "evening of classic rock" at the Mendota Civic Center. The five-member group, all from this area, enjoyed great popularity. Tony Martin, a former member of the Mendota Vanguards, was featured vocalist. Al Fitch (Mendota/LaMoille) manned the drums. Dave Dietrich (Ottawa) and Don Loebach (Peru) were on the guitar, with Loebach handling keyboard, as well. Jay Taylor (Peru) played bass. Doors were to open at 8 with music beginning at 9 p.m.

Must be at least 21 years old to enter.

The Richard Sislers were obliged to cut two enormous evergreens that were crowding out other trees in their yard. At Christmas, they donated one to St. John's Lutheran Church. White and gold ornaments adorned the tree, and –

A drift of baby's breath was added to look like snow.

Mendota's H.D. Hume was first to receive an Eisenhower Award of Achievement & Wisdom, including the title of Eminent Eisenhower Fellow. The award marked the 100th anniversary of Eisenhower's birth. Hume was honored –

For being a blessing to your generation as well as generations to come.

SIDETRACK – The award was made even before Hume had become a major factor in providing Mendota with a new library and three museums.

December 2, 1989, proved a record-breaking day for CoEd when customers consumed 13,295,000 kilowatts. The old record of 12,445,000 kilowatts had stood since Jan. 5, 1988. As a result of this cold weather, skating and ice fishing were allowed on Lake Kakusha, with one exception. Where aerators had been installed, skating and fishing were not allowed. Mendota Sportsmen had assisted the city crew in laying 1,000 feet of pipe to supply the aerators.

The high-water mark of Biden-era progressivism

By Rich Lowry

Joe Manchin and London Breed have nothing in common.

One is an old-school Democratic senator from West Virginia, surviving and thriving in an increasingly red state; the other is the progressive mayor of San Francisco, a city that is a byword for cutting-edge left-wing politics.

Yet both, in their own ways signaled that Biden-era progressivism has reached its high-water mark. Manchin, of course, delivered an emphatic thumbs down to Joe Biden's signature Build Back Better plan, while Breed reversed field on crime in a stunningly frank endorsement of law-and-order in a jurisdiction infamous for the opposite.

The de facto pincer movement by the wildly different Democrats from wildly different parts of the country -- San Francisco is roughly 19 times as large as the biggest city in West Virginia -- shows that the progressive tide that built in the Trump years is finally colliding with political reality and the real-world consequences of progressive extravagance.

This doesn't mean that progressivism is spent obviously. It dominates the media, academia and almost all the rest of elite culture. At the same time, Democrats still control the elected branches of government in Washington. But a growing backlash against progressive excess has found expression in two notable acts of Democratic defiance.

By now, the context of Manchin's "no" on Build Back Better is familiar. Joe Biden campaigned as a pragmatic Democrat only to reverse field after his election and develop a heroic image of himself as the next transformational Democratic president in the line of FDR and LBJ.

This drove the mistake of not realizing that Manchin or any other Democratic dissenter in the 50-50 Senate had the power to derail Build Back Better and accordingly scaling it back from the outset. Instead, the White House and congressional leadership acted as if Manchin could be cajoled or bullied out of his oft-repeated qualms.

Perhaps Democrats will reunite with the senator on a scaled-back spending bill in the new year, but the era of FDR fantasies is definitely over. Democrats should ask themselves,

Backtracks & Sidetracks

No skating or fishing will be allowed at Lake Mendota.

Freshman girls trying out for basketball came out in larger numbers than ever before – 24. Their coach, Rick Swarz, explained –

They don't get much playing time.

A few of the girls that were playing that year were Beth Dewey, Allison Witte and Tracy Allen.

Mike Kilmartin, head coach for the MHS Trojans, did not allow himself to be discouraged because so many seniors from the previous year were lost. His contention –

Success can only reach the level of expectations.

A holiday meal was served to Mendota senior citizens in the Feik Senior Parlor at the Mendota Civic Center on Dec. 21, 1989. The dinner was preceded by games of euchre, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The retirement of Benton Brown in December 1989 marked the end of the Brown family in the construction business in Mendota. Founded in 1882 by Levi Brown, the business carried on by his son Fred and grandson Benton. The business was purchased by Dennis Jones, an employee at Brown's for 15 years.

Auto liability was scheduled to become mandatory for Illinois drivers on Jan. 1, 1990.

Delphine LeGras of Villefranche sur Saone, France, was the 1989 foreign exchange student at MHS. Her hosts were Herb and Mary Jane Goslin, who took her out in "freezing cold weather" to cut a Christmas tree. Christmas dinner and gift opening were with Goslin grandparents.

A photography darkroom in the MHS industrial arts department was completed. The room was 10 feet by 14 feet with equipment donated by Harry Conkey and Jerry Dempsey.

The room can accommodate four students at one time.

The library board signed a contract with architects to make a feasibility study for a contemplated addition and remodeling of the Carnegie building in which the library was housed. Cost of the study would be \$7,000 to be applicable to the total cost if the work was undertaken. Since the addition would be placed in front of the existing entrance, the appearance of a remodeled building would be totally altered.

