



Hilariously haunting

A scary Halloween scene in which a skeleton appears to be pulling someone through a tree is just one of the many spooky Halloween decorations that can be seen around Mendota. Children will have several chances to dress up in costume and make their way around town to collect treats – the first from 3-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 at Mendota businesses displaying an orange flyer in their window and the second during the regular trick-or-treat period from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31. (Reporter photo)

Mendota High School Dist. 280: Area counties project sizeable increase in property values

By BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

MENDOTA – The preliminary numbers for this year’s EAV are up by over 5 percent across LaSalle, Bureau and Lee counties. This welcome news was delivered by Superintendent Jeff Prusator at the Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education meeting on Oct. 18.

Prusator said for quite some time, the EAV has

been flat or down, so this is much better news than he has been able to report in quite awhile. “That will put us up about \$220,000, so we are very pleased with 5 percent,” he said. “I’ll have the preliminary levy at next month’s meeting and since it’s somewhat over 5 percent, we’ll have to schedule a Truth in Taxation hearing and vote on final approval in December.”

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Oct. 26 and 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. Translation services will be provided. All parents are asked to park in the front parking lot and pick up their student’s progress reports in the main entrance foyer. Teachers will be seated in their classrooms or a designated classroom. “We hope to have a great turnout,” Aughenbaugh said.

In addition, representatives from ISAC and IVCC will provide Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion in the media center in both English and Spanish. Aughenbaugh said the high school appreciates ISAC and IVCC coming to assist MHS students with the application. The state of Illinois requires all seniors

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City Council hears report on local parks

Police Department to get new uniforms

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council heard a report about city parks and learned the police department will be getting new uniforms at the Oct. 18 regular council meeting.

Police Chief Greg Kellen asked for and received the city council’s support in purchasing new uniforms for the department. The cost for the entire department will be \$22,000. Kellen emphasized that the uniforms will be financed through the state drug account fund and will be at no cost to the taxpayers nor will the money come out of any budget. He said the uniforms will be of a stronger and lighter weight polyester fabric that will allow for better movement by the officers. He added that

this will be the first change in uniform attire for the police department in 30 years.

Kellen also informed the council that two Dodge Durango vehicles should arrive by the end of October for department use.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

In Vicki Johnson’s report, she thanked everyone who had a part in and attended the Re-Imagine Mendota Fall Festival event on Oct. 16 in downtown Mendota. She said it was well-attended and successful.

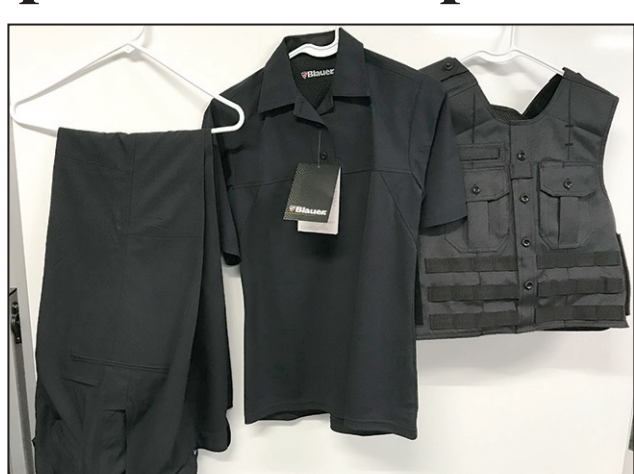
Also during Johnson’s report, Mendota resident Cody Phalen gave a presentation to the council about a survey he conducted in regard to the city parks. He talked about the use of parks, suggested changes and upgrades, the

possibility of a dog park in Mendota and some steps going forward.

Phalen said the survey was on Facebook and he received 106 responses. The top two most used parks from the survey were Lake Men-

dota Park at the southeast corner of the lake and Strouss Park, also known as Purple Park, by the swimming pool. The top two parks in most

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The Mendota Police Department will be getting new uniforms for the first time in 30 years. (Reporter photo)

Social Security announces 5.9% benefit increase

COLA adjustment begins Jan. ‘22

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 5.9 percent in 2022, the Social Security Administration announced.

The 5.9 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2022. Increased payments to approximately 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 30, 2021. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$147,000 from \$142,800.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. Most people



who receive Social Security payments will be able to view their COLA notice online through their personal my Social Security account. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2022, when announced, will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries receiving Medicare, Social Security will not be able to compute their new benefit amount until after the Medicare premium amounts for 2022 are announced. Final 2022 benefit amounts will be communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security’s Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

Report: Nursing homes in crisis with staff shortages

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A new report released recently says staffing shortages at nursing homes in Illinois have reached crisis proportions and that people of color are most at risk of suffering the consequences.

That’s because those individuals are more likely to live in understaffed facilities or in “ward” rooms with three or four beds per room, the report notes, a fact that became tragically evident during the COVID-19 pandemic when Black and brown Medicaid patients in nursing homes were 40 percent more likely to die of the disease than white patients.

The report by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services calls for a dramatic overhaul in the way the state Medicaid program reimburses nursing homes to reward those that improve their staffing levels and quality of care.

“This is not a report that can sit on a shelf and collect

“Continuation of the status quo is not acceptable. And we must hold long-term care providers across Illinois to a higher standard.”

– Kelly Cunningham, DHFS deputy director

dust,” Kelly Cunningham, DHFS’s deputy director for long-term care, told a legislative panel on Oct. 13. “The need to take action is now. The issues we’re dealing with are urgent. Continuation of the status quo is not acceptable. And we must hold long-term care providers across Illinois to a higher standard.”

The agency is proposing a \$345 million increase in nursing home reimbursement rates, with increases tied to a facility’s staffing and other quality and safety improvements. That money would come from a combi-

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LOCAL AND AREA

NCI ARTworks Annual Mad Hatter Ball honors area students

PERU - Student honorees representing LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam counties will perform and present their work at the North Central Illinois (NCI) ARTworks 5th Annual Mad Hatter Ball on Friday, Nov. 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Auditorium Ballroom, 109 Wright St., LaSalle. This year's honorees include two Mendota High School students, Jamie Dooley and Jacob Ensor.

Jamie Dooley, a junior at Mendota High School and daughter of EmLee and Daniel Dooley of West Brooklyn, will present several works of original art. She is currently in the art program at school under the tutelage of Brock Sondgeroth and enjoys working most in graphite pencil or clay. "I enjoy the way most people react when they see all of the things that I've had fun making and I find it fun to create wherever I want with what is at my disposal," she said.

Jamie also is active in the Interact Club at school and plans to pursue a career as an English Language Learner (ELL) teacher with hopes of teaching abroad.

Jacob Ensor will present a trombone performance. He is a junior at Mendota High



Dooley

School and the son of Andrea and Chad Ensor. At school, he is active in the music programs as a member of the band under the direction of Paula Baker, and in the choir and Madrigals conducted by John Steben. He has been chosen for District 2 ILMEA and is active in a variety of sports including football, golf and bowling. "I enjoy how music creates friendships," he said.

Jacob plans to attend Illinois Valley Community College and then transfer to a college for a degree in music.

Other students selected this year are Izzy Cacciatori, Hall High School; Catherine Engels, LaSalle-Peru Township High School; Emelia Grant, Putnam County High School; Zoe Kidd,



Ensor

LaSalle-Peru Township High School; and Allie Snyder, Ottawa Township High School.

Izzy Cacciatori will present several works of original art. She is a junior at Hall High School and is the daughter of Amy and Justin Cacciatori. At school, she participates in the Devilettes dance team and student council. She has created paintings and drawings for seven years and her teachers include Hugo Heredia and Mary Janusick. One fun fact: she loves to create art but has a talent for painting. She loves seeing her parents' faces when she brings home her newest work of art.

Catherine Engels will present a flute performance. A senior at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, she

is the daughter of Amber and Brian Engels of LaSalle. At school, she is a section leader and plays flute in the Wind Ensemble, marching band and pit bands. She has been selected for District 2 Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) at both the junior and senior levels and an All-State musician in her sophomore year, and has received superior ratings at solo and ensemble contests. She also plays with the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble, has received honorable mention and runner-up honors in the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra (IVSO) Young Performers competitions and has participated in the Annual Summer Flute Retreat performing in the masterclass of Gerald Carey, flute professor emeritus at Western Illinois University. She has studied flute with Sue Gillio since age five, is on the high school varsity tennis team, and plans to attend Lewis University and pursue an aviation career as a pilot.

Emelia Grant will present several works of visual art. A sophomore at Putnam County High school, she is the daughter of Lisa and Tom

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Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up for District #289. Conferences will be held on Monday, Oct. 25 and Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 3:30-7 p.m. If parents have not signed up for a conference time yet, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Our goal is to meet with 100 percent of our parents. This is a great opportunity to discuss each child's academic and social progress thus far in the school year.

Our fall fundraiser is currently going on. District #289 is using Clubs Choice again this year, which offers a variety of food and gifts for sale. The fundraiser ends on Thursday, Oct. 21. The money Blackstone raises from this fundraiser will be used to purchase playground equipment for all of our students to enjoy.

Miss Akre's 1st grade students enjoyed painting pumpkins this week in their classroom. Thanks to Meyer-Reuter Farms for donating a pumpkin to each student!

The students nominated for the Principal's Award last week included Eliana Garrett, Jack Humphries, Callie Martin, Shandi Matura, Savy Richey, Francisco Medina, Rodolfo Romero and Eastyn Pakenham. The winners were Jaxson Donnelly, Sofia Garcia, Aaron McLain and Shane Luebbing. Congratulations to all of you!

Don't forget there is an early dismissal on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:25 a.m. and 1st grade at 11:35 a.m. for a teacher inservice. No lunches will be served on this day.

Extension schedules area-wide meeting of volunteers & staff

LA SALLE - University of Illinois Extension invites all current Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteers from Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam counties to a "Cultivating Connections" meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18. The meeting will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Education Center & Community Teaching Kitchen, 944 First St., LaSalle.

All Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteers and Extension's 4-H staff team will meet together to connect with the 4-H coordinators in each county, discuss current programming and new plans, learn about local partnership opportunities, share ideas, and plan and schedule events for 2022. This meeting will be the catalyst to making our communities more aware

of educational programs, engaging youth and adults in natural resources and our environment, and completing community service projects to beautify our area this year with your help and expertise.

To attend this meeting, or to learn more about it, please RSVP by Nov. 12. There are several ways to register: contact Beth Dellatorio, 4-H Youth Development Educator at beth5@illinois.edu or call (815) 224-0889; call Barb Krug, LaSalle County Office Support Associate at (815) 433-0707 or email bkrug@illinois.edu; or register online at https://go.illinois.edu/CultivatingConnections. A brief survey is included on the registration link.

Masks are required at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to benefit Perfectly Flawed Foundation

◆ **Drive thru event scheduled for Monday, Nov. 1**

LA SALLE - The Perfectly Flawed Foundation is kicking off their giving season with a drive thru spaghetti dinner on Monday, Nov. 1 from 4-7 p.m. The \$12 ticket includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert.

Advanced tickets can be purchased online through the Perfectly Flawed website, www.perfectlyflawed.org or the Perfectly Flawed Facebook page. Tickets are also available at The Perfectly Flawed office, 410 First St., LaSalle or at Verucchi's Ristorante, 600 N. Greenwood in Spring Valley. Meal pick up will be at Verucchi's.

Advanced ticket purchases will be entered into a prize drawing. Tickets will

be available at the door the night of the dinner, as well as a chance to get in on a 50/50 drawing. Donations are always welcome.

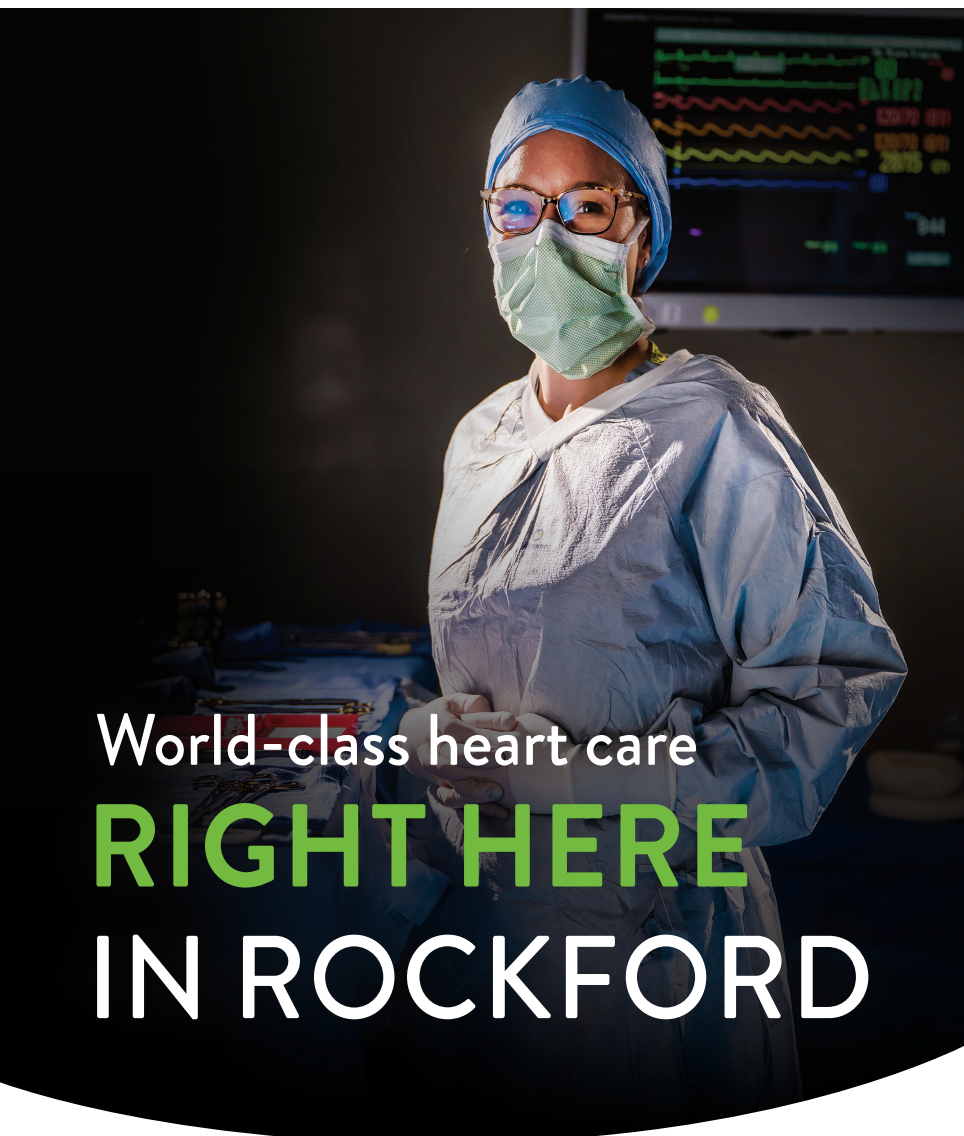
The Perfectly Flawed Foundation is a community-based nonprofit organization that provides services and support related to substance use and addiction to individuals and families in North Central Illinois. Its mission is to strengthen communities affected by addiction by investing in children, individuals and education.



One hundred percent of the proceeds

of all Perfectly Flawed fundraising stays right here in our communities. Funds raised will be used to support the foundation's variety of no-cost programs including overdose prevention and harm reduction, peer and family support, youth enrichment grants and other resources to provide awareness in our area.

Enjoy a great meal while supporting the Perfectly Flawed Foundation as they continue their mission in this area. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



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Stage 212 announces cast for “Rabbit Hole”

◆ **Performances Nov. 12-14 & 18-21**

LA SALLE - Stage 212 explores living with loss in their fall production of “Rabbit Hole.” In this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by David Lindsay-Abaire, Becca and Howie Corbett have everything a family could want until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. “Rabbit Hole” charts their bittersweet search for comfort in the darkest of places and for a path that will lead them back into the light of day.

Featured in the cast are Zoe Peshel as Becca, Nathan Nosalik as Howie, Sarah Breynne as Izzy, Kathy Missel as Nat and Andrew Beer as Jason.

Production staff includes director Larry Kelsey, co-producers Jessica Kreiser and Joe Ennenbach, assistant director Andrew Beer, stage manager Ella Johns, set designer Zoe Peshel, set builders Cory Tomasson, Scot Smigel, Brian Brown and Steven Kofoid, lighting designer Sarah Breynne, light operator Yvette Lucas, sound designer Kyle Foley and sound operator Fred Davis.

“Rabbit Hole” will be presented Nov. 12-14 and 18-21 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except the Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available to the general public for \$15 each beginning Nov. 1, and may be purchased by visiting the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or by calling (815) 224-3025 during those hours. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting stage212.org.

Masks will be required in the building for all performances, and Stage 212 will be following IDPH guidelines for Phase 5. A limited number of socially distanced seats will be available for Saturday, Nov. 13 only by calling the box office.

“Rabbit Hole” contains strong adult language and adult themes and is not recommended for viewing by children. “Rabbit Hole” is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

CARL’S QUIZ

It’s hard to believe there was ever a day Twix candy bars weren’t in trick-or-treat bags. But in what year did these caramel bars actually come on the scene?

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The answer to last week’s quiz is: Twenty-two percent of people under 45 say they have never written or mailed a personal letter.

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




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Seven Day Forecast




Wednesday
Few Showers
High: 71 Low: 50




Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 60 Low: 39




Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 55 Low: 35




Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 39



Sunday
Few Showers
High: 59 Low: 43




Monday
Scattered Rain
High: 58 Low: 40



Tuesday
Few Showers
High: 59 Low: 43

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0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

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

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Weather Trivia

Does lightning kill men or women more often?

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Answer: Eighty-five percent of the people killed by lightning are male.

Weather History

Oct. 20, 1983 - Remnants of Pacific Hurricane Tico caused extensive flooding in central and south central Oklahoma. Oklahoma City set daily rainfall records with 1.45 inches on Oct. 19 and 6.28 inches on Oct. 20.

Oct. 21, 1934 - A severe windstorm lashed the northern Pacific Coast. In Washington state, the storm claimed the lives of 22 people and caused 1.7 million dollars in damage, mostly to timber. Winds, gusting to 87 mph at North Head, Wash., produced waves twenty feet high.

Oct. 20, 2021

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of showers, high temperature of 71°, humidity of 58%. South wind 6 to 13 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 76° set in 1965. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 50°. Southwest wind 10 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 20° set in 1972.

