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Mini-Royalty contestants sought for Aug. 14 pageant during SCF

MENDOTA—The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking candidates for the upcoming Sweet Corn Festival Mini Royalty Pageant. Plano Molding Company of Mendota will be sponsoring the Sweet Corn Festival Mini King & Queen Pageant. Advanced registration is necessary for the pageant.

The 2021 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Mini King and Queen will be selected on Saturday, Aug. 14. The Pageant begins at 10 a.m.

Mini-Royalty contestants should meet behind the First State Bank Stage at 8:45-9 a.m. for check-in. A parent will be able to stay with the child. Judging will take place from 9-9:45 a.m.

Co-chairpersons for the event, Tina McPheeters and Michelle Barkman, have announced that the 2021 Mini King & Queen will each be presented with \$50 in Chamber Gift Certificates from sponsor Plano Molding Company.

Contest rules are as follows:

- Candidates must be a resident of the Mendota Elementary School District and meet one of the two following criteria:
- * Candidates must be 5 years of age on or by the date of the contest or entering kindergarten.
- * Due to COVID-19 last year, candidates 6 years of age on or by the date of the contest or entering first grade will also be allowed to enter the contest.

Parents may register their children for the Mini-Royalty Contest by filling out a registration form and statement of intention. Forms for the pageant may be obtained from the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce office, Graves-Hume Public Library, Mendota Swimming Pool and on-line at www.sweetcornfestival.com.

Please return forms by mail or bring to: Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, 800 Washington St., P.O. Box 620, Mendota, IL 61342 by Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. No applications will be accepted after that date.



2019 Mini Queen Kennedy Mellott and Mini King Landon Kent. (Photo contributed)

Illinois' economy shows strong signs of recovery

☐ But signs of pandemic stress still linger

By PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois economy showed strong signs of recovery during the first quarter of 2021 as businesses continued to reopen from the pandemic and direct government payments flowed to businesses and individual consumers.

Data released from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis showed the state's economy grew at an annual rate of 6.4 percent during the quarter as its gross domestic product – the market value of all goods and services produced by labor and property – approached its pre-pandemic level.

That growth rate was on par with the rest of the nation and slightly ahead of the pace set by most of Illinois' surrounding states. But the state's total GDP, at just under \$770 billion annually, remained below where it was two years earlier, before the pandemic.

BEA noted that government assistance payments, including direct economic impact payments, expanded unemployment benefits and Paycheck Protection Program loans all flowed to households and businesses



during the quarter through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December, and the American Rescue Plan Act, which passed in March.

But the agency also noted that the full impact of the pandemic could not be quantified in the state GDP numbers because the impacts were generally embedded within the data and could not be separately identified.

"I think that is substantially stimulus, which means borrowing money from China and throwing it into the Illinois economy," Illinois Chamber of Commerce President Todd Maisch said during an interview. "But there's no substitute for basic demand in the economy. So as much as (President Joe) Biden wants to spend more and more trillions of dollars, there's no substitute for basic

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First distribution made for LaSalle Co. real estate taxes

OTTAWA – Distribution of the \$89,979,243.47 collected to date for the July installment of the LaSalle County real estate taxes was completed on July 2, according to James L. Spelich, LaSalle County Treasurer.

The amount distributed to each of the 571 accounts was electronically deposited. No checks will be issued. A receipt showing the amount of the bank deposit will be mailed

to the financial officer of each taxing district.

Once again this year, the tax district financial officers can expect distributions in 30-day intervals through the final distribution in December, as proceeds become available.

With a total collection of \$242,804,890.66 anticipated as of June 29, this \$89,979,243.47 distribution represents approximately 37 percent of expected county-wide real estate tax proceeds.

Free Preschool screening sessions available in Aug.

MENDOTA – The L.E.A.S.E. Preschool Team is conducting a free screening on Wednesday, Aug. 18 and Thursday, Aug. 19 at First United Methodist Church in Mendota. Registration will be in mid-July by calling 815-539-7362 during school hours.

The screening is for all 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds not enrolled in kindergarten. The child's speech, language,



hearing, vision and general readiness development will be assessed.

A game format is used and takes approximately 25 minutes. Parents are urged to register their child for this free screening.

Moody's upgrades Illinois' credit rating

☐ Governor JB Pritzker says action will save 'tens of millions' in interest costs

By PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD-Illinois received its first credit rating upgrade in 23 years on June 29 when Moody's Investors Services raised the state's rating one notch, citing "material improvement in the state's finances."

Although the upgrade still leaves Illinois bonds rated just two notches above so-called "junk" status, Gov. JB Pritzker said it marked a turning point for the state, and he credited the General Assembly and members of his own administration for bringing greater fiscal discipline to the state's budget.