The grade school board bought two-way radios for three kindergarten buses and a fourth for the high school garage in order to communicate at longer ranges in the country. The cost of \$500 per radio would be reimbursed by the state.

At Black Bros., president James S. Carroll retired after 40 years. His successor, Richard King, had been with the company since 1963. Matthew Black Carroll was named vice president, a fifth-generation of the Black family to serve with the firm.

The New Life Evangelical Free Church continued serving a Christmas Eve dinner for those who would be alone on that day. The first dinner was held in 1983 when motorists were snowbound in Mendota on Christmas Eve. Preparing the 1989 dinner in the Firemen's Building were Gwenda Strouss, Beth Dixon, Nila Sweger, Alice Barham, Becky Pirtle and young Rebekah Dixon.

Mendota Moose entertained 289 senior citizens at their annual Christmas party. Governor Larkin greeted residents from Maple Manor in Amboy, Mendota Lutheran Home, Heritage Manor and the Hi-Rise in Mendota. Poinsettias were presented to William Mitchell, oldest man present, and Mary Reinhart, oldest lady.

"Razzle Dazzle 'Em" was the theme of the New Year's Eve party at the Civic Center.

if they had a mandate to remake the country, why the entire project depended on the approval of a single conservative Democrat from West Virginia?

Now, Democrats are looking down the barrel of a midterm election wipe-out that could give the GOP a durable House majority that will put paid to any thought of BBB-style legislation for years.

If Manchin said "enough" to big-spending federal aggrandizement, London Breed said it to the soft-on-crime consensus in blue cities that has led to spiraling disorder. The Bay Area, home to the smash-and-grab robbery and other routine offenses against basic human decency, has been Exhibit A.

Concluding that even the tolerant people of perhaps the country's most tolerant city wouldn't put up with it much longer, Breed had her Howard Beale moment. In a speech clearly meant to set down a political and rhetorical marker, she called for an end to "the reign of criminals who are destroying our city."

The Breed turnabout, from police-defunder a year ago to would-be Rudy Giuliani now, marks an end to the period after George Floyd's death when anti-police sentiment was ascendant.

There are other signs that the progressive momentum is beginning to give way. A rightward shift among Latinos shows the limits of paint-by-the-numbers identity politics. That the left's response to the grassroots movement against critical race theory in schools has been to deny there is any critical race theory in schools speaks to a telling defensiveness. Next year, the Supreme Court may well knock out Roe and Casey, cornerstones of the progressive social agenda.

Of course, the political and cultural war will continue apace. Still, December 2021 looks like an inflection point when, as Breed put it in her speech, "the bull****" finally got a reality check.

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EVs

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that are necessary, is a way of creating a new, modern, reinvigorated manufacturing sector in the state of Illinois," Mitchell said.

Addressing consumer concerns

The rebate is aimed at addressing one of two major barriers to EV adoption — cost.

A study from the national automobile service association AAA, recently cited in a Belleville News-Democrat report on the EV market, found that in 2019, an EV costs about \$590 more annually than a gas-powered car over a five-year period due to higher initial prices on EVs.

Jessica Beverly, a renewable energy advocate with the Sierra Club of Illinois who helped push for CEJA's passage, said while EVs are more expensive, they also cost less to maintain, and purchasers may be eligible for a \$7,500 federal tax credit that could be increased to \$12,500 if President Joe Biden's domestic spending agenda passes Congress.

The AAA study corroborated the maintenance cost claim, finding that at 75,000 miles of driving, an EV cost about \$330 less to maintain and about \$700 less to fuel annually than a gas-powered car.

But that study also found that 58 percent of respondents cited the availability of charging infrastructure as their main concern, while just 51 percent cited price.

Beverly noted the market itself is, to a large extent, addressing those concerns. The current median range for a single EV charge is 250 miles, with high-end models of major brands like Tesla offering ranges up to about 400 miles. The average was just 90 miles six years ago.

"You can't really travel more than 50 miles in Illinois without coming across a gas station," she said. "But it's not the same for an electric charger. And, yes, while range is improving significantly as new vehicles are developed, it's still our habit that you need to know where you can fill up."

But the charging process is inherently different than filling up at a gas station,

largely because the vast majority of EV drivers do their charging at home. That means most people will be able to handle their daily driving without needing public charging, except when they're going on longer road trips.

When needed, public charging stations can sometimes be found for free at grocery stores or parking garages as an enticement to customers. But the vast majority of public charging is offered by private charging networks like EVgo, or ChargePoint, which have varying pricing and subscription models that generally amount to about 22-29 cents per minute for a charge.

As of now, there are two types of chargers on the market, a Level 2 charger that takes about 6-8 hours to fully charge, and DC fast chargers, which take about 30 minutes.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, there are 919 electric charging station locations in Illinois with 2,306 charging ports, 1,815 of which are Level 2 and 478 of which are fast charge.