Regional Cities


City	Wednesday Hi/Lo	Wx	Thursday Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	71/51	sh	67/39	sh
Champaign	74/53	sh	69/44	mc
Chicago	71/54	sh	66/44	sh
Freeport	69/47	sh	64/34	mc
Joliet	73/52	sh	68/41	sh
Moline	71/50	sh	67/39	mc
Peoria	73/52	sh	69/43	mc
Rockford	70/49	sh	66/36	mc
Springfield	75/52	sh	70/44	mc

Last Week's Local Almanac


Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	74	62	64/40	0.98"
Tuesday	73	56	63/40	0.03"
Wednesday	72	55	63/40	0.90"
Thursday	71	56	63/39	0.38"
Friday	63	49	62/39	0.00"
Saturday	61	40	62/39	0.00"
Sunday	67	40	61/38	0.00"

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week


Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:14 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	6:25 p.m.	7:05 a.m.
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:49 p.m.	8:08 a.m.
Friday	7:16 a.m.	6:04 p.m.	7:16 p.m.	9:10 a.m.
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	7:47 p.m.	10:12 a.m.
Sunday	7:19 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	8:23 p.m.	11:13 a.m.
Monday	7:20 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	9:06 p.m.	12:11 p.m.
Tuesday	7:21 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	9:57 p.m.	1:04 p.m.




Full 10/20



New 11/4



Last 10/28



First 11/11

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 74 in Lewes, Del. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Cudjoe Key, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Rio Grande City, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 67 in Warm Springs, Ore. The Southwest will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 85 in Yuma, Ariz.

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Extension offers Pie Crust Workshop for youth

LA SALLE - University of Illinois Extension invites all youth, ages 8-18, to a pie crust workshop on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9-11:30 a.m. This workshop is perfect for youth who want to learn how to bake pies from scratch and what a better time to learn that skill than right before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Susan Glassman, Extension Nutrition & Wellness Educator, and Beth Dellatori, 4-H Youth Development Educator, will teach participants about basic measuring skills, using a rolling pin to roll out the dough, forming the crust in the pie plate, and cooking the crust to perfection. Attendees will also

learn more about 4-H, complete a fun craft, receive pie recipes to take home, and enjoy a snack (most likely pie).

The workshop will take place at the University of Illinois Extension Education Center & Community Teaching Kitchen, 944 First St., LaSalle. The cost is free for all 4-H members and only \$5 for non-4-H members. All youth are welcome to come and experience this hands-on learning opportunity and consider joining 4-H in their community.

Please go to <https://go.illinois.edu/piecrust> to register by Nov. 10. If possible, all participants are asked to bring a hair tie and/or a hat to wear in the kitchen.

Please register soon to participate in this fun event.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Univ. of Iowa President’s List

IOWA CITY, Iowa – Hannah Smith of Marion, Iowa, was named to the University of Iowa President’s List for the spring 2021 semester. She is majoring in neuro-science.

This honor is reserved for the university’s highest-achieving students based on very stringent criteria. To

be named to the President’s List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student, earn a grade-point average of 4.0 and maintain that average for two semesters in a row.

Smith is the daughter of Brad Smith of Marion, Iowa, and the late Laurie Dalton-Smith.

Her grandparents are Terry Dalton of Mendota and Nancy Jones of LaSalle.

Students

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Grant of Hennepin. She has been creating art for nine years under the instruction of Mary Janusick at Music Suite 408. She also participates in cheerleading at school.

“What I love about doing art is that it gives me the freedom to express myself in different ways,” she said. “I think art is important because it allows people to tell a story without words to express their thoughts and feelings. My interest in art developed after doing my first painting and art projects with Mary. In the future, I would like to do something with graphic design.”

Zoe Kidd, a junior at LaSalle-Peru Township High School and the daughter of Kim and Steve Kidd of LaSalle, will present a vocal performance. At L-P, she is in the Concert Choir and Cham-

ber Choir under the direction of Matthew Butler and has performed in the spring musicals and in Stage 212 productions. Currently she studies with Jenilyn Roether at Music Suite 408. “Music is a very fun way to spend my time and to me it feels like I will never be out of ways to explore it,” she said.

Zoe plans to attend an in-state college and will pursue a psychology degree.

Alexandria “Allie” Snyder will present a clarinet performance. She is a senior at Ottawa Township High School and the daughter of Cindy and Chris Snyder. She has been playing the clarinet for eight years under

the direction and instruction of Andrew Jacobi, Tom Makeever and Emily Gallagher. She played in the ILMEA district band in 2018 and 2020 and in its All-State band in 2020. At school, she is involved in volleyball, track, Rotary Interact, and Honors Society. Her favorite thing about music is “that special feeling of sharing music with my friends and community,” and “hearing the assembly of the parts as they come together completing the vision of the composer.” Allie plans to attend a four-year university and study biology with a minor in music.

“The Mad Hatter Ball is the regional equivalent of a

state championship of the arts, where topnotch local talent is honored, great food is eaten, and prizes and music and fun fill up the evening,” said Julia Messina, executive director of NCI ARTworks. “This event showcases local student performers in all of the arts: visual, music, performing, literary, etc.”

Dinner music will be provided by Al & Jeannie Brown, Guys on the Radio will DJ and the Mad Hatter will emcee the event, during which the Queen of the Arts will be crowned for the fifth year in a row. Tickets cost \$35 and are available online at nciartworks.com or by calling (815) 228-1253.

Do You Know An AMERICAN HERO?

The Mendota Reporter is again putting together a section featuring Veterans and military personnel and would like you to send or bring us a military picture of yourself or favorite military hero along with a short biography of their service history, present or past.

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Our **FREE** special section featuring your own local heroes will be published on Nov. 10th.

Deadline for submitting Photos/Information is Thursday, Nov. 4.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Walter R. Finley

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Walter Raymond Finley, 94, of Scottsdale, Ariz. passed away Oct. 1, 2021 at home.

At Walt's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. He would prefer that you reminisce about the good times and raise a glass of Macallan in his memory.

Walter was born April 30, 1927 in Waltham Township, LaSalle County to Albert James and Ruby Evelyn (Willsey) Finley.

Survivors include four children, Gail (Mike) Espinoza of Jamestown, N.Y., Paul (Debbie) Finley of Earlville, and Dave Finley and Terri Finley of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, Steven (Faith) Espinoza of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., Laura (Darren) Towers of Annapolis, Md., Jake (Meghan) Finley of Earlville, Kelsey (John) Peters of Marseilles, Jenna (Joe) Young of Serena, Connor (Kara) Finley of Ottawa and Harwell Cook of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; two brothers, Earl Finley of Madison, Ala. and Russell Finley of Gilman; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Jensen Finley in 2010; one son, Mark Finley in 2019; and three brothers, Arthur, C. Kenneth and James Finley.

Walt was a graduate of Mendota High School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1945 to 1946. He attended Illinois State University for two years, then transferred to the University of Illinois where he earned a Bachelor's degree in business. He and his family lived in southern California for many years, where he and a partner owned Swift-Cor, an aerospace components manufacturer. After moving to Arizona, Walt became a full partner in Cal-Eaton Properties of Tempe for many years, finally retiring at the age of 89.

Walt will be remembered as a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather who thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family. He was also an enthusiastic world traveler who knew how to enjoy life's small pleasures, such as sharing a glass of his favorite Macallan with friends and family.

James A. Deihl

LA MOILLE - James "Jim" A. Deihl, 75, of LaMoille, passed away Oct. 15, 2021 at Liberty Village, Princeton.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Friday, Oct. 22 at Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Burial will be at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille. Visitation will from 10 a.m. until time of services on Friday. Lundquist-Merritt Funeral Home, LaMoille is assisting the family.

Jim was born Aug. 6, 1946 in Chicago to Henry and Florence (Geisler) Deihl. He married Julie Carpenter on April 11, 1987 in Van Orin.

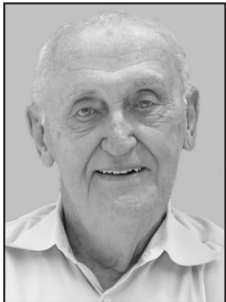
Survivors include his wife, Julie; three daughters, Becky (Bob Johnson) Crawford, Kimberly (Ricardo Wright) Crawford and Katie (Josh) Faber; one sister, Linda DiSilvestro; two brothers, Dennis Deihl and Robert Deihl; and nine grandchildren, Mekyla, Bryant, Damian, Tiara, Bry, Michael, Janiyah, Carpenter John and Flossie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael J. Crawford; and four siblings, Charles Deihl, Henry Deihl, Joseph Deihl and Cynthia Groeneveld.

Jim received his Master's degree in education from Illinois State University. He was a special education teacher for the LaSalle School District before retiring. He served as an EMT for the LaMoille Ambulance, was a member of

Community United Methodist Church and was in the dart ball league. He was also a member of the LaMoille Lions Club. Jim enjoyed woodworking and tinkering with things and loved to play trivia.

Memorials may be directed to LaMoille-Clarion Library or LaMoille Ambulance. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Richard Archer

NAPLES, Fla. - Richard "Dick" Archer, 92, formerly of Compton, passed away Oct. 10, 2021 near Blairsville, Ga.

A private Memorial Service will be held for family at a later date to honor both Dick and his son, Artie, who passed away July 22.

Dick was born Aug. 17, 1929 in Rochelle to William and Ione (Olsen) Archer.

Survivors include one son, Kerry Archer, formerly of Naples, Fla., currently residing in Murphy, N.C.; five granddaughters, Corinne (Jason) Bock of Dixon, Kimberly Archer of Edwardsville, Kristen Archer of Metro Atlanta, Ga., Kate (Timothy) McGrath of Charlotte, and April (Michael) Leitshuh of Metro Denver; and many nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rita (Jahn) Archer of Lee Center; one daughter, Kala Rae Archer of Steward; and one son, L. Kenneth "Artie" Archer of Naples, Fla., formerly of Mendota.

Dick was a "lover of life" with an adventurous spirit. He liked to tell people that he started out as "a poor, ole dirt farmer" but ended up seeing the world, with trips to The Panama Canal (twice), Alaska (twice, once via the Alcan Hwy., and again when he flew in a mail plane over the North Pole), the Bahamas, Hawaii, the Statue of Liberty, Washington, D.C., London, the Eiffel Tower, Germany, Switzerland, and walked The Great Wall of China. He visited every National Park in the U.S. and followed U.S. Highway 1 all around the perimeter of the United States. Dick never seemed happier than when he got his beloved RV out, ready to "take sail" on another trip. He loved driving and one of the hardest things he ever had to face was giving up his license.

Dick also loved music - Big Band music, music you could dance to and oh, how he loved to dance. You could always find him at the Naples Cambier Park Bandshell at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons because that was when the Naples Jazz Orchestra played. Janice was his favorite dance partner; her husband told him "to wear her out!" and he probably did. Oftentimes, they were the only people dancing alongside the bandshell, and everyone enjoyed watching them.

Donations can be made to the Naples Concert Band Band at www.NaplesConcertBand.org or by mailing a check to PO Box 31, Naples, FL 34106.

Raymond J. Michel

NAPERVILLE - Raymond J. Michel, 77, of Naperville passed away Oct. 15, 2021.

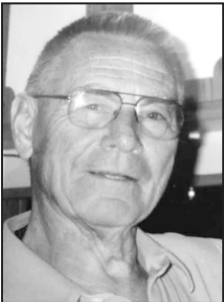
Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25 at the Friedrich Jones Funeral Home, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville. Internment will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery in West Brooklyn at a later date. For more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit www.friedrichjones.com

Ray was born Feb. 20, 1944 in Dixon to Mildred (Gehant) and Raymond Michel. He married Cynthia Clark.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Cynthia; three children, Patrick (Susan) Michel, Christopher (Ann) Michel and Kate (John) Kowalski; eight grandchildren, Ashley (Robert) Saylor, Evan Michel, Kevin Michel, Grace Michel, Ryan Michel, Madeline Kowalski, Gavin Kowalski, and Paige Kowalski; and his cousin, Rose Ann Saylor.

Ray grew up in West Brooklyn, where he was raised by his maternal grandparents, Rose and Frank Gehant. He graduated from Mendota High School with the class of 1962. Upon graduation, he began working for the FBI while attending Strayer College in Washington, D.C., where he earned a degree in accounting. Ray worked for the FBI for 35 years as an agent and 15 years as a contractor. He loved to spend time with his family more than anything and especially cherished his time on the beach in Ocean City, Md.

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory would be appreciated to Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI (<https://www.socxfbi.org/SFSA/SFSA/Donate/Founda-tionGeneralFund.aspx>) or Lurie Children's Hospital (www.luriechildrens.org).



Dale Denault

MENDOTA - Dale Denault, 91, of Mendota, passed away Oct. 13, 2021 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 18 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Larry Sheaves officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visitation was from 9:30 a.m. until time of services.

Dale was born June 15, 1930 in Mendota to Harold and Effie (Runyon) Denault. He married Ava Williams on May 26, 1950 at First United Methodist Church, Mendota.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; one daughter, Kath (Don) Borelli of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; two sons, Jerry (Diane) Denault of Mendota and Ron (Ruth) Denault of Princeton; one sister, Patricia Kossert of Aurora; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, LaVerne Denault; and one granddaughter, Courtney Denault.

Dale was a 1948 graduate of Mendota High School and served in the U.S. Army. He worked for Mendota Farm Supply for 25 years and was a part time police officer in Mendota for many years. He and Roger Sheridan started the Mendota Ambulance Service and served as assistant director for 20 years. Dale was a member of the American Legion and First United Methodist Church where he served on numerous boards. He enjoyed raising tropical fish, tending to his garden and traveling. He loved his family more than anything.

Memorials may be directed to New Covenant Assembly of God, Mendota. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Roberta J. Northcutt

MENDOTA - Roberta Jean Northcutt, 93, of Mendota passed away Oct. 16, 2021 at Stonecroft Village, Mendota.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 20 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Ken Foster officiating. Burial was at Wyoming Cemetery, Paw Paw. Visitation was for one hour prior to services.

Roberta was born Oct. 28, 1927 in Paw Paw to Ralph and Reta (Russell) Larabee. She married Lynn Northcutt on Sept. 22, 1950 in Princeton. He preceded her in death in 2006.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, one sister, four brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Roberta graduated from Paw Paw High School. She worked at Avery Dennison in Rochelle for 17 years before retiring. She and her husband lived in the Paw Paw area the first part of their married life and then built a home in Scarboro. She lived there until she moved to Stonecroft Village in 2009 and that was her final earthly home. Roberta and her husband loved to go boating and fishing. When at home she put out and maintained a huge garden, did a great deal of canning and was well known for her pickled beets. She was also famous for her delicious fruit breads, pumpkin bars, popcorn balls and chocolate covered peanuts. To know Roberta Jean was to love her.

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

Roxie F. Schultz

MENDOTA - Roxie F. Schultz, 80, of Peru, formerly of Mendota, passed away Oct. 16, 2021 surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. A memorial service will follow at 7 p.m. with Robbie Casino officiating. Private burial will take place at a later date.

Roxie was born July 10, 1941 in Rolla, Mo. to Elmer and Virginia McLarning. She married Phillip Schultz on Nov. 26, 1964 in Sycamore. He preceded her in death in 2012.

Survivors include three children, Tracy (Tom) Hocking of LaSalle, Vince (Denise) Schultz of Peru and Shane (Taylor Trainer) Schultz of LaSalle, as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.


She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters and two brothers.

Roxie worked for many years at Mendota Community Hospital in environmental services. She is most remembered for always having a warm and inviting smile whether it be for strangers, loved ones or anyone in between. One of her favorite past times was rooting for her favorite team, the St. Louis Cardinals.

Memorials be directed to the family.



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nation of streamlining billing procedures and an increase in a tax the state levies on each nursing facility occupied bed in the state, a pool of money that also draws additional federal Medicaid reimbursements.

That would translate to an average payment rate increase of about 13 percent, although the amount for any given facility would vary. Funding increases would be based on a formula that also takes a facility's profit margin into account so that profitable nursing homes that do not adequately staff their facilities would not see their reimbursements increase on par with those that do.

The report notes that Illinois spends billions of dollars each year on nursing facility care for roughly 45,000 Medicaid patients, but the state consistently ranks last in the nation for staffing, as measured by the national Staff Time and Resource Intensity Verification, or STRIVE Project. In fact, Illinois accounts for 47 of the 100 most understaffed facilities in the nation when comparing actual staffing levels against their STRIVE target levels.

Andy Allison, DHFS's deputy director for strategic planning and analytics, said those shortages had tragic consequences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Imagine ourselves in the year or two prior to COVID, and if we had known it was coming, whether we would have considered resident safety, room crowding, and staffing to have been urgent issues," he said. "We lost — this is hard for me — thousands in our nursing homes. I don't think there's anyone in the country who would not at that point have said, this is urgent. And I think the point is nothing has changed, except that now we know just how bad it can be."

Allison also said increased funding alone will not solve the staffing shortage in nursing homes. He said the industry itself also needs to make fundamental changes to address its workforce challenges.

"We are in an urgent race to strengthen that labor market—not to capture them, but to entice them to stay in the serving profession that they've chosen," he said. "And one of the ways to do that is to make it more of a profession, to give it a pay scale, to allow for promotion, to provide a payoff to staying with it, which is actually one of the principal policy objectives that HFS, the department, has had for years, which is consistency of the relationship between a staff and the residents that they serve."

The recommendations came as welcome news for some in the nursing home industry.

Angela Schnepf, executive vice president of LeadingAge Illinois, an association of nonprofit aging service providers, said the policy changes DHFS recommend are long overdue and should have been part of the plan when Illinois first adopted its nursing home assessment in 2011.

"As many of you know, 10 years ago, the General Assembly by a thin margin passed the bed tax for a \$105 million increase to support the staffing ratios passed in the spring of 2010," she said. "The rate increase funded the status quo with an assumption that understaffed nursing homes would apply the money to increase their number of staff. One would have thought this made sense. However, the data shows that did not happen."

Schnepf went on to say that a survey of nursing homes just before the pandemic showed that the 120 facilities with the lowest staffing levels had actually reduced their staffing hours

per resident day by 5.8 percent since 2010, the year before the assessment went into effect, while the statewide average for all nursing homes in the state increased 4.5 percent.

"As you may or may not know, LeadingAge Illinois opposed the bed tax in 2011 because we anticipated the tax would shift money from well-staffed nursing homes to the pockets of owners of understaffed nursing homes because of the zero requirement of accountability to apply the new money to increasing their staff," she said. "As a result, over 40 percent of Illinois nursing homes were losers or lost money, and over 60 percent of our LeadingAge Illinois members were losers. That means good providers bore the tax burden to fund the failed attempt to increase staffing in understaffed nursing homes, all to no avail."

But Matt Pickering, executive director of the Health Care Council of Illinois, which represents for-profit nursing homes, criticized the plan for reinforcing what he called a "punitive relationship" and called for an across-the-board rate increase, especially for those with high percentages of low-income residents.

"These facilities face the most challenges to providing care due to the state paying among the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rates in the country," he said. "We must prioritize quality health care for low-income residents and not jeopardize the stability of our long-term system."

The hearing before a joint meeting of four health care-related House committees was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken.

Rep. Camille Lilly, D-Chicago, who chairs the Appropriations-Human Services Committee, called the recommendations "only the first step" toward improving the quality of care for Illinois seniors, and she said there would be more joint hearings in the future.