"Make no mistake, despite all the challenges of the last year, after eight credit downgrades our state suffered under my predecessor, I say with full certainty Illinois' fiscal condition is heading in the right direction for the first time in the 21st century," Pritzker said during a Statehouse news conference.

In a statement, Moody's said its decision was based in part on the recently passed budget, which increases pension contributions, re-

pays last year's emergency borrowing from the Federal Reserve and keeps the state's bill backlog in check, with only "constrained use" of federal aid from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Moody's also noted, however, that Illinois still faces significant long-term financial pressures, including its unfunded pension liabilities, which the agency said "are routinely shortchanged under the state's funding statute."

"These liabilities could exert growing pressure as the impact of federal support dissipates, barring significant revenue increases or other fiscal changes," Moody's said. "That is certainly something that we need to continue to work on," Pritzker said. "As you know, from the beginning when I took office, we put forward a variety of methods for us to begin to deal with that. One

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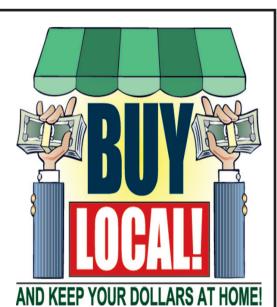
Gov. JB Pritzker speaks at a news conference in his Springfield office last week after the state received its first credit upgrade in more than 20 years. (Capitol News Illinois photo by Jerry Nowicki)





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I&M Canal boat tours resume in LaSalle for the 2021 season

♦ Boat rides available Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays through Oct. 31

LA SALLE - The I&M Canal boat is now welcoming back visitors for the 2021 season. "The Volunteer" is a mule-pulled 1840s replica canal boat. Every trip begins with "Mule Tending 101" as period-dressed guides introduce the passengers to Moe the mule. Tales of the canal are told while the

deck hand, mule tender, and boat captain guide the boat one mile up the canal to the Little Vermillion aqueduct and back in an hour-long adventure.

Boat rides are typically available Friday-Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Rides cost \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors, and

\$9 for kids; group pricing is also offered. In addition, various weekdays are available; for a full schedule and more information, check out iandmcanal.org/experiences/canal-boat/. Riders can purchase tickets online, pick them up at the I&M Canal Visitor Center in LaSalle and then walk or drive down to the boat. The Visitor Center has café beverages, gifts, exhibits, and a limited food "The I&M Canal Boat

is a great starting place for exploring the I&M Canal National Heritage Area," explains Canal Corridor Association Executive Director, Ana Koval. "You get to learn about how vital the canal was to making northern Illinois the key crossroads of the American mid-continent and the rise of Chicago from a canal port to the greatest city of the American heartland. Then you can explore 44

other sites that tie into this story, including canal town downtowns, trails, natural

Designated by Congress, the Canal Corridor Association is the only local coordinating entity for the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Area. The CCA is a

areas, monuments, and mu-

seums."

501(c)3 nonprofit organization tasked with maintaining and enhancing the historic, cultural, and natural resources of the I&M Canal National Heritage Area.

The Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Area is an outdoor museum where visitors can explore the diverse stories of this

living landscape. It is a place to walk in the footsteps of Native Americans, French explorers and voyagers, canal workers and immigrants and to discover why the I&M Canal led to Illinois becoming the nation's most populous inland state and Chicago becoming the greatest city of the American heartland.











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Great turnout at June 29 bloodmobile in Mendota

MENDOTA - The American Red Cross held a blood drive on June 29 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. There were 85 presenting donors and 90 good units were collected. This included 72 whole blood and 18 double red cell donations. Organizers reported a great turnout, and they expressed their appreciation to everyone who donated as well as the volunteers who helped out.

First time donors included Jonathan Schramm, Michelle Schramm, Judy Thornburg, Maria Pawlak and Deb Rogers. Multi-gallon donors, Erin McCoy and Andrew Wujek - one gallon; Tina Kittilson, Rob Baughman and Cindy Schultz - three gallons; Matt Crew - eight gallons; Mel Harth - 16 gallons; Verona Whitmore - 23 gallons; and Ronald Brunoehler - 41 gallons, were congratulated on these milestones.

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

The next bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 24 the Mendota Moose Family Center. If you would like to make an appointment or have questions, please call Lori at (815) 866-3582.

Mendota Dist. 289 seeking school board member

MENDOTA - The Mendota Elementary School District 289 Board of Education currently has a vacancy and is seeking applications.

In accordance with District regulations, the new board member must reside in the Mendota Elementary School District 289, but cannot live in Township 36N Range 1E (Mendota Township). This new member would serve through April of 2023.

Interested candidates

should submit a resume to: Theresa Komitas, Board President, Mendota Elementary #289, 1806 Guiles Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

Resumes will be accepted until Friday, July

The board reserves the right to conduct interviews of prospective candidates. The new board member will likely be seated in August.