As the state aims to put another 970,000 EVs on its roads in the next nine years, the need for public charging is going to increase significantly, particularly in rural areas where it is currently sparse and in densely-populated areas with a lot of multi-family housing where at-home charging isn't available.

Andrew Barbeau, an advocate with the Clean Jobs Coalition which helped push CEJA through the General Assembly, said that's why lawmakers included a "beneficial electrification" process in the bill aimed at determining where charging is needed most to accelerate EV adoption.

It's also why the state created the position of electric vehicles coordinator through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, a position that Mitchell said the administration is working to fill.

"So what the legislature wanted to focus on with this legislation was not just looking at where the market is today, but it wanted to fill in the kind of gaps in the market," Barbeau said. "It

wanted to ensure that people who live in apartments or condos, or they live in dense areas where parking is mostly on the streets, would have access to the electric vehicle market too."

Barbeau pointed to a Department of Energy study, which showed if 88 percent of people charge at home, one public Level 2 charger would be needed for about 25 EVs. But if that number drops to 82 percent charging at home, there would need to be one Level 2 charger for 13 vehicles.

"So that's a big difference based on some behavior," he said. "And then you have to think about emergency situations as well. So that's where these DC fast charge stations come in."

At the 88 percent charge-at-home mark, one DC fast charge station would be needed for 588 vehicles, but at 82 percent, that falls to just 227 vehicles supported.

The main vehicle for EV adoption

The Illinois Commerce Commission will oversee that "beneficial electrification" process aimed at determining where new charging infrastructure is needed most in order to accelerate EV adoption.

But there are a number of factors the ICC will consider as well: Will rapidly adding EVs to the grid overwhelm it? Are there times of day

when EV charging can be synergized with the rates at which solar or wind energy output is higher? How can the state quicken electrification of its public transit sector? How can EVs be made more accessible in low-income areas?

"The idea is that we are using these dollars in the best way to move Illinois toward electric transportation and in an equitable way," Beverly, of the Sierra Club, said of the process.

A workshop process to determine how to best move forward kicked off on Nov. 3, with more than 170 participants, according to ICC spokesperson Britney Bouie. There will be eight more meetings as part of the process that runs through February, all of which will be open to the public, with information available at the ICC website.

The ICC must prepare a report at the end of March outlining what steps the state should take to most efficiently accelerate EV adoption.

After that workshop process, the state's largest two public utilities — Commonwealth Edison in northern Illinois and Ameren in the southern two-thirds of the state — are required to submit beneficial electrification plans to the ICC by July 2022 for policies they can enact beginning in 2023.

Those plans would have

to be approved by the ICC, and they would be funded by a net 1 percent charge on the distribution portion of a ratepayer bill for a customer of either of the two utilities, Barbeau said.

That's expected to annually yield about \$35 million in the ComEd territory and \$6 million in Ameren territory, although it could scale up over time as more EVs hit the state's roads. The utilities must then spend that funding in accordance with their state-approved electrification plans.

The utilities would have to update their plans in July 2024, then every three years thereafter, according to the bill.

"So in the next decade, that's going to be the main vehicle for the ongoing EV support and policy, rather than having to go back to do a new bill every few years," Barbeau said.

While the process is open-ended to some extent, there are a number of loose parameters in place, such as a goal that 40 percent of infrastructure investment is to be targeted to low-income communities or environmental justice communities that are historically subject to greater pollution. Another 5 percent is to go toward electrifying medium- to heavy-duty vehicles such as school buses in those communities.

Complementary policies

The administration has taken other actions in an effort to accelerate EV adoption as well, including by entering into a memorandum of understanding with governors of four other Midwestern states — Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Advocates called that a good first step toward addressing some of the range anxiety challenges that arise with interstate travel and are otherwise more difficult to address in state policy-making, such as propagating charging corridors and ensuring standardization of charging plugs.

As well, in April, the administration released a new plan for the spending of funds through a federal settlement with the car manufacturer Volkswagen for its violations of the Clean Air Act.

That plan included \$9 million in grant opportunities for electrification of school buses in Chicago and the Metro East, \$33.6 million in other funds for electrifying school buses, and \$13.3 million for light-duty electric charging infrastructure.

Mitchell said publicizing the various policies the state has enacted, as well as continuing its aggressive courtship of business leaders reached during the overseas trip, will be essential to breaking down some of the barriers to EV adoption.