"This first step does not dictate that we're going to have quality services in these nursing homes," she said. "It does improve some of the staffing issues. But it does not mean we're going to change the quality until we change the mindsets of those who are working in these facilities and why they are there."

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to complete the FAFSA or submit a guardian-signed state waiver form in order to graduate.

Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

BPAC will have a family event on Friday, Oct. 29 in the cafeteria with a Day of the Dead celebration and Mendota dancers. Then on Nov. 4, there will be a two-night workshop presented by Ferney Ramirez Hernandez and each attendee will receive a book. Aughenbaugh said they also extended an invitation to parents of elementary students to attend this program.

SAT Suite and Test Prep Plans

MHS will again use the SAT Suite of Assessments this school year. On Nov. 12, the high school will test 8th grade students from Northbrook and Holy Cross on the PSAT 8. This test will be the first baseline measure of the SAT suite. "We hope to have a good turnout of students from 289 and Holy Cross," Aughenbaugh said.

Freshmen will take the PSAT 9 and sophomores the PSAT 10 on April 20. Due to the spring break conflict, SAT 11 will be administered to juniors on March 23, a month early.

Khan Academy and College Board (owner of SAT) have partnered to provide online SAT test preparation programs and resources entirely free of charge. Students have access to thousands of practice problems, personalized tutorials on test content, official SAT practice questions and full-length tests, comprehensive reporting for students, and access anytime, anywhere. Aughenbaugh thanked Mrs. Tarr and Mr. Artman for their extra work on test prep and the U.S. History teachers for their assistance.

Homeroom Rotations

MHS scheduled monthly homerooms this year during Period 8 to offer additional workshops and curriculum opportunities to students. Aughenbaugh said the Major Clarity screener was offered to students, which assists them in college and career readiness modules.

All students have been asked to stay and complete the SSIS SEL Brief and Mental Health Scales. This measure of students' social and emotional functioning is aligned with state Social Emotional learning standards and provides results used to guide instruction for students and support for students experiencing emotional concerns. This briefing scale assists in measuring a student's current functioning levels and predict a need for additional supports. "We are using this process as part of our ESSER (Elementary and

Secondary School Emergency Relief) federal grant funds plan to identify students who need additional mental health supports and we are really pleased to be able to give this," Aughenbaugh said.

In November and December, Mr. Hanson will schedule Trojan Prep School workshops during the home-room periods.

Professional Development Updates

School Resource Officer Hochstatter provided an Active Shooter Training and Crisis Manual training to staff on Oct. 8 and there was also a morning workshop provided by the Marzano Institute, which Aughenbaugh said was well received.

On Oct. 20 a half-day teacher institute will include articulation conducted with Mendota Elementary and Holy Cross middle school teachers in the areas of math, science, English, social studies, and Bilingual/ELL and the counselors will also articulate. Special Education teachers will have a CPI (restraint) refresher course and all other staff will work with the online CPR training modules.

Alisa Stewart and Joe Hughes have attended intensive professional development through Northwestern University. During the summer session, they attended with science teachers from across the country on teaching and learning science. The week of Oct. 4, researchers from Northwestern University visited MHS and their classrooms to gather video on these teachers teaching. Stewart and Hughes will return to Northwestern next summer for additional professional development. Aughenbaugh congratulated them for taking time and having the courage to really investigate and hone their

teaching and learning skills.

Commendations SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Plans are in place to completely overhaul MHS's science classrooms using funds from the ESSER federal grant of over \$1 million. Prusator said the high school was designed having the lab and class space combined, but that has not made for effective education. The redo will place the lecture room in one area and the lab in another, creating less distraction. The cost is estimated at \$250,000 for each of the four rooms. "It fits the criteria of the grant, and we think it's a good use of the money," he noted. "It will benefit us for decades down the road, and not be just a short-term expenditure."

The board approved application of a \$50,000 matching grant from the state, which will be used to resurface the front parking lot next summer.

Prusator expressed his appreciation to an anonymous donor who paid for tickets for everyone who signed up for the fan bus.

Rapid COVID testing is now being done once a week rather than twice. Prusator said MHS has given almost 4,000 tests this school year and had only four positives, all of which were asymptomatic. He said it was really helpful to have these tests and they especially benefited the sports teams because the positive students could be quarantined immediately.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held at the high school on Monday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.

Council

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need of upgrading were Lake Mendota Park on the west side of the lake and Apple Orchard Park on Third Street. He said 67 percent of respondents were in favor of a dog park.

The council expressed its appreciation for the information provided by Phalen, who said he would be willing to serve on a committee if one is formed to look at upgrades and changes to the city parks.

Jay Miller presented a request from Papa's Burgers & Beer at 705 Washington St. for a Class G liquor license, which was approved by the council. City clerk Emily McConville added that there are no more liquor licenses available.

During John Holland's report, the council formally accepted bids on the sale of two properties. Marilyn Hensley's bid of \$9,001.12 was approved for the property at 905 Sixth Ave. and a bid of \$2,000 from Sylvia Varela was approved for 1402 Lincoln Ave.

In action from John Hensenberger's report, the council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 340 of the Municipal Code-Fences.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor David Boelk presented a proposal to the council in regard to hiring a consulting firm for an analysis of the Mendota Fire Department. He said discussion began several months ago with the fire department and the fire commission. The council agreed to hire McGrath Consulting for the analysis at a cost of \$27,925. The cost of the personnel portion of the analysis will be \$18,000 of which the fire department will pay \$9,000.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

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Forgive and move on

By Scott Reeder

“Ma’am I’ve got some good news for you. Your grandson is being released from prison.”

I made that phone call about 20 years ago after covering a session of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board and seeing the board members vote to parole a long-serving inmate.



Reeder

The elated grandmother dropped the phone receiver and screamed, “Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Jesus!” I could hear her feet thumping and relatives hollering with joy. Cheers roared across the phone line.

And then there was silence.

The grandmother came back on the phone and whispered, “Which one of my grandsons is getting out?”

Illinois abolished its parole system in 1978. In the decades since, most of the people sentenced under the old parole system have been released. Fewer than 50 of the 38,000 inmates in the state’s prison system are eligible for parole.

But there is a movement afoot in the legislature to bring parole back so inmates serving life sentences can have some hope of release.

During the last 33 years, I’ve learned a lot about parole and the pain that remains decades after a loved one is killed.

When I was a young reporter in Galveston, Texas, in 1988, I covered a shooting at a daycare center. A gunman entered, shot and killed one teacher, and wounded another in front of 30 screaming kids.

For years, my wife pestered me to return to Galveston County and follow-up on the story. She wanted to know how the trauma affected the kids and what the ramifications of the crime were for everyone involved. So, four years ago, I returned and wrote that story.

The killer, Clyde “Buddy” Spence, became eligible for parole after serving seven years of his 30-year sentence. For more than 20 years, brothers and sisters of the woman who was murdered wrote the Texas Parole Board asking that Spence not be released.

“It’s horrible,” said one of the sisters, Kim Barksdale. “I can’t think of a better word. It’s just horrible. It’s very emotional. Every year we’ve done it. ... We wrote the letters and got petitions and got the newspaper to do an article on him. It was very emotional, stressful.

“You almost want to just give up and say, ‘Fine just let him out.’ That way you don’t have to relive everything. You can’t just walk in and say, ‘Hey will you sign the petition?’ Everybody wants to know why. ‘What is it?’ And then they say, ‘Oh, I’m so sorry I didn’t realize it was your sister.’ Everybody remembers.”

And there is the rub. Proponents of bringing back parole in Illinois see it as a compassionate move to give hope to inmates who have changed for the better. But the families of those killed often see it as dooming them to relive the crime at hearing after hearing for years to come.

When I visited Spence, the killer, in prison, he shared that it was difficult to be denied parole year after year. Even though he participated in multiple programs to improve himself he was resigned to being denied parole a final time before his 30-year sentence was complete. For him, the parole system fostered nothing but false hope.

But there are people in our prison system who don’t belong there. Some are wrongly convicted. Others were wrongly sentenced. And some folks have turned their lives around and become much better people than when they entered prison.

A perplexing phenomenon I’ve observed is that murder victim’s families often equate the value of their loved one’s life to the severity of the punishment their killer receives. All life is precious. And sadly, no matter how much punishment is meted out, the grief remains.

I’ve heard victim’s families talk about a need for “closure” and express hope that seeing a criminal punished would give them just that.

Perhaps closure is like a period at the end of a sentence or the “amen” at the end of a prayer.

It’s a signal to move on to something new.

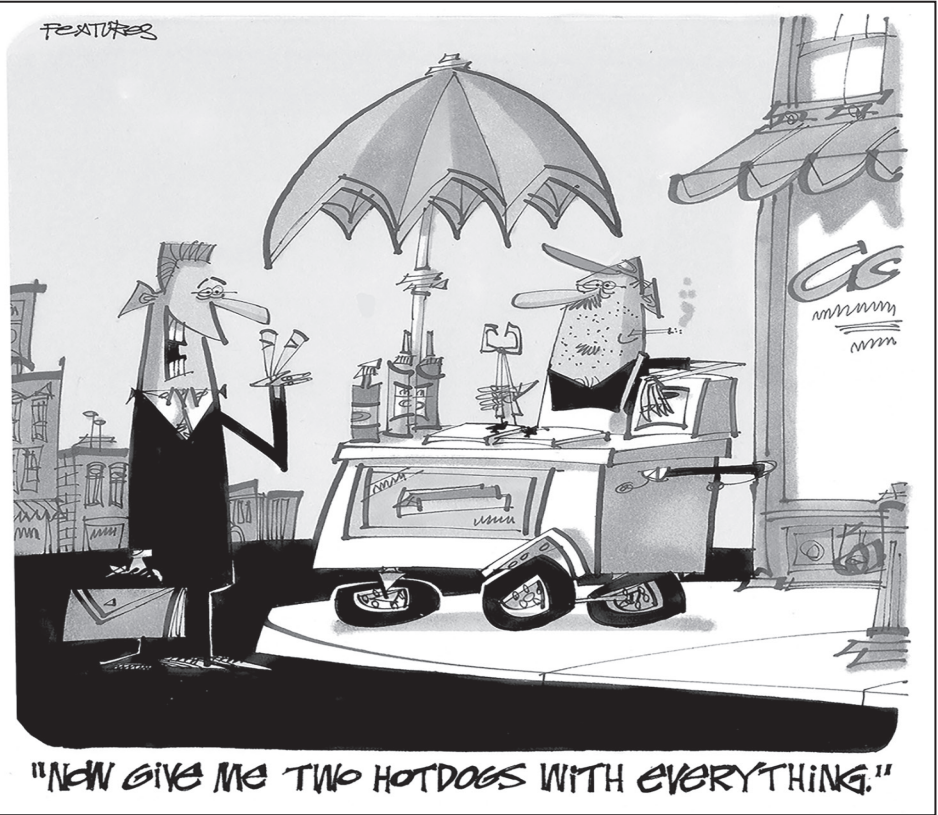
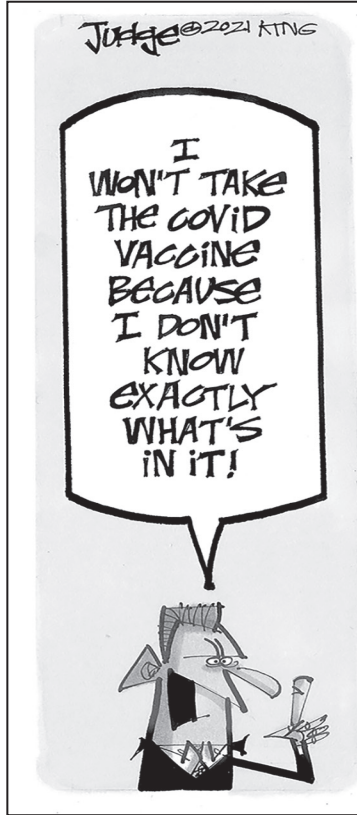
But here is the thing. I’ve never met a person who found closure from watching someone else suffer. But I did encounter a woman who found peace decades after her husband was murdered.

After getting off the phone with the grandma celebrating her grandson’s release, I called a nursing home to talk to the widow of the man who he killed.

The widow came to the phone, and I explained that her husband’s killer was going free.

There was a long pause and she said, “It’s time to forgive and move on.”

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Breaking ground for Civic Center – 1986

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Oct. 23, 1996.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 10 years ago today that Lt. Gov. George Ryan came to Mendota for a dual purpose. First, he announced that Combined Communications Services was to receive \$450,000 in Build Illinois funds and \$200,000 from the Community Development Assistance Fund. Ryan congratulated CCS president, Robert Sanderson, as he presented the relative documents. CCS was planning a \$3.7 million expansion program.

Next, Ryan grasped a gold-colored shovel for the ground-breaking ceremony at the Mendota Civic Center site north of Lake Mendota. A Reporter photo shows Ryan flanked by Gaspar Sciacca, architect with Larson & Darby of Rockford; Richard Hallett, chairman of the LaSalle County Board; Betty Hoxsey, Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs; Myron Olson, state representative of 70th District; Mayor James Troupis; Jerome Sisul, chairman of the LaSalle County Metropolitan, Exposition and Auditorium Building Authority; and Karren Chamberlain and Gerry O’Bryan, co-chairmen of the Civic Center Building Committee.

Ryan presented a check for \$1,080,000 to Mayor Troupis, the state’s portion of the \$1.6 million project. A substantial share of the city’s matching fund was coming from the bequest of Dora Feik.

The Lt. Governor took advantage of the gathering to explain that including the state’s contribution toward Mendota’s Civic Center, Illinois had invested \$4.8 million in LaSalle County, creating or retaining 1,300 jobs.

Troupis said the center would serve senior citizens and also the business community. He conceded that it was a large undertaking for Mendota.

Sometimes when you do this you take a risk. That is what we are doing today.

Troupis also thanked Alderman Jim Strouss for his three-and-a-half-year commitment to seeing that the project was carried out.

The city council and mayor did not see eye-to-eye on the appointment of Don Parks as Mendota’s chief of police.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Mayor Troupis’s appointment of Parks was rejected by the council. However, Parks was authorized to serve on a temporary basis until the mayor and council reached an agreement on a permanent appointee.

The Business & Professional Women’s Club named Roberta Lauer, assistant cashier at First State Bank Plaza North, as their 1986 Woman of the Year. The same honor had been accorded her sister, Verona Whitmore, in 1984. Verona was employed at the National Bank of Mendota. Both were daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Amfahr. Said Lauer –

My parents brought us up with the idea that you work.

During her 23 years with First State, the 1986 Woman of the Year viewed increased use of computers as the biggest change.

Automatic teller machines make banking available 24 hours.

Computers also produce information on customers’ account at a moment’s notice.

Thirteen Mendota businesses cooperated on full page advertising in The Reporter to publicize Sunday hours. Most were from noon to 4 p.m. but there were some variations. Another full page was devoted to Thursday evening hours. Twenty businesses would be open until 8 p.m. and two until 6 p.m.

General Telephone published an apology for an omission in its 1986 directory, plus the missing listing.

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E.E. Williams, administrator at Mendota Community Hospital, and Dr. John Genter of the MCH staff, voiced outrage at billing for some vaccines. One vaccine would have cost \$51 except for a surcharge of \$120 to cover liability.

National divorce is a poisonously stupid idea

By Rich Lowry

Divorce usually isn’t a good idea, and that’s especially true of a nearly 250-year-old continental nation.

A cadre of apocalyptic writers on the right, who believe the country is too far gone to save, has become obsessed with a Secession 2.0 that would cleave red America from blue and allow the former to escape the ever-rising tide of woke insanity.

There is no doubt the country is deeply riven along political, cultural and religious lines. Yet, a national divorce has nothing to recommend it.

The practical obstacles are insuperable, and the likely effects would be very unwelcome to its proponents. If an insufficient patriotism is one of the ills of contemporary America, then a national divorce would prescribe arsenic as a cure. It would burn down America to save America, or at least those parts of it considered salvageable.

A disaggregated United States would be instantly less powerful. Indeed, Russia and China would be delighted and presumably believe that we’d deserve to experience the equivalent of the crackup of the Soviet Union or the Qing dynasty, respectively.

The economic consequences could be severe. The United States of America is a continent-wide free trade zone, creating a vast domestic market that makes us all better off. Exchanging that for a market Balkanized by state or region would be a major loss.

Finally, the United States foundering on its domestic divisions would be a significant blow to the prestige of liberal democracy. Abraham Lincoln worried about this effect the first time around, and it might be even worse now, with a long stable republic unable to survive internal dissension.

Then, there’s the question of how this is supposed to work. Lincoln warned of the physical impossibility of secession when the Mason-Dixon Line was a more-or-less ready line of demarcation. How would it play out now, with conservatives and progressives amply represented in every state in the Union?

If there were to be sovereign pure red and blue places, this wouldn’t look like the relatively neat split of the United States into two in the 1860s, but more like post-Peace of Westphalia Europe, with hundreds of different entities.

Some proponents of national divorce say not to worry -- it can all be worked out amicably. But if we are going to split up because we can’t even agree on bathroom policies or pronouns, how are we going to agree to divvy up our territory and resources?

It would matter, obviously, who gets control of the federal government, the most powerful organization on Earth. It has 1.3 million people under arms and a stockpile of 3,800 nuclear warheads. Whether it accrues to red or blue America would, to understate it, be a matter of considerable haggling.

On top of all this, red-state secession would be self-defeating. Let’s say Texas left. That’s 40 electoral votes off the national map for Republicans. In 2020, with no Texas, Trump could have won Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, and still fallen short of an electoral majority.

On the other hand, Texas isn’t quite as ruby red as it used to be. It could secede and still find itself governed by the very Democrats it hoped to leave behind.

Besides, would the rest of the country really be willing to watch a state of 29 million people that represents the ninth-largest economy in the world go its own way?

Meanwhile, red-state secession might not actually stem the cultural tide. Would the college professors in these places be less woke? Would the newsrooms be more conservative? Would people in the state stop using social media?

The real impetus for the talk of a breakup is despair. It constitutes giving up on convincing our fellow Americans, giving up on our common national project, giving up on our birthright.

This is an impulse to be resisted. Breaking up is hard to do and quitting on America is -- or should be -- unforgivable.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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TRI-COUNTY NEWS

SUBLETTE

Sublette awards contract for maintenance, mowing & plowing

By TONJA GREENFIELD

Publisher

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette will have a new maintenance company doing repairs, mowing grass and plowing snow.

The village board met for its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 11, in the Ellice Dinges Center. Sublette Village Trustees Jeff Myers and Julie Kessel were absent.

Sublette Village Trustee MacKenzie Belan said the village received two bids for its three-year maintenance contract. The first was from current contractor Geuther Lawn Service in the amount of \$60,000 for the first year with a five percent increase each year after for a three-year contract. The second was from Rick's Lawn and Property Maintenance in the amount of \$40,000 per year for three years. Belan made a motion to accept the bid from Rick's Lawn and Property Maintenance. Sublette Village Trustee Scott Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0, with Sublette Village Trustee Bob Bulfer abstaining from the vote.