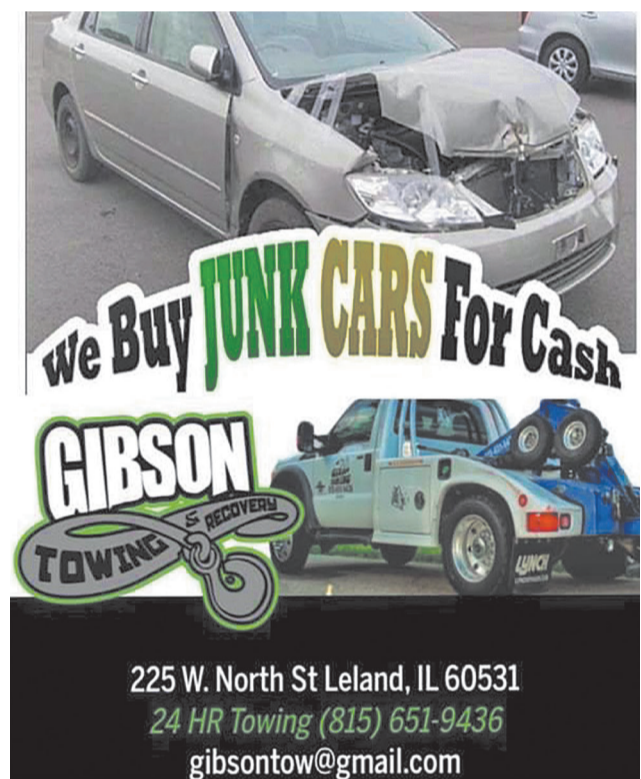


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THE BACK PAGE

Make sure your CO detectors are working

SPRINGFIELD - The Office of the State Fire Marshal warns residents across the state to pay special attention to the distinct signals sent by carbon monoxide alarms when their life has expired. Frequently, people may believe that a beep coming out of their CO means it's time for a battery change, when in fact it means that the device needs to be replaced.



ventilation on your way out and then call 911.

- Do not re-enter until experts have investigated the problem and declared it safe to return.

Other important tips:

- Ensure that household appliances are installed and running correctly. Have a professional technician check fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, chimneys and vents at least annually for blockages, corrosion, debris and faulty connections.

- Check appliances in the home that use natural gas, oil, wood and kerosene such as water heaters, clothes dryers, ranges, ovens, gas-powered refrigerators and pilot lights.

- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in a room with closed doors or windows or in rooms where people are sleeping.

- Check venting systems to the outside for cracks and blockages such as flues, chimneys and fireplaces.

- Make sure space heaters are vented properly.

- Never operate generators indoors.

- Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent.

- Never use gasoline-powered tools and engines indoors.

- Never use gas-powered appliances such as an oven or clothes dryer for heating a home.

- Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even if the garage door is open.

For additional information about carbon monoxide poisoning, visit the OSFM webpage at www.sfm.illinois.gov or the National Fire Protection Association.

OSFM advises consumers that if their CO alarms were manufactured before August 2009, prior to the incorporation of the new requirements, they may not have the end-of-life feature. In addition, residents who have a carbon monoxide detector installed for more than three years should look for the manufacturing date, which may be found on the outside back of the alarm or visit the company's website for further information. If none can be found, the device should be replaced without any hesitation.

Carbon monoxide alarms should be tested every month by pushing the test button. If the alarm goes off, follow the basic steps:

- If your CO detector activates, evacuate everyone from your home immediately leaving the door open for

BLESSED EVENTS

ZINKE – Logan Zinke and Guadalupe Diaz-Zinke of Mendota, boy, Dec. 16, 2021, at St. Margaret's Health in Spring Valley.

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST

Alina G. Cabassa, 30, of Dickson, Tenn., was arrested at 5:04 p.m. Dec. 15 on a valid Tennessee custodial interference warrant. Cabassa was also charged with fugitive from justice. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

DUI, NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Jose Guadalupe Colin-Hernandez, 37, of 1607 Stroble Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Indiana Avenue and Washington Street at 12:33 p.m. Dec. 19. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI

Shawn D. Vertheen, 45, of 100 S. First Ave., trailer 10, Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop at First Avenue and Fourth Street at 2:25 a.m. Dec. 21. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Snowmobilers must stay on designated routes

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind all snowmobile drivers to stay on the designated routes when traveling through the city.

The snowmobile routes are all clearly marked and are provided for riders to have a safe course of travel. Snowmobiles are prohibited in city parks, especially near the lakes and dam area. Riding on private property is also prohibited unless permission is given by the property owner.

Winners selected in Christmas Coloring Contest

MENDOTA – The Mendota Reporter recently held its Christmas Coloring Contest.

Winners are:
1st Place – Camden Pawlowski, 9 years old, Mendota
2nd Place – Elyn Schmidt, 7 years old, Mendota
3rd Place – Amanda Funfsinn, 9 years old, Mendota

Thank you to all of the children that entered this year's contest. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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SPORTS

Riverdale outlasts Lady Trojans, 34-27

MENDOTA – Riverdale posted a 34-27 win over Mendota in Three Rivers Conference varsity girls' basketball action on Dec. 22 at the MHS gym.

The visitors held a 9-7 lead after the first period and took a 19-11 advantage to the locker room. The margin ballooned to 10 (27-17) after three quarters before the Lady Trojans made a slight comeback in the fourth to get it under double digits.

"We had 53 shot attempts, which is a lot for us, so I like that we got looks," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "We really need to make more shots, though. And we still had way too many unforced turnovers. Our defense was good, so we were able to force a lot on them as well, we just need to score more."

Riverdale held a big advantage from the free throw line where it had 29 attempts and 17 makes compared to Mendota's two of eight from the stripe. The Lady Trojans were whistled for 21 fouls and the Rams had nine.

Katie Jenner pumped in 12 points and collected four

steals to lead Mendota, while Reanna Brant supplied six points and yanked down nine rebounds. Paige Manning topped the Lady Trojans with 10 caroms and five blocked shots.

Mendota's records fell to 1-8 overall and 0-3 in league play.

Riverdale claimed a 20-8 victory in the freshman-sophomore game. Cassie Gonzalez netted six points for Mendota.

RIVERDALE 34, MENDOTA 27				
Riverdale (34)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Duke	2	5-8	2	10
Garrett	0	4-6	0	4
Grant	0	2-2	0	2
Skahill	1	0-0	1	2
Craigsmiles	2	5-9	2	9
Caves	1	0-2	1	2
Hungate	2	1-2	3	5
Totals	8	17-29	9	34

Mendota (27)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Jenner	5	1-2	4	12
Salinas	0	0-2	2	0
Tolentino	2	0-0	1	4
Manning	1	1-1	10	3
Brant	3	0-2	9	6
K. Delao	1	0-0	2	2
Bodmer	0	0-0	2	0
Wasmer	0	0-0	3	0
Totals	12	2-7	33	27

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Riverdale	9	19	27	34
Mendota	7	11	17	27

Three-point goals: Mendota - Jenner 1; Riverdale - Duke 1



Mendota's Reanna Brant puts up a shot while surrounded by three Riverdale defenders on Dec. 22 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Trojan sophomores win OT thriller over Riverdale

PORT BYRON – Mendota's sophomore boys' basketball team pulled out a thrilling 72-70 overtime victory over Riverdale in Three Rivers Conference play on Dec. 22 at Port Byron.

The game was tight from

start to finish with Mendota in front 16-14 after one quarter and 32-31 at the half. Riverdale forged in front by a point (47-46) heading to the fourth, but the Trojans were able to make that point up and send the

game to overtime. Mendota outscored Riverdale, 9-7, in the extra session to notch the win.

Logan Dewey had a huge offensive night for the Trojans with 24 points to lead three Mendota players

in double-figure scoring. Five of his tallies came in the crucial overtime period. Cale Strouss fired in six three-pointers on his way to a 20-point performance, while Kaleb Kleckner dropped in 15 markers.

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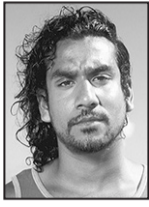
Q: Is "Mr. Mayor" coming back for a second season? I thought it was pretty good, but mainly because I've always loved Ted Danson. I hope the network gives it another chance. -- *S.P.*

A: Despite mixed reviews from critics, the latest Ted Danson series, "Mr. Mayor," will return to NBC's Tuesday night comedy lineup this spring. Hopefully you didn't miss its holiday special on Dec. 15 titled "Mr. Mayor's Magical Christmas Eve." The new season will begin on March 15 at 8p.m. ET, followed by "Young Rock" at 8:30 pm.

This is the fourth network sitcom Danson has headlined. He played a retired baseball player turned bar owner in "Cheers," a grumpy physician in "Becker" and a demon with a heart of gold in "The Good Place." In his newest project, he plays a wealthy businessman who successfully runs for mayor of Los Angeles -- even though he has no idea what he's doing. He's joined by Oscar-winner Holly Hunter and former "Saturday Night Live" star Bobby Moynihan. The show also has good pedigree behind the camera with Tina Fey and Robert

Carlock, the creative team behind "30 Rock."

Q: Whatever happened to the actor who played Sayid in the TV series "Lost"? He was so good in that and had such great chemistry with his co-stars, but I haven't seen him in anything since. -- *A.S.*



N. Andrews

A: The main cast of "Lost" became household names shortly after it premiered in 2004, including Naveen Andrews, who played one of the heroic survivors of the fictional Oceanic Flight 815. He's worked steadily ever since in short-lived series like "Sense8" and "Instinct." Next up, he'll co-star alongside Amanda Seyfried in "The Dropout" on Hulu, which is based on Elizabeth Holmes, the young biotech company owner who was on trial for fraud. Andrews will play Holmes' older Svengali-esque boyfriend and business partner, Sunny Balwani. Look for the eight-episode limited series to debut on Hulu beginning March 3.

Q: Is it true that Denise Richards is returning to "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills"? I hope they get rid of Erika Jayne and invite Denise back. -- *R.V.*

A: After just two seasons on the Beverly Hills chapter of Bravo's "The Real Housewives," actress Denise Richards had had enough. Playing Shauna on the daytime soap "The Bold and the Beautiful" is a walk in the park compared to the drama she was involved in on "RHOBH," and she has vowed not to return. However, cast member Garcelle Beauvais later told producer Andy Cohen that Richards was open to returning, but that "somebody's gotta go." That person is likely Lisa Rinna, who caused Richards so much grief.