In other board news:

• Don Dinges reported that the 4-H Club will be hosting a Halloween parade before Trick or Treating hours on Sunday, Oct. 31. The village set the Trick or Treating hours as 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31 at the September village meeting.

Dinges also told the board that there are plans in the works to hold a couple holiday

events in Sublette. The first called Ghouls' Night Out will be on Oct. 21 from 6-8 p.m. All are invited to come shop, drink, eat and visit the shops and restaurants of Sublette.

He said the committee is also working on plans for the Christmas in the Village event.

Dinges said he has three leads on businesses that would like to come to Sublette. In addition to that, he is working on getting an antique store to open in the village.

• Sublette Village President John Stenzel said the village has received its first payment of the American Rescue Plan Act. This provides additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses.

• The board voted 3-1 to table relisting the vacant lot property on Main Street with Erbes Realty, LLC, until the rest of the board could be present to vote on the matter. Sublette Village Trustee Larry Ellis voted no to the motion to table. Ellis said he thought the property should be taken off the market. Belan said it was brought up in committee that if the village still owned the property, they could use it for holiday events.

• The board approved a motion to purchase a new high service water pump in the amount of \$9,200.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Obituaries, continued from Page A4

Lyle E. Littlewood



VIRGINIABEACH, Va. - Lyle Eugene Littlewood, 87, of The Gardens in Virginia Beach, Va. passed away Oct. 6, 2021 at his home.

The family received friends from noon to 1 p.m. on Oct. 16 at the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Princess Anne Chapel in Virginia Beach. The funeral service followed at the funeral home chapel with interment at Colonial Grove Memorial Park.

Lyle was born Dec. 19, 1933 to Harold and Rena Littlewood at their farm home near LaMoille. He married Marilyn Ruth Weinert on Oct. 20, 1956 in Dearborn, Mich.

Survivors include three sons, Steven, Derrick and Jeffery and two brothers, John and Roland Littlewood.

Lyle attended Basswood Corner School, one of the last one-room schools in Bureau County. He then attended LaMoille Community High School, where he was class president for three years and participated in many athletic activities, especially track. He attended North Central College in Naperville and continued to excel in track and cross country. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Engineering Science) in 1955 and was one of 11 seniors selected to appear in "Who's Who in American Colleges." At North Central, Lyle met his future wife, Marilyn and they married in 1956. Lyle taught at Savana Junior High School during the 1955-56 school year and the next year, enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He enrolled in Officer Candidate School and became a career Navy man. He continued his education while in the Navy, spending a year at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, earning a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1963, and attending and graduating from the Navy Test Pilot school. He served as a Naval officer from 1956 until 1978 and traveled around the world stationed at NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii; Auburn, Ala.; Monterey, Calif.; California, Md.; Virginia Beach, Va.; Lexington Park, Md.; and Yokosuka, Japan. He eventually retired from the Navy with the rank of commander.

Following retirement, Lyle and his family moved to Burke, Va. where he continued his career with ManTech and BAE systems



working with the Maritime Surveillance Aircraft Team and the NAVAIRSYSCOM P-3 Program. He eventually retired from the work force and moved back to Virginia

Beach in 2004. He and Marilyn enjoyed gardening and won the Bellamy Manor yard of the month in July 2016. They enjoyed spending time with their Bellamy Manor neighbors and shared their 60th anniversary with many of them. Throughout his life, Lyle was always giving of his time for volunteer work and contributed to countless charities.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.hollomon-brown.com.

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Paw Paw-Amboy soccer

This is the second year of Amboy co-oping with Paw Paw for junior high soccer and seven youth from Amboy participated this year. This year the soccer team had an amazing season, finishing first in the Little 10 Conference and taking second in the post-season tournament. The team finished with an overall record of 16-3 and brought hardware back to the school for the first time since 1989. The players from Amboy are: eighth graders Rylan McNinch, Wyatt Hoffman, and Tristan Zellhofer; seventh graders Ty Florschuetz and Henry Nichols; sixth grader Aarav Patel; and fifth grader Hayden Thomas. Paw Paw players are: eighth graders Logan Edwards, Logan Schrader, Patrick Callison, and Hank Hickey; seventh graders Jason Brewer, Jesse Monarrez, Colon McLaughlin, Cesar Gomez, Andrew Acevez, Tori Fox; sixth graders, Taylor Edwards, Kendall Burkett, Lane Schrader, Henry Johnston, Everett Hickey; and fifth graders, Leo Gomez and Chase Fox. AFC player was sixth grader Naim Mimini. Congratulations on your great season and all your hard work. The team was coached by Trese McNinch and Rob Edwards. (Photo contributed)

Paw Paw Board hears Garden Club request

PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Garden Club addressed the Paw Paw Village Board on Oct. 13 seeking funds for new planters displayed on the main street. Michelle Fay reported on the pride residents have communicated regarding the colorful flowers and the seasonal displays. The present planters are showing wear.

The Garden Club maintains the planters including purchasing, planting, watering and changing plants as necessary. They requested that the village support them in any way and are hoping for donations to cover the cost of purchasing new planters. Anyone interested in donating towards the cost of planters may contact Michelle Fay at (815) 627-2041. Checks may be made to the Paw Paw Garden Club, c/o Michelle Fay, P.O. Box 548,

Paw Paw, IL 61353.

• Erv Safranek requested permission to put-up three seasonal displays in Rogers Park and install electricity for floodlights. Permission was granted.

• The streets and sidewalks repairs have been completed for this year.

• A citizen requested a variance for the set-back for installing a new porch.

• Lee County Health Department will not come out to administer seasonal flu vaccines this year

• Lee County Council on Aging donated money for Paw Paw Senior Activities Programs. There will be no senior activities Nov. 22-26 and Dec. 20-31.

• A caution sign for "Children at Play" will be installed on Wabansi Trail.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- “Kevin Bacon Goes Gay,” the headline read, but of course it was referring to him starring and co-producing the (as yet untitled) LGBTQIA empowerment film set in a gay conversion camp, with Theo Germaine. It’s also a horror film, which Bacon’s done before in “Friday the 13th” (1980) and a slew of “Tremors” films starting in 1990.



K. Bacon

He’s kept himself busy doing Showtime’s “City on a Hill” (renewed for season three), co-producing and starring in “You Should Have Left,” with Amanda Seyfried, which went straight to streaming and was very successful. He’s completed the action thriller “One Way,” with Travis Fimmell and Colson Baker (aka Machine Gun Kelly), and is filming “Toxic Avenger,” starring Peter Dinklage, Elijah Wood and Jacob Tremblay, about an

“everyman” pushed into a vat of toxic waste who becomes a mutant superhero. Bacon is currently taking direction from his wife, “Closer” star Kyra Sedgewick, making her directorial debut with “Space Oddity,” also starring “Big Bang Theory’s” Simon Helberg.

Helberg hit Amazon’s streaming platform in August with the musical psychological drama “Annette,” starring Adam Driver and Marion Cotillard. He’s currently getting direction from his former “Big Bang Theory” co-star Mayim Bialik in “As Sick as They Made Us,” co-starring Dustin Hoffman and Candice Bergen.

George Clooney has produced and directed “The Tender Bar,” a coming-of-age tale about a boy who bonds with the patrons at his uncle’s bar. It stars Clooney’s buddy Ben Affleck as the uncle to Tye Sheridan (of “X-Men” fame), with Christopher Lloyd and Lily Rabe rounding out the cast. It will have a short theatrical release on Dec. 17 before hitting Amazon’s

platform on Jan. 7.

We lost Jane Powell, one of the last great MGM musical stars who toplined “Royal Wedding” (1951), with Fred Astaire (remember he danced on the ceiling in that one), and “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” (1954) with Howard Keel and some of the greatest dancing in movies. She worked with Romo Vincent in “Luxury Liner” (1948), and when she came to visit his widow (who lived next door to me) and learned she didn’t have a VCR to play his movies on, she came back the next day, unannounced, with a VCR and a new TV. That was the kind of lady she was. We lost her on Sept. 16 at 92 years young.

A last word on Kevin Bacon. Maybe you heard of the game “Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon”? Well, “Ben & Jerry’s Clash of the Cones” (Food Network) has taken it one degree further with Kevin as himself in the episode “Six Flavors of Kevin Bacon.” How’s that for a scoop?!

Couch Theater

“The Way Down” -- This three-part documentary exposes The Remnant Fellowship, a Southern megachurch that seemed to follow the Scientology playbook of brainwashing, intimidation and guilt-based money-grubbing. The church was created and led by Gwen Shamblin, a diet guru obsessed with weight loss and big hair (and money, and power). The film was well into production when Shamblin, her husband and five others from the church were killed in a small-plane crash in Tennessee in May 2021. As such, two more upcoming episodes will be released in early 2022 to cover the fallout of the loss of the church’s leadership, including pending lawsuits. (HBOMax)

“Life’s a Glitch With Julien Bam” (16+) -- Imagine being a wildly famous internet influencer when out of the blue, a “Back to the Future”-like car crash transports you and your best buddy to a parallel universe where you are now a big fat nobody but your friend is a

world-famous rapper. Such is the plot of this four-episode German comedy series starring Julien Bam -- an actual YouTube celebrity -- and Joon Kim. While attempting to find their way back to their previous reality, the two gents encounter various misadventures from mistaken identity hijinks to an MMA beatdown. Premieres Oct. 21. (Netflix)

“Invasion” -- A series of unexplained and seemingly random incidents, accidents and tragedies fall upon the planet. But the increasingly destructive events are soon determined to be interconnected, and their origin is not of the earth. Crashes, explosions, sickness, plagues; will it be the end of humanity? The 10-episode original series feels very “War of the Worlds ‘05,” but it stars Sam Neill, so there’s still hope. Premieres Oct. 22. (Apple TV+)

“Behind the Music” -- From 1997 to 2014, VH1’s “Behind the Music” was the ultimate weekend couch-vegging program. Every episode brought to

light all of the darkest days of our favorite musicians. It seemed every musical act from Leif Garrett to Hall & Oates to Anthrax was featured, exposing their addictions, bankruptcies and broken relationships. It was awesome. And now it’s back! Eight all new episodes are currently available, some with artists who have been previously featured on the show. My episode recommendations: Huey Lewis and Duran Duran. (Paramount+)

“Dopesick” -- In the mood for an emotional series about how corporation-encouraged opioid addiction has overtaken and destroyed America’s already financially depressed coal mining towns? Look no further than this original series based on a true story. In it, Michael Keaton plays Samuel Finnick, a local physician who believed the hype about Purdue Pharma’s painkiller, OxyContin. After widely prescribing the alleged miracle drug, he comes to realize he unwittingly contributed to the addiction and deaths of many of his patients.

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: How is “NCIS: Hawaii” doing in the ratings so far? I hope it doesn’t get canceled, but it seems like these network spinoff shows do well. -- **K.K.**



V. Lachey

A: You can rest assured that “NCIS: Hawaii” won’t be canceled. In fact, star Vanessa Lachey said the show has just been picked up for a full season of 20-24 episodes, up from 13 plus the pilot in its debut season. According to TVLine.com, “NCIS: Hawaii” is the fall’s “most watched series launch, having debuted to 6.6 million total viewers.” Lachey stars as Jane Tennant, the first female special agent in charge of NCIS Pearl Harbor. “NCIS: Hawaii” airs Mondays on CBS at 10 p.m. ET.

Q: We have watched “Gunsmoke” for years. Can you tell me about the actors who played Miss Kitty, Doc and Festus? Also, was there a character named Chester? -- **M.N.**

A: “Gunsmoke” made its TV debut in 1955. It was set in Dodge City, Kansas, in the 1890s and centered on U.S.

Marshal Matt Dillon, played by James Arness. Miss Kitty (Amanda Blake) was the red-haired proprietress of the Long Branch Saloon, while Doc Adams (Milburn Stone) was the town doctor. There was indeed a Chester: Deputy Marshal Chester Goode, played by Dennis Weaver, who left the series in 1964.

Blake started out on the stage before MGM studios discovered her, viewing her as “the next Greer Garson.” After 19 seasons on “Gunsmoke,” she left to devote time to breeding cheetahs in captivity. She passed away in 1989 at age 60.

Milburn Stone grew up in a tiny Kansas town much like Dodge City. He was briefly replaced by actor Pat Hingle while he underwent heart surgery, but returned for the final four seasons.

Dennis Weaver chose to leave “Gunsmoke” because, as he told The Toronto Star, he didn’t want to be the “second banana” anymore. He eventually played the titular role in “McCloud,” a TV series that ran seven years. Weaver was replaced on “Gunsmoke” by Ken Curtis as Festus Haggen. Curtis, a singer and the son-in-law of director John Ford, has appeared in numerous films,

including “Mister Roberts” and “The Searchers.”

“Gunsmoke” ran until 1975 on CBS and was the longest running scripted series in history before “The Simpsons” broke that record in 2018.

Q: What happened to the Native American characters in “FBI: Most Wanted”? One played the right-hand man to Agent LaCroix. They all simply disappeared. -- **M.H.**

A: Actor Nathaniel Arcand confirmed in July that he would not be returning to “FBI: Most Wanted” as Agent Clinton Skye, who is also Special Agent LaCroix’s (Julian McMahon) brother-in-law. No reason was given for his exit, but he can be seen in the upcoming Martin Scorsese film “Killers of the Flower Moon,” starring Leonardo DiCaprio. As for LaCroix’s mother- and father-in-law, Marilou and Nelson Skye (played by Irene Bedard and Lorne Cardinal), their future remains uncertain as they haven’t appeared on the new season and are not listed in the upcoming credits.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFW5, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

• Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that ends with the letter Q?
2. LITERATURE: Which Truman Capote nonfiction book begins with the line, “The village of Holcomb stands on the high wheat plains of western Kansas, a lonesome area that other Kansans call ‘out there’?”
3. MOVIES: What were the words on the hot-air balloon in which the wizard leaves Emerald City in “The Wizard of Oz”?
4. HISTORY: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed the right to vote regardless of race?
5. MEDICAL: What condition is the result of a decrease in red blood cells?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in a 1/4 cup?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

- What do deltiologists study and collect?
8. TELEVISION: What is Netflix’s highest rated original series in 2021?
 9. SCIENCE: What is a person who specializes in plant studies called?
 10. FOOD & DRINK: Is eggplant considered a fruit or a vegetable?

- Answers
1. Iraq
 2. “In Cold Blood”
 3. State Fair Omaha
 4. Fifteenth
 5. Anemia
 6. Four
 7. Postcards
 8. “Bridgerton”
 9. A botanist
 10. Fruit

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- 39 Sees the world
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- 56 Byron or Tennyson
- 57 Nest-egg acronym

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Those having received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine were eligible for a free marijuana joint in New York City and Washington, D.C., thanks to “Joints for Jabs.” The organization behind the 4/20 event hoped to help counter vaccine hesitancy.

* The first lawnmower was an adapted carpet-cutting machine.

* Theodore Seuss Geisel dropped out of Oxford before getting his Ph.D. and called himself Dr. Seuss as a nod to his father.

* The four-penny coffin was one of the first homeless shelters created for the people of central London by the Salvation Army during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For that amount, they received food and shelter, and could sleep in a coffin-shaped wooden box with a tarp.

* When you snap a whip, that sound you hear is the whip breaking the sound barrier.

* In 2015, a fan of the Australian band Peking Duk got backstage at their concert by adding himself as a family member on their Wiki page and showing it to security. The duo wasn’t upset, however, noting that they “ended up having a bunch of beers with him and he was an absolute legend.”

* Swedish wasn’t the official language of Sweden until 2009.

* The phrase “take something with a grain of salt” refers to an ancient Roman recipe for an antidote that protects against poisons.

* Phobophobia is the fear of phobias, or the fear of fear.

* Lee Hadwin “sleep-draws” gorgeous works of art, of which he has no recollection afterward. He has been drawing in his sleep since he was 4 years old.

* The ancient Aztecs believed that Techichis, forerunners of today’s Chihuahuas, would absorb their owners’ sins while escorting them to the afterlife.

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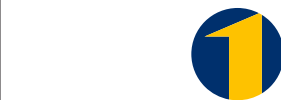
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Induction cooking skips the need to heat a burner, increasing the overall heating efficiency. Instead, it automatically detects when magnetic cookware is placed on the cooking zone.

Still cooking with gas or electric? A case for induction cooking

(StatePoint) The best kitchen updates don't just enhance the beauty of your space. They allow you to simplify your life, make better choices, and improve your relationship with your kitchen. And who knows? They may even make you a better cook! To that end, you may want to consider trading in your gas or electric cooktop for an induction model. If you've been keeping up with the Joneses and haven't considered induction technology, that's not surprising. While popular in Europe, adoption in the United States has been slower.

"Outdated misconceptions about the cost and reliability of induction cooking have prevented many American households from making the switch," says Peter Weedfald, senior vice president of Sales and Marketing for a leading electronics manufacturer. "However, induction technology offers quicker heating and boiling than gas or electric counterparts, more precise temperature control, easier cleanup, enhanced safety, and key eco-friendly perks."

To help demystify induction cooking, Weedfald is offering some insights into

how the technology works and how it can benefit your kitchen:

- **Magnetic technology:** Induction cooking skips the need to heat a burner, increasing the overall heating efficiency. Instead, it automatically detects when magnetic cookware is placed on the cooking zone. An electromagnetic field located below the cooktop transfers current (heat) directly to the cookware. The good news? You probably already own magnetic cookware. Many stainless steel, enamel-coated iron, and cast iron pots and pans are magnetic, and some manufacturers have added steel or iron plates to the bottom of ceramic, copper, aluminum, and other pans. If you put a magnet to the bottom of your cookware and it sticks, it's magnetic and will work on induction. Concerned that one of your faithful pans won't work? You can purchase an induction transfer plate, which is a simple steel disk that transfers heat to your non-magnetic cookware.

- **Precise cooking:** Some induction cooktops offer a wide range of temperature settings from low to high, as well as timers, for

super-precise heating and overall faster boiling.

- **Eco-friendly design:** Induction cooking can help you reduce your carbon footprint at home. With induction, up to 90% of the energy consumed is transferred to food, compared to approximately 74% for traditional electric systems and 40% for gas, according to the Electric Power Research Institute.

- **Cleaner indoor air:** A study conducted for Southern California by the Environmental Health Perspectives found that residential natural gas cooking burners can emit air pollutants, including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and formaldehyde. Unlike gas stoves, induction cooktops don't release the airborne pollutants associated with burning natural gas.

- **Safety first:** Induction cooking carries less risk of burns and fires. Only the area the cookware occupies is transferring heat, not the surrounding area. Plus, the cooking zone stays cool even when turned on and is only activated when magnetic cookware is placed on top of it.

- **Sleek design:** Induction cooktops have a sleek glass-ceramic surface that not only looks great in any style kitchen but makes cleanup as simple as wiping down the surface.