Richards later told "Entertainment Tonight" that she really did enjoy working on the show and "had fun with most of the women -- not all." It's probably too late though for her to rejoin in time for the upcoming 12th season, as it's already started filming.

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

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- "Twilight's" Edward Cullen does "Batman," and Harry Potter searches for "The Lost City." "The Batman" is planned as a trilogy starring Robert Pattinson as The Cape Crusader, Zoe Kravitz as Cat Woman, Paul Dano as The Riddler, Jeffrey Wright as Commissioner Gordon, John Turturro as "Crime Lord" Carmine Falcone, Colin Farrell as The Penguin and Andy Serkis as "The Batman's" butler, Alfred. All have signed on for the entire trilogy.

Daniel Radcliffe joins Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum and Brad Pitt in searching for "The Lost City," due March 25. Channing has "Dog," with Bill Burr, dropping Feb. 18. Meanwhile, director Steven Soderbergh is prepping "Magic Mike's Last Dance," of course starring Channing Tatum, who steered the first two "Magic Mike's" to a combined \$300 million box office. Tatum and Jenna Dewan divorced in November 2019. He dated singer Jessie J (from 2018-20) and is

currently dating Zoe Kravitz (he's 41, she's 32). Still, Mad Mike dates Cat Woman ... sounds like a movie in the making.

The ever-busy Rob Lowe, last in Netflix's "Holiday in the Wild" (2019), with Kristin Davis, returns for season 3 of the Fox TV series "9-1-1: Lone Star" (in which he stars and exec-produces), premiering Thursday, Jan. 6. He's next in "Dog Gone," again for Netflix. Add to that his recent Dec. 4 foray into stand-up when he took the stage at The Morongo Casino, near Palm Springs, to "Tell Stories I Only Tell My Friends."

Lowe says the show was inspired by the success of his two New York Times best-selling memoirs, "Stories I Only Tell My Friends" and "Love Life," intended as a behind-the-curtain peek at Hollywood fame, fatherhood, marriage and a

life lived at the forefront of culture for four decades. He delivered witty fun and one-of-a-kind insights spanning an iconic career. Fans came from far and wide, and ate it up. Sounds like a TV special is born.

"Home Alone" fans were given the rare opportunity to bid on an Airbnb offer to rent the famed McCallister Family home in Winnetka, Illinois, for one night only. That night was hosted by Devin Ratray (who played Kevin's brother Buzz in the films), who said: "Our thoughts were we're older and wiser now, but we're never too old for holiday hijinks. So while the family's on vacation, we thought one crew of mischief makers could let their inner 8-year-olds run free in my childhood home on Dec. 12." Monies raised will benefit Chicago's La Rabida Children's Hospital. The house was last sold in 2012 for \$1.6 million. Which begs the question ... how much mischief can you get into in Illinois in only one night?



Rob Lowe

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* If all the stars in the Milky Way were grains of salt, they'd fill an Olympic-size swimming pool.

* The Louvre museum in Paris was originally built as a fortress to repel Vikings.

* In 1887, a group of men added Susanna Madora Salter of Argonia, Kansas, to a mayoral ballot as a prank intended to embarrass and curtail the influence of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of which she was an officer. Instead, she won over 60% of the vote and became America's first female mayor.

* Olympic medalist Mark Spitz was famed for his large mustache in an era when swimmers shaved their bodies to become more hydrodynamic. He once joked to the Russian team's coach that his mustache helped him swim faster by deflecting water from his mouth and making him more bullet-shaped. The following year, a mustache was sported by every member of the male Russian team.

* Despite their humps, camels have straight spines.

* The first use of the word "Superbowl," credited to a Chinese writer named Lom Ba Di, dates to the third century.

* In 2008, Chile minted 1.5 million 50-peso coins with a spelling error, only noticing a year later they'd spelled "CHIIE" instead of "CHILE."

* Honeybee venom has been found to destroy some types of cancer cells.

* There's a Google map for Mercury, Venus, Earth's moon, Mars, Pluto, three out of four of Jupiter's moons, and all but one of the round Saturnian moons.

* Juan Ponce de Leon brought cattle when he landed at Charlotte Harbor in 1521, his second trip to La Florida. When he came under attack, four of his heifers and a bull fled into the scrub, thus introducing cows to America.

Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest island in Africa?
2. LANGUAGE: What does "Auld Lang Syne" mean?
3. MOVIES: How many spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol"?
4. THEATER: On which opera is the rock musical "Rent" based?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is marmite?
6. GAMES: How many weapons are available in the original board game "Clue"?
7. TELEVISION: What is Jean-Luc Picard's catchphrase as captain in "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?
8. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie in the 1990s?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When was the first Times Square

10. SCIENCE: What is it called when a gas changes into a liquid?

- Answers
1. Madagascar
 2. Times long past
 3. Four, including Jacob Marley and the spirits of past, present and future
 4. "La Boheme"
 5. A savory food spread that is the byproduct of beer brewing
 6. Six --revolver, wrench, knife, lead pipe, candlestick and rope
 7. "Make it so."
 8. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"
 9. 1907
 10. Condensation

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- 4 Highlander
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- 13 String
- 14 Tom Joad, for one
- 15 Bridgetown's island
- 17 "It's -- real!"
- 18 Intends
- 19 Tropical fruit
- 20 Jazz genre
- 22 Piece of work
- 24 Priests' garments
- 25 "Excellent work!"
- 29 Espionage org.
- 30 Spectrum creator
- 31 Ms. Thurman
- 32 Wavering
- 34 Twain hero
- 35 Sharp tooth
- 36 Clearheaded
- 37 Cream-filled pastries
- 40 Arrive
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- 48 Citrus drink
- 49 Crystal gazer
- 50 Eye part

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- 8 Hearty
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- 10 Actor
- 11 U.K. fliers
- 11 Sultry Horne
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- 21 Writer Wiesel
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- 23 Nuisance
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- 26 Place to get a fruit smoothie
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by Linda Thistle

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"Cobra Kai" (TV-14) -- One of the most popular binge-watch selections of the entire pandemic time arrives at its final season. When Season 3 left off, the students of dueling dojos Miyagi-Do, Eagle Fang and Cobra Kai had an epic group fight at the LaRusso house, with one of the biggest feuds being that between Sam LaRusso and instigator Tory. No doubt this ongoing animosity will elevate in Season 4. We also know Jon Kreese's old buddy Terry Silver (from Karate Kid III) shows up to lend a heavy hand toward Kreese's plot to raise Cobra Kai dojo back to champion level at the All-Valley Karate Tournament. What remains to be seen is whether Daniel and Johnny will finally work together to defeat Kreese once and for all. So pop a cold Coors Banquet and pick your team; this series will no doubt end with a bang. (Netflix)

"Sergio Mendes in the Key of Joy" (NR) -- This documentary about Brazilian musical legend Sergio Mendes debuted at the 2020

Santa Barbara International Film Festival but bears another mention. Fellow musicians including John Legend and Quincy Jones honor Mendes' achievements and catalog of work over the past 60 years. The composer, vocalist and musical pioneer credited with bringing Brazilian music to the world is heralded and honored for his creative contributions and inspiration to musicians everywhere. (Peacock)

"Lady of the Manor" (R) -- Starring Melanie Lynskey (who will always be to me the one who had "a baby...in a bar" in "Sweet Home Alabama"), this movie is cleverly original. Lynskey plays Hannah, an unenthusiastic, costumed docent at a historical estate. When she begins seeing and conversing with the ghost of the woman whom she portrays on her tours, she gains a new motivation to change her act. Judy Greer as the spirit Lady Wadsworth is both charming and snarky, ping-ponging between instructing Hannah on the proper history of the manor and being mystified

by present-day technology. (Prime Video)

"Head of the Class" (TV-PG) -- Of all the 1980s sitcoms I watched growing up, this was not one I ever wished would make a comeback, but here we are. In the reboot, Howard Hesseman has been replaced by Isabella Gomez as the unlikely new teacher of an ethnically and orientationally diverse class of gifted overachievers. The high school is now located in L.A. instead of Manhattan, but the basic plot remains the same: smart kids who need an adult friend to guide them through life's non-academic problems. Original cast member Robin Givens returns to reprise her role as Darlene, now the parent of a student in the class. (HBOMax)

"The '80s: Top Ten" -- I don't even care what he's counting down; if Rob Lowe is hosting, I'm watching. In each of six episodes, Lowe will count down a different top 10 list about various 1980s pop culture topics. (Disney+)

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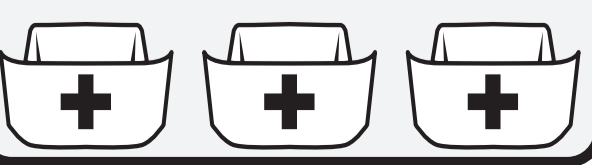
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We are saved by the grace of God through our faith in Him; our faith does not buy our salvation—it merely receives it. As Ephesians 2:8 says, salvation "is the gift of God." It is

impossible to buy a free gift and this can be hard for us to understand. Human nature tends to be prideful, and we want to earn and deserve this free gift and take credit for being worthy of it.

But salvation is given to us freely, by God's grace, and the same way we receive Christ's salvation, is the same way we have to live—by grace. God gives us His forgiveness and grace daily; we just have to believe and receive it.

See Yourself the Way God Sees You

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it means God forgives your sins—all of them—and you have new life in Christ. All of your sins means everything in your past, present and future. You do not have to be afraid of sin because God has taken care of the problem. This is why the Gospel is such good news!

Some believe that if we don't fear sin, we will keep sinning on purpose, but that's not true. If you are truly born again and really have a relationship with God, there is a new nature inside of you.