- **Cost:** Upgrading to an induction cooktop was once expensive. But like with most innovations, not only has the technology substantially improved over time, the prices have dropped.

Whether it's time to replace your cooktop or you simply want to try something new, consider induction technology for an overall improved kitchen experience.

Budget-friendly dining room renovation ideas

If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then the dining room may be akin to one of its arteries. The mood created in the kitchen spreads to the dining space where family and friends gather to eat and enjoy one another's company.

Dining rooms can get lost in the home renovation shuffle, as many homeowners tend to focus on renovating kitchens and bathrooms instead. Homeowners do not have to invest a lot of money in renovations to give their dining spaces awe-inspiring makeovers. Here's how to do so on a budget.

- **Lighten and brighten.** Dining rooms were once very formal spaces. Dark woods, large pieces of furniture, over-the-top chandeliers, and other details could be found in many homes. But now that houses are being built with open floor plans, dining rooms can blend with other spaces, which have moved to lighter colored walls, flooring and furniture. A fresh coat of vibrant paint can work wonders and it doesn't cost much. If you can't remove a floor, cover it with a brightly colored area rug.

- **Switch things up with slipcovers.** Slipcovers can be changed each season to dramatically alter the look of a dining room for little investment. Slip covers also protect chairs and can be



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easily laundered after spills.

- **Add floating shelving.** Floating shelves provide much-needed storage or display space without the need to invest in another piece of furniture. Depending on the shelving, they can work in modern design schemes or even farmhouse dining spaces.

- **Clear out the clutter.** It might be time to say "so long" to that large curio cabinet and the knickknacks within it. Curio and china cabinets used to be de rigueur, but plenty of people now prefer more open and airy dining rooms. For those who want to keep the cabinet, try decluttering inside to only include the very best display pieces and see if the cabinet can be refinished with paint or a lightly colored stain.

- **Improve lighting.** Make

the chandelier the statement piece of the space. Go for a bold color or an innovative design. Then add accessories throughout the space that coordinate with the chandelier.

- **Add bench seating.** Those who need additional seating may not have to get entirely new furniture. Swap out some chairs for benches, which can fit a couple more guests than chairs.

- **Create depth with color.** HGTV says that using various shades of the same color in a space can add depth. Coordinate drapes, walls, seat fabrics, and accessories for a cohesive design.

Renovating a dining room doesn't require a large investment of time and money. A few simple steps can give dining spaces a whole new feel without busting homeowners' budgets.

5 ways to prepare your home for winter

(StatePoint) It's that time of year: pumpkin spice is here and so are shorter days and cooler nights. Before nightfall comes too early, take advantage of the milder temps to prepare your home for winter. Here are a few easy, DIY tasks to check off your list.

1. **Close Up the Patio.** It's important to protect patio items from winter wear and tear so you can enjoy them as soon as the weather breaks in the spring.

When the weather in your area seems to be changing for good, clean outdoor furniture like tables, chairs and décor and protect them with a heavy-duty cover. If you don't have interior storage, secure everything tightly so you don't risk items tipping during a gusty winter storm. Clean the grill, remove and store the tank, and winterize outdoor hoses and faucets. Easy-to-install faucet covers can help prevent water damage and freezing pipes.

Also, don't forget to plant your bulbs now so you'll have flowers to welcome you when the warm weather hits.

2. **Secure Loose Shingles and Fix Broken Gutters.** Assess your roof and gutters to ensure your home is safe from water damage and leaks this winter. If you suspect or discover a problem, even a small one, don't wait to fix it. It will be even more difficult to repair after the roof has become snowy and icy.

If it's not within budget, try a DIY fix with supplies you likely already have in your toolbox. The Original Duck Tape Brand Duct Tape is a classic tool for temporary repairs and is great for holding, seaming and sealing coverings over problematic areas until you can later fix the issue at hand.

3. **Prep A/C Units.** Don't overlook keeping your A/C unit clean. Most modern units are created to withstand extreme elements; however, keeping it free of buildup is key to



maintaining it over time.

When it's not in use over winter, clean the surfaces on and around the unit to keep it free from buildup of dander, leaves, acorns and pine needles. Next, using an air conditioner cover, securely protect your A/C unit from snow and ice, so that it's still in its best working condition when you uncover it in the spring.

4. **Keep Cold Weather Out.** Frigid temperatures draw attention to drafts coming into your home. While turning up the furnace helps, the constant escape of warm air leads to high heating costs.

Seal cracks and gaps around windows and doors wisely. Many seals tend to freeze and crack, never really fixing the problem. However, Duck Brand Heavy-Duty Weatherstrip Seals are made with a durable, flexible material, creating a barrier against cold air throughout the winter. When spring arrives, the strip will work against dust, pollen and insects throughout the warmer months.

5. **Clean Windows.** Prepare your home for short gloomy days and long nights by giving windows and blinds a deep clean. When these surfaces are clean, natural light can pour in during the day, helping combat winter blues.

A little extra effort this fall can make your home more enjoyable all winter long.

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Fall is an ideal time to tackle a deck project, whether it be repairs, board replacement or a completely new build.

Five fall fix-ups for your outdoor space

(BPT) - After a long summer relaxing on your deck or patio, autumn is a great time to renovate your outdoor space - or build one from scratch. Home improvement expert Alison Victoria, host of HGTV's "Windy City Rehab," offers five tips for fabulous fall fix-ups.

1. Get decked out. Fall is an ideal time to tackle a deck project, whether it be repairs, board replacement or a completely new build. In addition to offering more pleasant temperatures for working outside, fall and winter are typically slower times for contractors, meaning you won't have to wait as long to get onto their schedules. Contractors may also be willing to offer off-season discounts on their services or materials, which tend to be cheaper after the spring and summer rush.

"Another big advantage of waiting until the off-season to tackle outdoor projects is contractor focus," explains Victoria. "Rather than being one of many projects a contractor is juggling, you can be one of the few, which often translates into greater attention to quality and better customer service."

2. Think high and low. Research the best materials available for your budget and be sure to keep maintenance in mind. After all, the last thing you want is a deck that

requires constant upkeep. Victoria suggests looking for materials that are both high performance and low maintenance.

"Trex decking is my go-to material for outdoor projects," explains Victoria. "It's a composite material that delivers the beauty of wood without the environmental impact, the labor-intensive upkeep or the natural deterioration over time. I love that it's made from 95% recycled materials and only needs an occasional cleaning with soap and water to maintain its beautiful appearance for decades."

3. Raise your railing game. Railing is one of the most visible elements of a deck and has tremendous impact on a deck's aesthetic and curb appeal. In recent years, the industry has seen an influx of statement-making railing styles inspired by contemporary architecture and commercial design. Give your outdoor space an instant facelift by replacing your old wood deck railing with sleek, sophisticated aluminum railing. Trex Signature Railing comes in a variety of modern

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4. Hide and chic. Nothing dampens the enjoyment of an elegant alfresco gathering quite like the sight of unattractive trash bins or nosy neighbors. Providing function and design, lattice is perfect for concealing storage areas or unsightly views and enhancing privacy. With styles ranging from romantic to deco, lattice panels also can be applied to structures such as arbors and trellises, or used as wainscoting or deck skirting.

5. Light it up. "Lighting is a must for any outdoor space," says Victoria. "In addition to amping up the ambiance, it enhances safety and helps to extend the time you can enjoy your outdoor space." Outdoor lighting can easily be integrated into deck boards and stairs, as well as railing posts and caps. Trex offers DIY-friendly components that feature plug-and-play installation and energy-efficient LED bulbs that are dimmable and cool to the touch, making them safe for kids and furry friends.



There are some clever ways to maximize every inch of a small dining room and even some smart solutions for those who don't have dining rooms at all.

Making the best of a small dining space

Some homeowners may aspire to have expansive dining rooms replete with seating for 12 beneath a stunning chandelier. That kind of space certainly makes hosting dinner parties easier. However, modern homes typically have small dining rooms that require homeowners or renters to be resourceful when entertaining guests.

Hosts may not be able to expand their dining spaces, but there are some clever ways to maximize every inch of a small dining room and even some smart solutions for those who don't have dining rooms at all.

- Create the illusion of more space. Eating areas can be made to feel larger with a few tricks. A mirror on the wall will reflect light and make the room appear larger. In addition, a large-scale patterned floor or oversized artwork on the wall may make the room appear more spacious.

- Maximize seating. Chairs can take up a lot of room in a dining space. To maximize seating availability in smaller dining rooms — or in spaces where you need to create a seating area — look to built-in banquettes or bench seating. These ideas can help create an instant cozy nook and save on space in the process.

- Let space lead furniture choices. Depending on the size and shape of the

room, select a table that will fit comfortably. A round, pedestal table may take up less real estate in a smaller room than an oblong or rectangular one. Also, if you have a narrow, galley-type dining space, select a narrow table and low-profile chairs. Again, benches may work well in narrow spaces.

- Utilize the kitchen island. Many modern homes have no dedicated dining rooms but kitchens that open up to living rooms. Homeowners with kitchen islands can utilize large islands as dining areas, and they're easy places to enjoy casual meals when stools are pulled up to the island.

- Install a drop-leaf table. Drop-leaf tables do for dining spaces what Murphy beds do for guest rooms. A wall-mounted drop-leaf table can be dropped down for entertaining and folded back up when the space needs to be repurposed.

- Lighten up the color palette. Make dining spaces seem larger with brighter colors. Brightly colored decor, furniture and flooring can do the trick.

- Invest in storage pieces. A simple buffet can store silverware, table cloths, wine glasses, and more, but also serve double-duty as a bar or server for a buffet.

Petite dining spaces can be functional when space is maximized and design tricks are called into action.

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Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS) would like to thank everyone who supported our Pork Chop BBQ. What a successful night. Thanks to our many volunteers for their hard work and dedication. You are awesome. We appreciate our community of Mendota and the surrounding areas for their continued support of our organization.

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST-JUVENILE

A 16-year-old juvenile was arrested at 4:45 p.m. Oct. 18 on a valid LaSalle County youth arrest warrant for contempt of court/theft. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Juvenile Detention Center to appear before a judge for a bond hearing.



IVCC agriculture program co-coordinators Willard Mott, left, and Caitlinn Hubbell, right, with 20 of the 21 NuEra Scholarship recipients. (Photo contributed)

Cannabis production students receive scholarships

OGLESBY – A total of 21 Illinois Valley Community College cannabis production certificate program students received \$1,000 scholarships this fall funded by a \$100,000 gift from NuEra.

NuEra Principle Owner Keith McGinnis of Ottawa made the gift to IVCC in March to support the program's students and provide necessary equipment.

Recipients include Julio Aldana, Kaden Hawley and Tyler Lorden of Oglesby; Larry Alger of Peru; Brian Angelico, Tori Hattan and Ryan Schmitt of Streator; Danny Blackburn of LaMoille; Jacob Doonan of Ladd; Liam Duffin, Melinda Kramer and Amanda Neff of Princeton; Ebelin Euresti, Chance Ruger and Re-

becca Smith of Ottawa; Anderson Ficek of Hudson; Zackary Kimball of La Salle; Trisha Kreiser of Lstant; Jamie McPeck of Odell; Jason Smith of Marseilles; and Dylan Strait of Granville.

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For information about IVCC's cannabis production certificates, contact ag program co-coordinators Caitlinn Hubbell at caitlinn_hubbell@ivcc.edu or Willard Mott at willard_mott@ivcc.edu.

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SPORTS

MHS hosting regional volleyball tournament

Spikers to battle Oregon Oct. 26

MENDOTA – The Mendota Spikers will play host to the Mendota Class 2A Regional Volleyball Tournament to be played Oct. 25, 26, 28.



The action will begin on Monday, Oct. 25 when Sandwich takes on Stillman Valley. The winner of that match will advance to the semifinals to face top-seeded Rockford Lutheran at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26. The second semifinal match will pit the fourth-seeded Spikers against former Big Northern Conference rival Oregon at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26.

The semifinal-round winners will meet for the regional championship at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28.

The winner of the Mendota Regional will advance to the Oregon Sectional to take on the champion of the Marengo Regional at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1. The other teams in the sectional will come from the Genoa-Kingston and Byron regionals. The sectional championship match will be contested at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Mendota Class 2A

Regional Volleyball Tournament

Monday, Oct. 25

1 - (6) Sandwich vs. (8) Stillman Valley - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

2 - (1) Rockford (Lutheran) vs. Winner Match 1 - 5:30 p.m.

3 - (4) Mendota vs. (5) Oregon - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 28

4 - Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3 - 6 p.m.

Mendota harriers make their final tune-up before regional

AMBOY – The Mendota boys' cross country team competed in the Amboy Columbus Day Invitational on Oct. 11 at Shady Oaks Country Club.

Five Trojans were entered in the race and Anthony Kelson was first among them to cross the finish line in 32nd place with a time of 17:27.4. Next in was Alex Hermosillo in 46th place at 17:52.7, followed by Andrew Stamberger (97th, 19:23.2), Dagen Setchell (98th, 19:29.2) and Travis Mumm (161st, 25:59.3).

Mendota finished 15th in the team standings with 358 points. The top 10 teams were Amboy (93), Monticello (101), Elmwood (115), Aurora Central Catholic (171), Eureka (186), Rock Falls (188), Sterling Newman (212), Franklin (220), Kankakee Bishop McNamara (229) and Seneca (299).

Mason Stoeger of Minonk Fieldcrest was the individual champion with a time of 15:21.2. There were 166 runners in the competition.

Mendota did not have any entries in the girls' race.



Anthony Kelson finished 32nd in the Amboy Invite.

Lianna Surtz of Aurora Rosary was the individual champion with a time of 17:30.7. There were 181 runners.

The top 10 teams were Winnebago (50), Eureka (73), Aurora Rosary (87), Elmhurst Immaculate Conception (106), Monticello (108), Rock Falls (196), Seneca (232), Elmwood (270), Tremont (271) and Sherrard (285).



Mendota's Luis Garcia, right, is in a footrace to the ball with Serena's Carson Baker in the regional championship soccer game on Oct. 15 at Serena. (Reporter photo)

Trojans rally for regional soccer title

Mendota scores 5 goals in 21 minutes

SERENA – You can only keep a sleeping giant down for so long. For Mendota, the alarm went off later than expected, but once the Trojans woke up, they made sure everyone knew they were wide awake.

Mendota's varsity boys' soccer team spotted Serena a 1-0 lead and then tallied five straight goals in the final 20 minutes of the game to pull out a 5-1 victory in the championship game of the Serena Class 1A Regional on Oct. 15.

The triumph was the Trojans' 21st straight without a loss this season and propelled them into the Chillicothe IVC Sectional where they met Peoria Christian on Tuesday night. A win in that contest places Mendota in the sectional championship against either Quincy Notre Dame or Somonauk on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Chillicothe. Game time is 3 p.m.

Serena was the aggressor on offense to start the contest and had several shots on goal before it finally converted with 27 minutes left in the first half when Carson Baker slipped a shot past Trojan goalie Manny Trejo to give the Huskers a 1-0 lead.

The first half ended with that same 1-0 count.

Mendota got its first big break of the contest at the 38:25 mark of the second half when Serena was saddled with a red card for a player trying to stop a ball from going into the net with his hands. That gave Trojan goal-scoring machine Yahir Diaz a penalty kick, but his shot sailed wide right of the pipe and the Huskers still clung to the 1-0 lead.

"I must admit that after we missed that penalty shot, I wondered if it wasn't our day," said MHS coach Nick Myers.

Seventeen more minutes elapsed before Mendota finally snapped its long scoring drought when Diaz banged home the tying goal with 21:13 left.

Nine minutes later, Diaz broke the tie when he tallied off a deflection on a throw-in to put the Trojans in front for good.

The barrage continued for Mendota when Ricky Orozco drilled a shot from about 50 feet that found the back of the net at the 9:05 mark, then 59 seconds later, Johnathan Cortez tallied his first of two goals to provide the final margin. His second score came with just 1:40 left in the game.

After Serena scored its lone goal in the first half and



Mendota's Josue Arteaga, right, battles for position with a Serena player in the regional championship on Oct. 15. (Reporter photo)

had several other chances, it never came close to tallying a goal in the second half.

While the Trojans took nearly three-quarters of the game to score their first goal, Myers said he didn't panic.

"We've worked a lot on scenarios where we're down 1-0, 2-0," he said. "I knew it was only a matter of time before we scored. We broke

them down and started putting more pressure on. And we've been a team that scores a lot of goals in bunches."

The Trojans made it to the championship game with a 3-1 win over Newark in the semifinal-round on Oct. 12.

Cortez booted home a pair of goals, while Orozco added the other.



Mendota's Isaac Smith is wrapped up by Ethan Van Landuit of Sterling Newman after taking off with a pass reception on Oct. 16 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Newman races past Trojans, 24-7

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA – Perennial football power Sterling Newman struggled through the first six games of the season, posting an un-Cometlike 3-3 record. But week seven against Hall saw the return of all-purpose running back Marcus Williams and the Comets took off to their most dominant win of the year.

So, it was no coincidence that Williams was smack dab in the middle of two of Newman's biggest plays of the game when the Comets came calling on Mendota for a Three Rivers Conference East Division tilt. The bulky back ran for one touchdown and caught a pass for another in leading Newman to a 24-7 triumph over the Trojans on Oct. 16 at the MHS field.

Mendota's records stand at 5-3 overall and 2-3 in conference play, while Newman is 5-3 and 3-2. The Trojans can assure themselves a

spot in the post-season playoffs with a victory at St. Bede on Thursday night.

While Williams was a thorn in the side of the Trojans, ironically, it was the 6-0, 205-pound senior whose fumble on the very first play of the game led to what turned out to be Mendota's lone score of the night. Starting on its own 33-yard line, Williams got the hand-off on Newman's initial play and he fumbled it away to Mendota's John Gonzalez at the 32 with just 12 seconds elapsed in the game.

It took the Trojans four minutes to cover those 32 yards, but they did, with Anthony Childs sprinting into the end zone from 13 yards out on the eighth play of the drive, and after Emilio Perez's extra-point kick, Mendota was in front 7-0.

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Spikers top Kewanee, take 2nd in tourney

The Mendota Spikers concluded their Three Rivers Conference schedule with a 25-20, 19-25, 25-9 triumph at Kewanee on Oct. 12. Mendota finished league play with a 7-5 record.

Bailey Baird and Reanna Brant supplied 10 and 9 kills, respectively, to pace the squad. Other statistical leaders were Elly Buettner with four ace serves, Lauren Martin with 21 digs and Kya Delao with 17 assists. Katie Jenner helped out with 10 assists.

The Spikers won three of five matches and finished in second place in the Mendota Varsity Rally Invitational on Oct. 16.

Mendota began the action with a 25-21, 27-25 decision over Ottawa. Paige Manning paced the team with six kills, while Baird and Maya Martin added five apiece. Lauren Martin and Buettner tied for the team led with three aces apiece, while Lauren Martin had 23 digs and Delao collected 13 assists.