Second Corinthians 5:17 (AMPC) says, "If any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!"

Now, no one is perfect, and we all make mistakes sometimes. But if the Holy Spirit is living in your spirit through salvation, you won't be comfortable with those mistakes because God's nature is at work in you. God is not mad at us for our mistakes; He is love and we need to humbly accept His love and grace.

Changed by Grace



In John 15:5 (NIV), Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." This scripture reminds me that God doesn't expect me to change on my own. He is the power source and gives us the grace and strength we need to do what's right and make changes in our lives.

Here's our part in the process of changing to become more like Christ:

- We hear the truth in God's Word and we're convicted by it. It's the Word that shows us who we are and reveals the sin in our lives. We have to realize what we're doing wrong before we can know what needs to change and how.

- Then we repent of our sin. Being repentant means we're sincerely sorry and willing to turn away from it. (See 1 John 1:9.)

- The next step is to study the Word in the area we need change. For example, if I have a problem with anger, I need to study scriptures about anger and forgiveness. Use the Word like medicine and take it into your heart and mind. James 1:21 (AMPC) says to "welcome the Word which

implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls." There is power in God's Word to bring change to our souls!

Believe, Receive, and Enjoy Your Life

To receive God's blessings and enjoy everyday life, we simply need to make the decision to believe Him and His Word more than our thoughts and feelings. The Bible is our instruction manual on how to grow into the new nature He's given us and become who He wants us to be. So take some time each day to read and meditate on scriptures that tell you about God's love for you, who you are and what you have in Christ.

A good verse to start with is Ephesians 3:17, which says, "May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love." This scripture says that God loves you; His will is for you to be His child and receive every blessing He has for you—righteousness, peace, joy, provision of your needs, healing and restoration.

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And with their din
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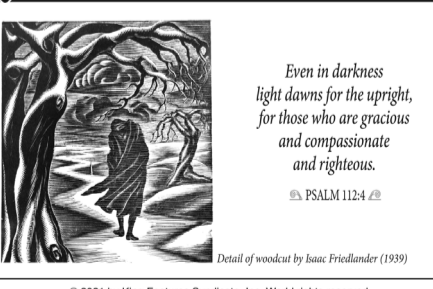
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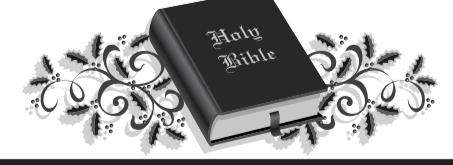
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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. For possible new year's reso-
lutions, "Ask, and it shall be giv-
en you; seek, and ye shall find;
____, and it shall be opened
unto you."
Pray, Knock, Sing, Tithe
2. Psalm 37:5 informs us to,
"Commit thy way unto the
Lord; trust also in him; and he
shall bring it to ____."
Nurture, Pass, Action, Light
3. In which book's chapter 12
did the Lord spake unto Moses
and Aaron about the first month
of the year? Genesis, Exodus,
Leviticus, Numbers
4. Proverbs 16:3 instructs us to,
"Commit thy works unto the
Lord, and thy thoughts shall be
____"? Resolved, Established,
Directed, Bountiful
5. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Gala-
tians 2:20 are among the verses
to focus on what in a new year?
Blessings, Moving forward,
Grace, Church attendance
6. From James 1:5, what may
one lack and if they ask God,
it shall be given?
Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals
ANSWERS: 1) Knock; 2) Pass; 3) Exo-
dus; 4) Established; 5) Moving forward;
6) Wisdom
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The Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (hereinafter the "TIF Act") authorizes the conveyance of municipal owned real estate in a manner and at such price as the municipality determines is reasonable and necessary to achieve the objectives of the TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4).

The TIF Act further provides that said conveyance must be made after approval of an ordinance by the corporate authorities and after public disclosure of the terms of such disposition and all bids and proposals received in response to the City's Request for Proposals.

Therefore, it is authorized by the Mayor and City Council, of the City of Mendota, a home-rule municipality, as follows:

1. The City intends to convey the following described real estate, generally located at 1017 Main Street. The City is hereby accepting Requests for Proposals from any party interested in acquiring such real estate.

2. Any party that is interested in acquiring such real estate shall submit a sealed proposal for said acquisition to: City Clerk, 800 Washington Street, Mendota, IL 61342, on or before 4:00 P.M. on January 28, 2022. The City may award a Proposal at a City Council Meeting on February 7th, 2022 or at a later meeting.

3. Proposals shall contain the offered price and proposed terms of acquisition. The City will require that the property to be acquired for a use that includes a commercial enterprise on the ground floor. Proposals should contain:

- Description of planned use(s);
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- Estimated opening date of commercial enterprise;

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4. The City retains the right to select any Proposal received in accordance with the requirements of the TIF Act, to negotiate changes to any Proposal received, to waive any requirements or formalities, and further to reject any or all Proposals received.

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By order of the City of Mendota, Illinois.
Emily J. McConville, City Clerk
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