Forreston dealt the Spikers a 25-9, 25-14 setback in the next round. Baird had three kills, Lauren Martin picked up 11 digs and Delao totaled six assists.

Mendota and Ottawa met again and the result was the same with a 25-16, 25-21 Spiker victory. Baird led with five kills, Lauren Martin had five aces and nine digs, and Delao recorded 12 assists. Marah Setchell and Maya



Mendota's Maya Martin gets a hand on a kill attempt by Ottawa's Ryleigh Stevenson in the Mendota Varsity Rally Invitational on Oct. 16. (Reporter photo)

Martin each had four kills.

The Spikers pulled out a 25-17, 27-25 win over Rockford Christian. Manning and Baird had six and five kills, respectively, while Lauren Martin served four aces and dug up 10 Christian serves. Delao topped the club with 13 assists and Buettner

chipped in with nine digs.

Forreston won for the second time over the Spikers, 25-17, 25-20, to capture the tournament championship. Peoria Christian finished in third place.

Mendota concluded the regular season with a 21-14 record.

SPORTS

Football

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Each team exchanged punts on their next possessions, with Mendota's traveling 55 yards all the way to the Newman 4-yard line off the foot of Ted Landgraf. When Newman took over on offense, Williams atoned for his fumble in a big way. After Newman dodged a bullet by recovering its own fumble on the first play of the series, Williams grabbed a hand-off from quarterback Cody Donna and busted through the Trojan line and into the clear, outsprouting Mendota defenders 96 yards for a touchdown to get the Comets on the board. Jacob Donald drilled the PAT kick to tie the score at the 2:56 mark of the first period.

Neither team could generate any offense in the second quarter and the team's headed to halftime in a 7-7 deadlock.

Each team's punter saw plenty of action over the first six minutes of the third quarter as neither team threatened to score. On one of Mendota's possessions, Trojan quarterback Landgraf injured an ankle, which sent him to the sideline at the 5:59 mark. When Mendota's defense forced the Comets into their second punt in as many possessions, the Trojans began that drive at their own 48-yard line and Mendota back-up quarterback Justin Randolph taking over for Landgraf.

Unfortunately for the sophomore signal-caller, on the first play of the drive, Randolph had trouble with the exchange from center and the ball fell on the turf to be recovered by Newman's Drew Scott at the 7-yard line. On the Comets' first play, Hunter Luyando scampered into the end zone, and following Donald's kick, Newman led 14-7 with 4:13 left in the third frame.

Mendota sent the ball back to the Comets with one more punt before the conclusion of the third quarter, and as the fourth period began, Newman struck again. During a drive that began at the Newman 48, Donna floated a wobbly pass up for grabs over the middle of the field, and Williams was the one that snatched it out of the air and raced 38 yards for a touchdown with

11:51 left in the contest. Donald's successful kick made it 21-7.

Landgraf returned to the field for Mendota's next offensive series, which began at its own 18. The southpaw slinger connected on a 35-yard pass to Childs to the Newman 47. Then on a fourth-and-7 from the 44, Childs ran for exactly 7 yards for a Trojan first down. Mendota's next play went for 3 yards to the Comet 34, but the Trojans were whistled for a 15-yard personal foul penalty. Mendota eventually turned the ball over on downs at the Newman 48 with 7:29 to play. As it turned out, Mendota's penetration to the Comet 34 was the closest it got to the end zone after its lone scoring drive back in the first quarter.

The Comets managed to move the ball down to Mendota's 10, where it eventually settled for a 27-yard field goal by Donald to provide the final margin. Mendota finished with 152 total yards compared to 283 for Newman. Landgraf ran 20 times for 56 yards, while he completed two passes for 39 yards. Williams had eight carries for 121 yards and had the Comets' only two pass receptions for 63.

Next for the Trojans
Opponent: Thursday, Oct. 21 at St. Bede.
Kickoff at 6:30 p.m.
Last year: Did not play.

Last week: St. Bede improved to 6-2 on the season with a 15-12 squeaker over Hall. The Bruins trailed 12-0 with just over 10 minutes left in the game, but Luke Story found the end zone on runs of 5 and 7 yards, the latter coming with 2:47 left, to lift St. Bede to the comeback victory.

Three Rivers East Division Football Standings

	TR	OA
Kewanee	5-0	8-0
Princeton	5-1	7-1
St. Bede	3-2	6-2
Sterling Newman	3-2	5-3
Mendota	2-3	5-3
Bureau Valley	0-5	2-6
Hall	0-5	1-7

Friday, Oct. 15
Princeton 49, Bureau Valley 20
St. Bede 15, Hall 12

Saturday, Oct. 16
Sterl. Newman 24, Mendota 7
Kewanee 26, Rockridge 14

Thursday, Oct. 21
Mendota at St. Bede

Friday, Oct. 22
Kewanee at Sterling Newman
Hall at Bureau Valley
Monmouth-R. at Princeton

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STERLING NEWMAN 24, MENDOTA 7

Sterling Newman	7	0	7	10	-	24
Mendota	7	0	0	0	-	7

SCORING SUMMARY

ME - Childs 13 run (Perez kick), 7:43 1Q
SN - Williams 96 run (Donald kick), 2:56 1Q
SN - Luyando 7 run (Donald kick), 4:13 3Q
SN - Williams 38 pass from Donna (Donald kick), 11:51 4Q
SN - Donald 27 field goal, 2:50 4Q

	ME	SN
First Downs	7	12
Rushes-Yards	43-113	35-220
Passing Yards	39	63
Passes	2-8-1	2-7-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Punts-Avg	5-38	3-35
Penalties-Yards	2-20	3-25

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing – MENDOTA: Landgraf 20-56, Angulo 14-32, Childs 4-19, O. Gonzalez 3-10, Randolph 2-(minus 4);
STERLING NEWMAN: Williams 8-121, Luyando 6-40, Van Landuit 11-38, Cook 6-17, Glaudel 3-4, Donna 1-0.
Passing – MENDOTA: Landgraf 2-7-0-39, Randolph 0-1-0-0; STERLING NEWMAN: Donna 2-7-0-63.
Receiving – MENDOTA: Childs 1-35, Smith 1-4; STERLING NEWMAN: Williams 2-63.

MHS tennis season ends at sectional

OTTAWA—The Mendota Lady Trojans saw their tennis season end at the Ottawa Class 1A Sectional on Oct. 15.

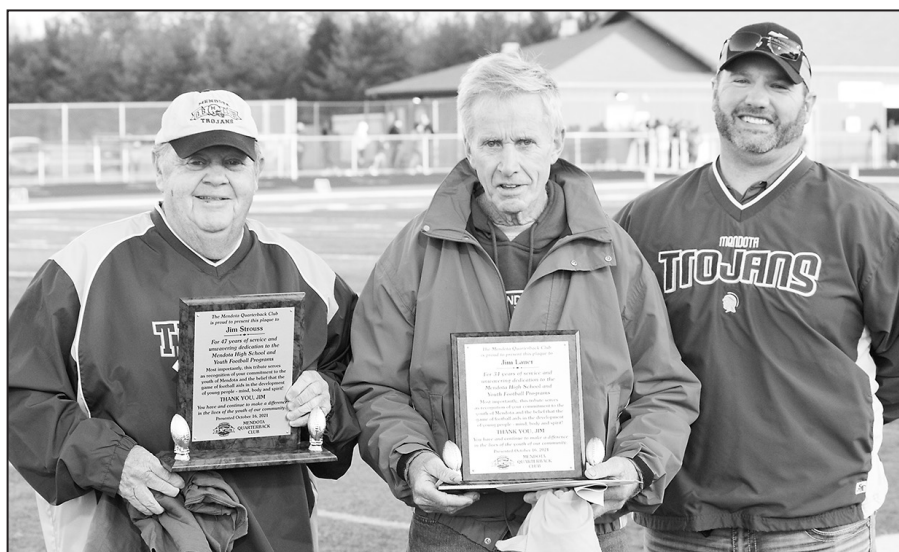
In singles play, Mendota's Alex Stremlau was defeated by Claire Vogel of Streator 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 and Jackie Cortez fell to Paige Kraml of St. Bede 6-4, 7-6.

Both of Mendota's doubles teams were able to win their first matches before being eliminated from the tournament in the next round.

KayLee Barkman and Alexis Finley teamed up for Mendota to defeat a duo from Kankakee, 6-0, 6-0, before losing to a LaSalle-Peru team, 6-1, 6-1.

Lizzie Bresley and Zoe Finley was the other doubles team for the Lady Trojans and they won their first match over Kankakee Bishop McNamara, 6-1, 6-0. However, they were knocked out of the tournament by a duo from Morris, 6-0, 6-1.

Ottawa was the team champion with 28 points. LaSalle-Peru finished second with 21 points, followed by Morris (18) and Coal City (13). Mendota took fifth place with eight points. The rest of the field included Streator (6), Pontiac (4), St. Bede (4), Kankakee (2) and Kankakee Bishop McNamara (0).



Service to Youth Football

Jim Strouss, left, and Jim Lauer, center, were recognized for their years of service to the Mendota Youth Football League program by Mendota Quarterback Club president Nick Organ, right, at the Mendota High School varsity football game on Oct. 16. Strouss has dedicated 47 years to the youth football program and Lauer has served for 34 years. (Reporter photo)

Newman downs Trojan F-S gridders, 44-7

STERLING – Sterling Newman posted a 44-7 win over Mendota in freshman-sophomore football action on Oct. 18 at Sterling.

The Comets owned an 8-0 lead after the first quarter, scoring on a 13-yard run and adding the two-point conversion. Newman tacked on two more TDs in the second period on runs of 1 and 78

yards, and it was successful on both two-point tries.

Newman tallied three more touchdowns in the second half. One came in the third quarter on a 13-yard run and two scores in the fourth frame were on runs of 2 and 1 yard.

Mendota was able to avoid being shut out when it scored with 34 seconds left in the game on a 30-yard

pass from Justin Randolph to Braiden Freeman. Damian Medina kicked the extra point.

The Trojans (0-4) finished with 99 total yards in the contest. They rushed for 20 and passed for 79. Randolph completed four of nine passes, with two being caught by Freeman for 61 yards. Newman gained 301 yards, all on the ground.

MHS harriers in St. Bede Regional Oct. 23

PERU – The Mendota boys' and girls' cross country teams will compete in the St. Bede Class 1A Regional to be held Saturday, Oct. 23. The girls will race at 10 a.m. and the boys will step off at 11 a.m.

Other schools in the regional include Amboy [Coop], DePue, Granville (Putnam County), Henry (H.-Senachwine) [Coop], Kewanee (H.S.), Kewanee (Wethersfield) [Coop], Manlius (Bureau Valley), Newark, Oneida (ROWVA) [Coop], Ottawa (Marquette), Peru (St. Bede), Princeton, Sandwich, Seneca, Spring Valley (Hall) and Toulon (Stark County).

The first seven placing teams and the

first five runners who are not members of the advancing teams in each regional will advance to sectional competition at the site to which they are assigned. In addition, in the event the sixth, seventh or eighth place overall individual finisher in the regional is not on a qualifying team, such sixth, seventh or eighth place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the regional to the sectional meet.

Those advancing will participate in the Oregon Sectional on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Oregon Park West. The girls' race is at 10 a.m. and the boys will compete at 11 a.m.



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High team game (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 775, Sports-N-Stuff 690, Leagal Beagles 665

High team game (hdcp) – CM Farm 978, Mendota Agri-Products 926, Leagal Beagles 917

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 2136, Sports-N-Stuff 1937, Leagal Beagles 1915

High team series (hdcp) – CM Farm 2824, Leagal Beagles 2671, Ramer Inc. 2651

Men's high game (scratch) – Ron Westphal 243, Mike Smith 233, Sonny Sterchi Jr. 219

Men's high game (hdcp) – Ed Roulston 259, Ron Westphal 259, Mike Smith 255

Men's high series (scratch) – Ron Westphal 625, Mike Smith 614, Matt Ramer 612

Men's high series (hdcp) – Ed Roulston 728, Sonny Sterchi Jr. 696, Paul Ramer 682

Women's high game (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 205, Jessica Robinson 189, Gail Sessler 188

Women's high game (hdcp) – Brenda Westphal 261, Mick Reistad 259, Debbie Berger 257

Women's high series (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 566, Gail Sessler 514, Jessica Robinson 512

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LOCAL AND AREA

Imagine your life free from fear

Do you ever wonder what your life would look like if fear didn't exist? For example, what if you had the confidence to pursue every passion God gave you? Just imagine for a moment what that would look like. Well, God gives us a special gift called faith so we can do amazing things for Him. And I want to encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and exercise that gift full time.

Faith gives us so much potential because it motivates us to move forward in the plans God has for us. But fear is a feeling Satan uses to keep our

focus inward. It makes us feel anxious, causes us to dread the future, and it can keep us from saying and doing things that would reveal more of God's love to the world.

We need to learn to interrupt fear at its onset—before it begins to settle in our spirit. The choice is to either let Satan stop us in our tracks or to go forward in faith, believing God is in control.

The good news is, when we're struggling with fear, we can turn to God's Word for an inspiring, encouraging reality check. Romans

8:31 (NIV) says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" And Psalm 27:1 says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

These scriptures are basically saying that if we believe God's Word, then we have already won the battle we're facing.

Jesus tells us in Mark 11:22 (AMPC), "Have faith in God [constantly]." God doesn't want you to be fearful at any time. He wants you to be bold, confident, courageous and full of faith every day of your life—not just until you have a problem or until someone mistreats you. There's no until. And no one can stop God from answering a prayer that lines up with His Word and His will for our life.

Keeping the Faith While You're Waiting

Throughout the course of a lifetime, we spend a lot of time waiting. And that is often the case with prayer. We can spend years praying for something to happen. And during that time, Satan will do everything he can to discourage us. He will try to convince us that God doesn't love us, that God's promises are for more worthy people, or that we didn't really hear from God in the first place. But if we will choose to trust God



continually, we can keep moving forward in His plans for us.

The truth is, even if you don't see the fulfillment of every dream or desire of your heart here on earth, God will be pleased as you continue to believe in His perfect plan. And in the meantime, your faith will fill you with hope, joy and peace (see Romans 15:13).

Now if you knew me years ago, you would know that I wasn't always filled with hope. In fact, I was miserable whenever God made me wait for anything, so I would try to make things happen on my own. And it eventually wore me out! I remember lying on the floor, crying, saying, "God, I've tried everything and nothing's working. I just give up!" At that moment, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and said: Really, Joyce? You mean, you're going to let Me take it from here?

You see, when we're ready to let go, God is right there to fight our battles. We just need to learn to trust Him...

and that comes through experience, as we take each new step of faith.

Overcoming Opposition with Consistency

Today, instead of trying to pray my problems away, I've learned to pray for things like strength and courage, and for the power to endure whatever comes with a good temper. With God's help, I can choose faith every time I'm confronted with feelings of fear or intimidation.

Philippians 1:28 says not to be "frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God."

With God's help, we can remain stable in the face of fear, putting one foot in front of the other...walking by faith full time.

Imagine again what it would be like to pursue your God-given passions in life. Don't let fear stop you! Keep seeking God. Stir yourself up with scriptures on faith. And boldly say, "God is

bigger. He's is working on my behalf, and I trust Him constantly."

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series Overcoming Fear with Faith. 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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2. From 1 Kings 20, how many kings came with Ben-Hadad against King Ahab? 2, 4, 7, 32
3. Which has 1, 2 and 3 books, as in first, second and third? Peter, Thessalonians, John, Corinthians
4. From Judges 20, what tribe had 700 left-handed men? Benjamites, Samaritans, Pharisees, Sadducees
5. What part of David's mighty men could run like gazelles? Revlons, Gadites, Madaites, Henochs
6. Which priest took the first census of the Hebrews? Eleazar, Melchizedek, Ehud, Jabin

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 32; 3) John;
4) Benjamites; 5) Gadites; 6) Eleazar

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Property in each Township, other than farmland and coal, is to be assessed at a 33.33% median level of assessment, based on the fair cash value of the property. You may check the accuracy of your assessment by dividing your assessment by the median level of assessment. The resulting value should equal the estimated fair cash value of your property. If the resulting value is greater than the estimated fair cash value of your property, you may be over-assessed. If the resulting value is less than the fair cash value of your property, you may be under-assessed. You may appeal your assessment to the Board of Review.

If you believe your property's fair cash value is incorrect or that the equalized assessed valuation is not uniform with other comparable properties in the same neighborhood, the following steps should be taken:

1. Contact your township assessor's office to review the assessment.

If not satisfied with the assessor review, taxpayers may file a complaint with the LaSalle County Board of Review. For complaint forms, instructions, and the Rules and Procedures of the Board of Review, call 815-617-4200 or visit lasallecounty.org for more information.

3. The final filing deadline for your township is 30 days from this publication date. After this date, the Board of Review will no longer accept 2021 complaints for this township but will accept 2022 complaints payable the 2023 tax year. For more information on complaint deadlines, call 815-617-4200 or visit lasallecounty.org.

Your property may be eligible for homestead exemptions, which can reduce your property's taxable assessment. For more information on homestead exemptions, call 815-434-8233 or visit lasallecounty.org.

Your property tax bill will be calculated as follows:

Final Equalized Assessed Value - Exemptions = Taxable Assessment;

Taxable Assessment x Current Tax Rate = Total Tax Bill.

All equalized assessed valuations are subject to further equalization and revision by the LaSalle County Board of Review as well as equalization by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

A complete list of assessments for the aforementioned townships for the current assessment year is as follows:

Township: MENDOTA TOWNSHIP		
Owner Name	Parcel Number	Total Value
AKC INVESTMENTS, LLC;	01-33-126-014;	624
ARJES, KENNETH A SR/CONSTANCE M;	01-29-402-010;	36109
ARTEAGA, JOE C;	01-29-304-003;	56748
ARTEAGA, JOSE DEJESUS-ANA B;	01-32-203-004;	67763
AVILA, HECTOR;	01-28-435-004;	27357
BABCOCK, KAREN;	01-33-431-003;	33327
BARKMAN, STEPHEN/BRENDA;	01-29-205-006;	48434
BASSING, EUGENE;	01-33-217-010;	4190
BAUMANN, CHARLES/BETTY;	01-29-111-000;	90784
BECK OIL COMPANY OF ILLINOIS;	01-25-300-001;	739321
BERRY, LINDA;	01-28-432-022;	21340
BERRY, LINDA L;	01-33-102-041;	23832
BODMER, EUGENE F - DEBORAH K;	01-29-205-007;	71661
BODMER, EUGENE F / DEBORAH K;	01-32-424-003;	39605
BOTTOM, RICHARD L;	01-29-304-008;	98589
BRANDAU, STANLEY V L;	01-33-121-014;	37620
BROWDER, GARY/ELIZABETH;	01-32-225-004;	54439
CABEZAS, JORGE A/CISNEROS, LORENA E;	01-32-437-000;	44296
CAMACHO, ROY/IMELDA;	01-29-204-003;	45602
CATANEDA, FRANCISCO/MARGARITA;	01-32-225-015;	43911
CHANDLER, BRANDON J / STACY;	01-30-415-000;	87935
CHAON, CURT / MARY PAT;	01-31-325-000;	90036
CHAON, CURTIS / MARY PATRICIA;	01-31-320-000;	16000
CHRISTIAN, CINDY J / THOMAS G;	01-32-213-007;	40616
CITY OF MENDOTA;	01-33-134-035;	27445
CITY OF MENDOTA;	01-33-210-013;	5108
CITY OF MENDOTA;	01-33-219-015;	3734
COGDAL, GLORIA J;	01-32-210-018;	52093
COMMERCIAL NET LEASE REALTY LP;	01-36-100-002;	289872
COOPER, CHARLES;	01-33-433-004;	44566
CORRIGAN, WILLIAM E/SALLY C JENKINS;	01-29-406-004;	26610
DALTON, MATTHEW;	01-32-201-005;	72942
DELAO, JORGE H / CONNIE F;	01-28-432-003;	25358
DELAO, JOSE L / LINDSEY M;	01-32-201-007;	69820
DOLL, DAVID J / MELISSA M;	01-32-209-006;	69824
ELENZ, CHERYL MARIE;	01-32-225-008;	79900
ELLIS, JOHN L TTEE;	01-16-105-000;	52274
ESCATEL, ISIDRO;	01-29-206-003;	81211
ESCATEL, RODOLFO;	01-29-204-010;	30844
ESCOBEDO, HECTOR/ MARIA;	01-33-102-008;	27295
FIRST STATE BANK;	01-33-304-001;	63474
FOUTS, FRANK R;	01-33-222-005;	27146
GAHAN, MICHAEL/AMY;	01-32-225-003;	50729
GILMORE, SCOTT/MARIANNE;	01-04-209-000;	302650
GROBE, SCOTT/BRENDA;	01-29-112-000;	54227
GULICK, DAVID/ MARGARET;	01-28-423-017;	17537
HANAMAN, MATTHEW / REBECCA;	01-31-303-003;	67260
HANAMAN, MATTHEW / REBECCA;	01-31-314-000;	5299
HANSEN, REBECCA;	01-33-233-019;	38143
HANSON, JASON W / MAUREEN E;	01-32-225-001;	63937
HAYWARD, ADAM L / MEGAN M;	01-32-226-001;	78132
HEATH, CARLA A;	01-29-402-008;	51056
HENRY, TODD;	01-33-107-007;	22556
HERMOSILLO, GUMARO;	01-33-319-013;	24270

HERNANDEZ, LORENZA;	01-33-115-015;	3116
HOLLAND, TROY/ AIMEE;	01-32-226-000;	92918
HUSBAND, NICHOLAS;	01-28-432-006;	16535
JOHNSON, JAMES;	01-33-102-038;	50537
JUCKEM, PATTI S TRUSTEE;	01-32-225-005;	60604
KAISER, ARNOLD;	01-11-103-000;	298570
KAISER, ARNOLD;	01-11-304-000;	156470
KAISER, DUANE;	01-03-102-000;	451200
KD & RM LLC;	01-32-422-001;	104783
KELLEN, LAUREN E;	01-33-103-010;	33510
KLEIN, ROBERT / DEBRA TTEE;	01-04-104-000;	299140
KNAPP, WILLIAM L / MYRNA A TTEES;	01-29-203-014;	56544
KRENZ, PATTI S ETAL TTEE;	01-03-304-000;	452400
KROMM, STEPHEN/PAMELA;	01-05-210-000;	149870
KROMM, STEPHEN/PAMELA;	01-05-405-000;	149870
LEWIS, CHARLES / MARGARET TTEE;	01-05-307-000;	149480
LEWIS, CHARLES / MARGARET TTEES;	01-36-209-000;	124800
LEWIS, CHARLES / MARGARET TTEES;	01-36-210-000;	187596
MARTIN, ADAM J / JENNIFER;	01-32-213-003;	61457
MAUCH, DAVID J / WANDA J TTEE;	01-33-323-025;	41870
MCCOLLOM, ROBERT S / DAWN;	01-32-224-012;	51900
MUSGROVE, DIANE ETAL;	01-30-406-000;	91347
MYERS, MARK / CONNIE;	01-28-430-009;	54234
NANEZ, ELICERIO E/DIANA G;	01-28-436-010;	42307
NEGRETE, LUIS;	01-33-114-019;	14502
NORTHERN PARTNERS COOPERATIVE;	01-16-306-000;	689451
NOVAK, ALLEN E / VIRGINIA L TTEES;	01-31-303-005;	51857
NOWLIN, STEVE / JANICE;	01-32-219-005;	53110
PAPPAS, SEAN / JENNIFER;	01-29-411-002;	68000
PATTERSON CREEK LLC;	01-33-202-023;	20927
PATTERSON, STEPHEN / ROBERTA;	01-34-106-003;	48958
PEREZ, FREDY;	01-33-326-015;	26018
PINTO, CRISTIAN;	01-33-403-019;	30705
PRUSATOR, JEFFREY D/ AMY J;	01-29-301-007;	73599
R & L SOCIO CORPORATION;	01-33-134-041;	24675
REBHOLZ, DONALD / DEBBIE;	01-29-405-018;	29059
RENOUD, KATHRYN J / JAYSON D;	01-32-307-000;	75153
ROLING, CHRISTOPHER;	01-32-403-004;	39457
ROSE, RONALD/DEBORAH;	01-32-206-008;	80835
ROSENWINKEL, KEITH A/LORI A TTEES;	01-32-211-018;	33063
SALINAS, SANTOS / SOCORRO;	01-32-213-019;	29562
SANCHEZ, BLANCA M ETAL;	01-33-104-002;	37389
SARABIA, GERARDO/ MARIA;	01-28-433-009;	24459
SCHAEFER, JEFFRY;	01-33-329-015;	36110
SCHLESINGER, LARRY;	01-02-110-000;	303490
SCHLESINGER, TOD M/CHRISTINE N ETAL;	01-32-312-000;	61463
SCHULTZ, BRIA;	01-32-228-008;	58595
SCHULTZ, RYAN T / JAMIE K;	01-16-203-000;	50002
SHAKESPEARE, RICHARD / SARAH;	01-32-206-006;	52928
SHELDREW, JAMES W / CHAROLYN A;	01-28-427-009;	36320
SIEMERS, JANICE;	01-32-228-011;	75910
SISNEY, DEBORA A;	01-32-210-014;	35132
SMITH, RANDY-YVONNE;	01-28-436-009;	44188
SPROWLS, BRIAN K;	01-32-209-012;	19117
STERCHI, STEVEN S / RUTH ANN;	01-32-224-014;	56632
THOMAS, CATHERINE E/WASMER, MICHAEL L;	01-33-120-004;	52640
THOMPSON, RICHARD N / DORI J;	01-28-303-008;	43892
TRACY, SUSIE B AMBLER-REGISTER-;	01-29-301-008;	101760
TRUCKENBROD FAMILY TRUST;	01-05-107-000;	150320
TRUCKENBROD, JOHN / ANGELINA TTEE;	01-05-305-000;	149690
UFKES, DAVID/HUGHES, RUTH A;	01-05-105-000;	149900
URBANSKI, ZACHARY S;	01-32-204-003;	34263
VAN SICKLE, JENNIFER L;	01-29-405-014;	26536
WALTER, CATHERINE S;	01-32-401-016;	46995
WALTER, LORRAINE L/BRUCE E WALTER TTEES;	01-32-311-000;	65243
WASMER, MICHAEL / CATHERINE;	01-29-221-000;	64202
WEBB, JACK/GIBSON, TAMARA;	01-32-133-000;	37837
WIXOM, CHAD;	01-32-202-014;	19552
WULF, GARY W TTEE;	01-32-400-017;	52036
YARGER, HOWARD L/ DIANE M;	01-29-203-016;	39252
ZINKE, LOGAN J / DIAZ, GUADALUPE;	01-29-404-002;	39140
ZINKE, RICHARD-MARY;	01-31-318-000;	48489
ZOLPER, GERALD-SUSAN;	01-31-329-000;	51892

Township: MERIDEN TOWNSHIP

Owner Name	Parcel Number	Total Value
ALLEN, BRIAN M / RACHEL T;	02-35-403-000;	89721
ATHERTON, MARK K / ELLEN A;	02-27-406-000;	59730
ATHERTON, MARK K / ELLEN A;	02-28-301-000;	43624
ATHERTON, MARK K / REBECCA J ETAL;	02-27-300-000;	55519
ATHERTON, MARK K / REBECCA J ETAL;	02-27-302-000;	57201
ATHERTON, MARK K/ELLEN;	02-34-106-000;	51124
ATHERTON, MARK K/ELLEN A;	02-27-405-000;	56741
BARTH, GEORGE;	02-32-301-000;	48267
BETZ, JOHN / DAVID / JOSEPH;	02-30-404-000;	1256

BETZ, JOHN / JOSEPH / DAVID;	02-30-304-000;	18839
BETZ, JOHN / JOSEPH / DAVID;	02-30-305-000;	7322
BETZ, JOHN / JOSEPH / DAVID;	02-30-403-000;	20496
BETZ, JOHN S ETAL;	02-30-101-000;	78125
BETZ, JOHN S ETAL;	02-30-306-000;	51061
BREWBAKER, BONNIE S / J.L. ETAL;	02-34-300-000;	29957
BROPHY FARMS LLC;	02-31-203-000;	79115
BRUMMEL, DONALD J ETAL TTEE;	02-20-201-000;	115290
BRUMMEL, DONALD J ETAL TTEE;	02-20-400-000;	52405
BRUMMEL, SCOTT F TTEE;	02-29-106-000;	53641
CERVENY, MARGARET C MATHESIUS-;	02-28-105-000;	57083
CHAON, CURTIS A / MARY PAT TTEES;	02-29-204-000;	58164
DELHOTAL, ERIC A;	02-32-205-000;	56517
DIMOND, KAREN / TIMOTHY / RICHARD;	02-19-410-001;	2211
DIMOND, KAREN / TIMOTHY / RICHARD;	02-19-411-001;	1641
DIMOND, KAREN / TIMOTHY / RICHARD;	02-19-411-009;	314
DIMOND, KAREN / TIMOTHY / RICHARD;	02-19-401-001;	516
DIMOND, KAREN / TIMOTHY / RICHARD;	02-19-402-001;	554
DIMOND, KAREN / TIMOTHY / RICHARD;	02-19-405-001;	1152
DIMOND, KAREN / TIMOTHY / RICHARD;	02-19-406-001;	1262
DONOH, MARILYN R/HOFFMAN, SHIRLEY;	02-25-403-000;	54931
DOUGHTY, JOHN EDWARD;	02-29-400-000;	34776
DOUGHTY, JOHN EDWARD TRUST #1;	02-20-401-000;	51350
DOUGHTY, JOHN EDWARD TTEE;	02-21-305-000;	28508
DOUGHTY, JOHN EDWARD TTEE;	02-29-406-000;	35957
DOUGHTY, JOHN EDWARD TTEE;	02-33-207-000;	37400
FABER, L PENFIELD TTEE;	02-32-300-000;	34598
FISHER, JACOB M;	02-30-405-000;	43240
FLB FAMILY LLC;	02-21-302-000;	26734
GLASS, PAULA / BERNICE ETAL;	02-36-400-000;	33092
GONZALEZ, GUSTAVO;	02-22-203-000;	39787
GREY, JAMES A/KIMBERLY JO;	02-35-104-000;	37144
HOFFMAN, KENNETH E/ WINIFRED;	02-36-200-000;	76910
HOFFMAN, KENNETH E/ WINIFRED;	02-36-201-000;	25071
HOFFMAN, KENNETH E/ WINIFRED;	02-36-202-000;	7821
HOFFMAN, PAUL/BENJAMIN/SETH;	02-25-405-000;	63812
HOFFMAN, WINIFRED ETAL;	02-25-404-000;	32586
HULLFISH, LUCILE B TR DTD;	02-35-401-000;	37246
I SCHINDEL PROPERTIES, LLC;	02-34-102-000;	101703
I SCHINDEL PROPERTIES, LLC;	02-34-301-000;	7815
I SCHINDEL PROPERTIES, LLC;	02-34-304-000;	50216
I SCHINDEL PROPERTIES, LLC;	02-34-305-000;	38928
I SCHINDEL PROPERTIES, LLC;	02-34-401-000;	18962
I SCHINDEL PROPERTIES, LLC;	02-33-400-000;	56940
IRELAND, TERRY;	02-19-407-001;	27340
JANOUSEK, MARY ELLEN/WILSON, CAROLYN A;	02-36-402-000;	29453
JANOUSEK, MARY ELLEN/WILSON, CAROLYN A;	02-36-406-000;	8674
KNAPP, GARY;	02-31-301-000;	8695
KNAPP, GARY;	02-31-402-000;	50204
KNAPP, GARY;	02-33-301-000;	72676
KNAPP, GARY L TRUSTEE;	02-32-202-000;	9435
KNAPP, GARY L TRUSTEE;	02-32-203-000;	11380
KNAPP, GARY L TRUSTEE;	02-32-400-000;	96684
KNAPP, JANE E;	02-33-100-000;	18851
KNAPP, JANE E;	02-33-202-000;	25205
LEHNER, GEORGE/THELMA;	02-29-205-000;	11109
LEONARD, JAMES G;	02-30-200-000;	27137
LEWIS, LEE H TTEE;	02-19-409-006;	8754
LEWIS, LEE H TTEE;	02-19-409-008;	211
MARSHALL, JOHN D TTEE ETAL;	02-20-300-000;	80809
MATHESIUS, JAMES M TTEE;	02-29-101-000;	59201
MERIDEN GRAIN CO;	02-19-412-011;	3893
MERIDEN GRAIN COMPANY;	02-19-415-015;	1693
MERIDEN GRAIN COMPANY;	02-19-415-024;	1698
MERIDEN GRAIN COMPANY;	02-19-416-001;	1632
MERIDEN GRAIN COMPANY;	02-20-304-012;	38833
MINK, SHELLEY;	02-28-304-000;	76798
MROWICKI FAMILY PROPERTIES ETAL;	02-34-201-000;	30043
MROWICKI FAMILY PROPERTIES ETAL;	02-34-400-000;	27463
MUHLACH, LEO A/ NORMA L;	02-33-300-000;	19512
MUNSON, THOMAS G;	02-29-203-000;	96280
REISTAD, CARL/MILDRED;	02-34-402-000;	77532
REUTNER, JOHN E JR;	02-29-405-000;	727
ROBINSON, MARK L;	02-30-406-000;	1682
ROSE, GARY ETAL;	02-31-400-000;	17168
ROWLEY-DIAMOND FARMS II LLC;	02-26-301-000;	118094
SAYLOR, KEVIN / TRACI;	02-33-210-000;	81259
SCARBROUGH, MARLYS J TTEE;	02-28-104-000;	54324
SHERIDAN, ROBERT J TTEE/BREWBAKER, BONNIE S TTEE;	02-30-400-000;	27658
STEVENSON, JAMES R / MARY JANE;	02-31-302-000;	67577
THORNE, PAUL / LOLITA TTEE;	02-28-302-000;	48704
THORNE, PAUL / LOLITA TTEE;	02-28-303-000;	7385
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION;	02-20-306-000;	22049
WILSON, ROBERT;	02-19-412-012;	27438
WIXOM, CHAD T / MARK A / MROWICKI FAMILY PROPERTIES LTD;	02-35-301-000;	50200
WIXOM, CHAD T / MARK A / MROWICKI FAMILY PROPERTIES LTD;	02-35-404-000;	20014
WIXON, CHAD T / MARK A / MROWICKI FAMILY PROPERTIES LTD;	02-34-200-000;	28474
WIXON, CHAD T/MARK A/MROWICKI FAMILY PROPERTIES LTD;	02-35-103-000;	94238
ZAPF, CLARENCE/MARY;	02-29-301-000;	52446
Township: OPHIR TOWNSHIP		
Owner Name	Parcel Number	Total Value
ALLEN, JAY F / LINDA S;	07-23-400-000;	53340
ALLEN, JAY F / LINDA S;	07-26-106-000;	48313
ARJES, KENNETH A SR/CONSTANCE M;	07-22-101-000;	16402
ARJES, KENNETH A SR/CONSTANCE M/DAVIS, MARK;	07-22-102-000;	14346
ARJES, KENNETH A SR / CONSTANCE M / DAVIS, MARK;	07-22-200-000;	20618
ATHERTON, BRIAN R/JACOB S;	07-14-301-000;	26921
AUCHSTETTER, VERNA-MARY J;	07-15-300-000;	27940
BERG, KAREN S;	07-14-203-000;	9949
BERG, KAREN S;	07-14-404-000;	26914
BERG, KAREN S;	07-23-104-000;	45527
BINKS, GEORGE A;	07-25-404-000;	2514
BRADY FARMS ETAL;	07-14-406-000;	56554
BRADY FARMS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP;	07-15-407-000;	21875
BRADY FARMS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP;	07-22-406-000;	86874
BRADY, JAMES J SR TTEE;	07-22-201-000;	46606
BRADY, JAMES J SR TTEE;	07-22-202-000;	25796
BRADY, PATRICK R TTEE;	07-15-406-000;	19234
BRUMMEL, DONALD/PATRICIA TTEES;	07-11-203-000;	55173
CAMPBELL, STEPHEN P ETAL;	07-01-400-000;	202211
CANTLIN FAMILY, LLLP;	07-13-201-000;	38115
CANTLIN, JOHN L / KATHRYN J;	07-12-406-000;	5656
CANTLIN, JOHN L / KATHRYN J;	07-12-407-000;	18056
CANTLIN, JOHN L/KATHRYN J;	07-13-401-000;	49017
CANTLIN, JOHN L/KATHRYN J;	07-13-402-000;	37331
CANTLIN, JOSEPH H;	07-24-206-000;	54127
CANTLIN, TIMOTHY B;	07-24-207-000;	47586
CANTLIN, JOHN L/AMANDA TRUST;	07-10-403-000;	29890

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DANKENBRING, JOSEPH K / MARTHA E; 07-29-109-000; 19818
DAVIS, FRED K / PATRICIA R TTEE; 07-16-102-000; 58715
DAVIS, FRED K / PATRICIA R TTEE; 07-16-201-000; 51392
DAVIS, FRED K / PATRICIA R TTEE; 07-16-401-000; 35263
DAVIS, MARK; 07-21-401-000; 57022
DAVIS, MATTHEW WILIAM; 07-21-203-000; 39363
DOETSCHMAN, DAVID C; 07-09-104-000; 71125
DOETSCHMAN, DAVID C; 07-09-302-000; 55771
DOETSCHMAN, RICHARD A; 07-02-402-000; 54574
DOUGHTY, JOHN E TTEE; 07-11-100-000; 20619
EMERY, VIRGINIA B TRUSTEE; 07-08-304-000; 14596
EMERY, VIRGINIA B TRUSTEE; 07-08-400-000; 112351
EMERY, VIRGINIA B TRUSTEE; 07-16-100-000; 56877
ESTRADA, ELIZABETH ETAL; 07-09-105-000; 16579
FITZGERALD, JAMES J; 07-28-103-000; 10550
FITZGERALD, JOHN PAUL / WAIBEL, JOANN FITZGERALD TTEE; 07-21-104-000; 21340
FITZGERALD, JOHN PAUL / WAIBEL, JOANN FITZGERALD TTEE; 07-21-105-000; 27470
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FITZGERALD, NORA M/SOUDEK, ARTHUR H TTEE; 07-28-200-000; 103880
FORNEY, JUDY K TTEE; 07-10-300-000; 40069
GARRITY, JOHN ROBERT; 07-02-200-000; 64224
GOVEDNIK, LAURIE A; 07-11-108-000; 8830
GREENWOOD, WILLIAM E TTEE; 07-23-301-000; 53575
HANLEY, FREDERICK J / CONSTANCE S CO-TTEES; 07-23-300-000; 52792
HITCHINS, HAROLD; 07-10-401-000; 60124
HITCHINS, JOSEPH/MYRTLE/STANLEY TTEES; 07-10-202-000; 41213
HITCHINS, JOSEPH/MYRTLE/STANLEY TTEES; 07-10-400-000; 42544
JORGENSEN, CAROL TTEE; 07-14-107-000; 35151
KELLY, ANNA M TTEE; 07-12-201-000; 46867
KIDD, J ROGER-BARB; 07-17-201-000; 56719
KNAPP, GARY; 07-06-400-000; 75660
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KONOW, WALTER; 07-01-100-000; 50612
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KREISER, ROBERT K / CYNTHIA A TTEE; 07-11-300-000; 13798
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LANE, BARBARA; 07-11-411-000; 41312
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LANE, KYLE GARRETT; 07-14-201-000; 22128
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ANGAN, JANICE A; 07-10-201-000; 22641
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LEDER, ARNOLD/LINDA M; 07-14-104-000; 85918
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OLSON, KENT D / KARA; 07-28-204-000; 48993
PAKENHAM, WILLIAM J; 07-02-307-000; 93885
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SALE, JEAN C TTEE ETAL; 07-16-200-000; 56945
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SHAW, WILLIAM J/SPARKS, ELIZABETH TTEES; 07-05-100-000; 5932
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SHERIDAN, ROBERT J TTEE / BREWBAKER, BONNIE S TTEE; 07-21-109-000; 44427
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TILLMAN, MARY JO; 07-21-310-000; 79808
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Township: TROY GROVE TOWNSHIP

Owner Name	Parcel Number	Total Value
ALLICKS, RANDALL C;	06-35-101-016;	29272
BECK FARMS INC;	06-15-403-000;	80345
BECK, ARTHUR J/MARJORIE A TTEE;	06-15-303-000;	215965
BEDFORD, JASON;	06-24-218-000;	20167
BURKE, THOMAS J / CATHY;	06-18-409-000;	29513
COURSEY, JAMES M / TONYA A;	06-13-427-000;	83817
DELAO, CONNIE F;	06-33-102-000;	39262
DOBER, DARREL;	06-35-114-010;	10626
DOYLE, TODD / LAURA J;	06-06-102-005;	83274
DUDEK, ERIC M;	06-35-127-010;	40876
ENGELS, CHRISTIAN B/JO ANNA L;	06-31-109-000;	70675
ESTATE OF FRANCIS AND DARLENE BURKE;	06-18-408-000;	47289
GANSCHOW, RANDY-KATHY;	06-02-217-000;	72097
JACKSON, DOUGLAS/WASSON, NANCY;	06-06-102-010;	97953
MAHONEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LLC;	06-11-302-000;	115257
MAHONEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LLC;	06-14-111-000;	39291
MANLEY BROS OF INDIANA, INC;	06-36-300-000;	51803
MC CONVILLE, FRANCIS L;	06-06-102-008;	91462
MC NALLY, DONALD/VIRGINIA;	06-26-301-000;	100376
MORRIS, ERIC L;	06-08-107-000;	52176
NEWELL, STEVE / SUGGS, MONA L;	06-23-105-000;	38457
PHALEN, H TODD/LYNN;	06-06-102-015;	81122
RUPPE, RANDALL II;	06-30-409-000;	285
SAYLOR, TROY;	06-24-222-000;	69888
SCHIMMER REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LLC;	06-09-100-003;	376566
SCHUHLER, MICHAEL J / KIMBERLY S;	06-13-309-000;	44480
SCHUHLER, RILEY J;	06-03-208-000;	47979
SCHUSTER, JAN/JUDITH TRUSTEES;	06-15-107-000;	52885
SONDGEROTH, ADAM;	06-05-307-000;	30734
SONDGEROTH, CLIFFORD/GERALDINE;	06-30-408-000;	29111
SONDGEROTH, ERIC M / TAMMY L;	06-32-104-000;	102511
SONDGEROTH, JUANITA ETAL;	06-20-108-000;	130662
WINTERS, TODD / CHRISTOPHER;	06-14-116-000;	55440
WITTE, RALPH W;	06-03-209-000;	60457
WIXOM, CHAD / MARK;	06-10-212-000;	139388

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF TIMESHARE ESTATE OR ESTATES UNDER SECTION 10-50 OF THE ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE TIMESHARE ACT OF 1999

By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and 770 ILCS 103/1-15 et. seq. establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on October 26, 2021, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350. Each timeshare estate is a 1.923% and/or 0.9615% undivided interest (each, a "Unit") as tenant-in-common at Fox River Resort, a vacation ownership project in LaSalle County, Illinois, as per the recorded plat(s) thereof and according to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants and Conditions recorded under File No. R2000 31258 and any Supplemental Declarations recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, LaSalle County, Illinois, as supplemented and amended from time to time (the "Declaration"),

together with the exclusive right to occupy the Unit during the designated Use Period Number(s), as said Use Period is defined in the Declaration, upon and subject to all of the terms, restrictions, covenants, conditions and provisions in the Declaration. MIKO BENTLEY, ERY M BENTLEY, ALEX B URBAN, 38747 N IL ROUTE 59, LAKE VILLA, IL 60046, according to the Deed dated November 01, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 25752, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 19, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0419, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 7 MIKO BENTLEY, ERY M BENTLEY, ALEX B URBAN, 38747 N IL ROUTE 59, LAKE VILLA, IL 60046, according to the Deed dated November 01, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 25752, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 19, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0419, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 7 MIKO BENTLEY, ERY M BENTLEY, ALEX B URBAN, 38747 N IL ROUTE 59, LAKE VILLA, IL 60046, according to the Deed dated November 01, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 25752, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 19, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0419, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 7 MIKO BENTLEY, ERY M BENTLEY, ALEX B URBAN, 38747 N IL ROUTE 59, LAKE VILLA, IL 60046,

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Phase 6 PAUL R MONTEITH, MARY R VELTRI, 324 PARTRIDGE LN, WHEELING, IL 60090, according to the Deed dated October 14, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2001 34763, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0068, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1 Q U I N T O N M U H A M M A D , S H A R O N M UHAMMAD, 533 W 115TH ST # 1, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 10942, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 22, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0001O, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 Q U I N T O N M U H A M M A D , S H A R O N M UHAMMAD, 517 W 78TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 10942, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 22, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0001O, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 ANDREA SLUIS, ANDREASLUISLIVING TRUST AGREEMENT, C/O ANDREA SLUIS, LIVING TRUST, 15918 DREXEL AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 7 ANDREA SLUIS, ANDREASLUISLIVING TRUST AGREEMENT, C/O ANDREA SLUIS, V A N D E R W O U D E TRUSTEE, 1101 THIEL DRIVE, SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 7 ANDREA SLUIS, ANDREASLUISLIVING TRUST AGREEMENT, C/O NANCY V A N D E R W O U D E TRUSTEE, 1101 THIEL DRIVE, SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375, according to the Deed dated December

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06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 7 JOSE VEGA, KEILA VEGA, 10321 S AVENUE M, CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Deed dated April 10, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 09493, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 03, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01710, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 1 RICHARD L. VENZON, 3317 W LATROBE ST, PEORIA, IL 61605, according to the Deed dated November 22, 1998 and recorded under File No. R0099 25287, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0047, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public

auction. Fox River Resort Club, An Illinois Not-for-profit Corporation By: Deborah A. Quirk Its: Attorney-In-Fact Explanation No. 1001 (10/6, 13, 20)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUELLA BURKE, Deceased. Case No.: 21 P 212 **CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO HEIRS**

Notice is given of the death of Luella Burke, of Leland, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on September 24, 2021 to JERRY BURKE, 1993 Hyde Rd., Earlville, IL 60518 whose attorney is DAVID M. KALEEL, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Notice is given to Rick Calvo, an heir who is named in a petition, filed in the above proceeding to appoint an administrator and whose address is not stated in the petition that an order was entered by the court on September 24, 2021 appointing Jerry Burke as independent administrator. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the representative, or both, on or before May 2, 2022. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in that Notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. No. 1003 (Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2021)

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10936 Rt. 38 (3 Miles West of Rochelle) Will Be Signs. Multi Family Sale. Thursday October 21st Thru Saturday October 23rd 9am-5pm - All 3-days. Antiques, Vintage, 2-Curio Cabinets, Roll Top Desk & Other Furniture, Lots of Household Items, Longaberger, Party Lite, Numerous of Items to Mention All. (10-20-21)

305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALE

Franklin Grove Presbyterian Church Basement 106 S. Walnut Friday October 22nd 8am-4pm & Saturday October 23rd 8am-1pm. Men's, Women's Clothing (5+ Racks Name Brands, Many with Tags) Sweatshirts, Coats, Scarves, Shoes & Boots, Household, Home, Fall and Christmas Décor, Yarn, Suitcases, Books, Bedding and Much More (10-20-21)

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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2019 Chevy Crew Cab LTZ 4x4, Blue.....	\$45,900	2017 Chevy 3500 Crew Cab LT 4x4, Leather, Z71, Gas, 72K miles, New Tires, Gray.....	\$46,900
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact: La Moille C.U.S.D. #303, 801 S. Main St., La Moille, IL 61330, (815) 638-2018, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

	Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000								
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	1,766,154	375,309	147,062	97,293	176,142	0	25,811	299,197
State Sources	3000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	604,482	0	0	161,307	0	0	0	0
		334,650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,705,286	375,309	147,062	258,600	176,142	0	25,811	299,197
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,891,891	431,904	147,462	224,751	111,844	0	195,000	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		202,370	85	0	319	0	0	(200,000)	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		171,256	523,615	44,842	121,742	130,434	0	568,249	285,601
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances - June 30, 2021		187,093	467,105	44,442	155,910	194,732	0	394,060	389,798

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Less than \$25,000: Constance Anderson; Tania Bowen; Rose Brittingham, Nicole Cromwell; Laurie Joergger; Sharon Johnson; Jannette Rodgers

\$25,000 through \$39,999: Charles Berry; Judith Hart; Jay McCracken; Dawn Neubaum

\$40,000 through \$59,999: Elizabeth Ash; Rachel Berger; Carl Biederstedt; Monica Bulfer; Amanda Fischer; Marla Graham; Brent Kalsto; Steven Kasstorf; Alexandra Krug; Matthew Krug; Emily Lefelman; Edward Melendez; Tina Musgrove; Tara Robinson; Joshua Shaw; Linda Troyan; Jennifer Williams

\$60,000 through \$89,999: Laurie Deschepper; Lourde Finkle; Susan Hoffman; Anne Johnson; Katie Shevokas; Linda Whitmore; Barbara Zimmerman

\$90,000 and over: Brent Ziegler

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Less than \$25,000: John Barry; Mary Beach; Linda Beattie; Dennis Becker; Janice Becker; Vernon Bejster; James Brandau; Chantel Brennan; Karen Carlson; Robert Carlson; Victor Croas-

dale; Troy Cromwell; Julie Deihl; Aimee Dickey; Megan Duffy; Sharon File; Karen Fischer; Janice Geuther; Cathy Griffin; Jessica Gross; Julia Gunderson; April Hoke; Kaitlyn Hughes; Dick Joergger; Monica Joergger; Cynthia King; Thomas Klein; Theresa Kostello; Robert Martin; Matthew McIntyre; Angela McDonald; Francis Monier; Dawn Neidetcher; Jennifer Nowacki; Samantha O'Brien; Tori Sadnick; Sara Sellers; Cecelia Smith; Erin Sondgeroth; Lori Sprung; Deborah Wright

\$25,000 through \$39,999: Wanda DeLong; William Klein; Cynthia Martin; Kenneth Shrimplin; Douglas Tuntland

\$40,000 through \$59,999: Bradley Geuther; Janice Klein

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
A.F.T. Local #4347	17,823
Achieve 3000	2,940
Amazon	3,522
American Funds Service	41,683
Apple	14,700
Baby Fold	28,783
Behavior Disorder Program	30,315
BMP Special Ed Coop	107,762

BOK Financial	102,463
CDW Government	27,987
Common Goal Systems	5,523
Comtech Holdings	7,748
Connecting Point Computer	73,387
Constellation NewEnergy	25,135
Curriculum Associates	7,620
Dell Marketing	19,240
Department of the Treasury	325,727
Edgenuity	8,750
eLuma Online Therapy	39,954
Engel Speech Care	3,455
Engie Resources	26,238
First State Bank	45,146
Follett School Solutions	3,728
Frontier	11,779
Garaventa USA	2,959
Heinemann	21,282
Hewlett-Packard Financial	8,084
Hopkins & Associates	8,400
I.D.E.S.	4,970
I.A.S.B.	5,998
Illinois Department of Revenue	96,062
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	73,310
Illinois School District Agency	98,242
Illinois Valley Cellular	7,416
Kohl Wholesale	20,898
La Moille Revolving Fund	5,434
Larson & Darby Group	34,750
LaSalle-Peru Area Career	22,500

LaSalle-Peru High School	21,688
Ted Leffelman	3,172
Lighted Way Association	46,246
Lightspeed Technologies	3,641
Marco	8,938
Menards	12,524
Midwest Bus Leasing	99,523
Nicor Gas	5,016
Northern Partners Coop	9,638
Pottinger Concrete Construction	6,900
Prairie Farms Dairy	6,534
R.P. Lumber	11,961
Realityworks	3,266
Republic Services	4,004
SHI International	2,750
Skyward	4,161
Sonova USA	3,431
Specialty Floors	19,724
Sun Life Financial	15,635
Sunrise Supply	8,969
Teachers' Health Insurance	33,558
Teachers' Retirement System	157,423
Tieman Builders	18,700
Karen Tornow	4,906
UHS Premium Billing	337,297
Vaessen Bros Chevrolet	5,107
Vissering Construction	48,836
West Side Masonry	11,750
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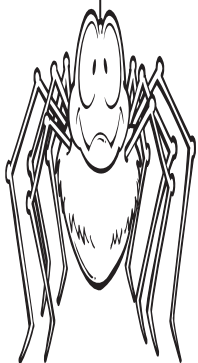


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The Society consists of three museums
preserving local history, railroad history and
agricultural history. The position oversees the
museums and is responsible for administration,
community outreach, public relations and
collection/resource management.
It reports directly to the MMHS board.
The successful candidate must have a passion
for history, excellent writing, verbal,
organizational and computer skills,
management experience and work well with
people. Position is 20 hours/week with a
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Resume including three references should be
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COUNTRY LOT – GOLF COURSE VIEW.....	\$19,900
LAMOILLE – 3 BEDROOM – PENDING	\$53,910
MENDOTA – 2 BDR. RANCH - SOLD	\$78,900
MENDOTA – 2 BDR. ALL REDONE - REDUCED	\$79,500
LAMOILLE – 3 BEDROOM – 4 CAR GARAGE.....	\$113,900
CHERRY – 3 BEDROOM – 2 BATH – SOLD	\$125,000
LAMOILLE 3 BEDROOM UPDATED - PENDING	\$139,500
NEW LISTING – 3 BEDROOM – ALL REDONE.....	\$146,000
MENDOTA 3 BEDROOM – 2 BATH - SOLD	\$149,900
MENDOTA – 4 BEDROOM – 3.5 BATHS.....	\$149,900
MENDOTA – 4 BEDROOM TRI-LEVEL - SOLD	\$155,000
LAMOILLE - 3 BEDROOM 7 ACRES - SOLD	\$229,000
NEW LISTING – 4 BEDROOM – 3.5 BATHS – BUILT IN 2000 7 ACRES WITH 36X54 BUILDING.....	\$319,000

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12 Penkins Rd., LaMoille \$350,000

MLS# 11219094 - 13 yr old brick ranch with 2 car attached garage. 3 bedrooms and full bath on main level with master bath. First floor laundry. Basement finished with family room with gas fireplace. 1 bedroom with egress window, bonus room and full bath. Main level living room with gas fireplace. Galley kitchen, dining area with sliding door. 2 outbuildings, extra 2 car garage. 3 Grain bins. 3.8 acres. Immaculate home, move in ready. Call for all the amenities.



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582 US Route 52, Sublette \$348,900

Unique home with lots of spacious room to enjoy! Features include: 3.47 acre's of gorgeous land, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, loft area for entertaining, family room in basement and bath room attached garage.



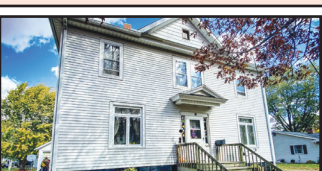
974 US Route 52, Amboy \$169,900

Beautiful Amboy home with large lot! You definitely need to see inside. It is bigger than it looks. Has lots of updates including a new back patio in 2017. Ask agent for a full list of updates. Home features 3 beds and 3 baths. Includes all the appliances you need, even a washer & dryer as well as a dishwasher. The 2.5 car garage that is heated is an extra bonus, giving you the opportunity to comfortably use it year round.



2600 Shaw Rd., West Brooklyn \$169,900

Beautiful 7.95 Ac of land with a long lane and surrounded by trees for privacy. You will love the peacefulness you feel here. Features a 1999 modular improved residential home with appliances and 3 bar stools.



209 Jefferson St., Amboy \$110,000

Beautiful Two story Amboy home. Offers 4 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Spacious main floor with living, dining, kitchen, and laundry. Take a walk up the beautiful open staircase to the second story to find a bathroom along with all of the bedrooms as well as walk up to the 3 floor for more storage/attic. Furnace was replaced in past year! Outside you will find a large deck with stairs and a ramp as well as a 2 car garage with a shop that can be accessed from both the alley and the front.



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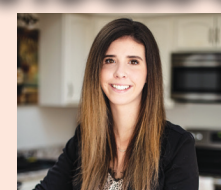
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