For more information, contact the District Office at (815) 539-7631.

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L.E.A.S.E. to hold preschool screenings

MENDOTA - L.E.A.S.E. will hold preschool screenings for Mendota District #289 at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota on Wednesday, Aug. 18 and Thursday, Aug. 19. The screenings are for children who will be 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1.

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

All children must be screened to be eligible for the Preschool for All Program. A child currently enrolled in the Mendota District Preschool for All Program does not need to be screened again. Applications for Mendota District #289 Preschool for All will be at the screenings. Aapplications and screenings will be reviewed by the administration, and families will be contacted as to whether their child qualifies.

Appointments may be made starting on July 12 by calling Maria at (815) 539-7262, extension 310.



Cast members rehearse for opening night of '70s musical "Godspell."

Festival 56's 'Godspell' begins July10

PRINCETON - Beginning at 7:30 p.m. on July 10, Festival 56 will present its third production of the 2021 season with "Godspell."

Festival 56 offers several productions during the summer featuring a cast and crew of professional theatre artists assembled from a large area to live and work in Princeton during the season, and they are thrilled to be able to bring this rock musical to Princeton

"Godspell," written by Stephen Schwartz, has a score of pop songs that audiences may have sung along with on the radio back in the '70s. This production will be performed by a troupe of 10 actors, singers, dancers and comedians as they reimagine and bring to life the gospels of Matthew in this inventive, collaborative and hysterical musical.

Different from years past, all of Festival 56's performances will be held on an outdoor stage behind the Bureau County Metro Center, 837 Park Ave W., Princeton, in order to ensure the health and safety of all artists and patrons. Concessions will be available for all to enjoy, but audience members should bring their own lawn chair, bug spray, or sunscreen. For more information or to purchase

tickets, call or visit the box office from 12-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday at the Grace Theater, 316 S. Main St., Princeton, (815) 879-5656 or visit www.festival56.com. Season sponsors are Norberg Memorial

Home and Heartland Bank & Trust Company. This production is presented through a special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Area book lovers invited to Princeton FOL's book sale

PRINCETON-Friends of the Princeton Public Library will host a summer book sale July 22-24. Shoppers will be able to browse through more than 8,000 quality used books, both hardcover and paperback, which will be available to purchase.

All books have been cleaned and sorted into over 30 categories for easy shopping. Included will be current best sellers, cookbooks, mysteries, children's and young adult books, history and science books, as well as puzzles, CDs and DVDs. Look for the July sale specials: Buy 1 Take-a-Look book or cookbook and get 1

free (of equal or lesser value). The book sale will take

place at the Princeton Public Library, Friends Sale Room, 698 East Peru St., Princeton. Patrons may enter through the front doors of the library and follow the signs, which will direct them to the sale. All hardcover books and children's books will be located in the sale room. Paperbacks, puzzles, CDs and DVDs will be in the adjoining area of

Book sale hours will be Thursday, July 22 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, July 23 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Other attractions include

tractor, engine, and truck

exhibits, drive a tractor expe-

rience, Mr. Steve kid's show,

wagon rides, tractor parade,

kiddie tractor pull, pony and

camel rides, petting zoo,

bags tournament, vintage

baseball, raffles, Lions food concession, craft show-flea

market, bags tournament, 4

p.m. pork chop barbeque by Waterman Fire Department,

July 7, 2021

Enjoy a country breakfast at Waterman Summerfest

WATERMAN - On Saturday, July 17, the United Neighborhood Center will hold a country breakfast for the Waterman Lion's Club annual Summerfest Antique Tractor Show. To kick off the day, a delicious country breakfast will be served from 7 to 9 a.m. at the shelter house at Lions Village Park.

Picnic tables will be available for dining in the park outside the shelter house; carry-outs will also be offered. The breakfast will include biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs with bacon, sausage and cheese (or plain), homemade cinnamon streusel coffee cake, juice, milk and coffee. Donation is \$8 for the meal. Individual items can also be purchased for a donation.

All donation proceeds from the country breakfast will go toward UNC programming.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

NIU spring 2021 graduation

DeKALB - Over 2,400 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in June. Local graduates include:

Mendota-Aylin Arellano, Bachelor of Science, Marketing; JoAnn Kofoed, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art Studio and Design - Art Studio; Charity Schaefer, Master of Science, Digital Marketing; and Kira Setchell, Master of Science in Education, Special Edu-

Compton-Joseph Gehant, Bachelor of Science,

Northern Illinois Univereducation, health and law.

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Merle E. Hamer

MENDOTA - Merle E. Hamer, 67, of Mendota, passed away July 1, 2021 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Funeral services will be held at

11 a.m. on Saturday, July 10 at the Hurst Funeral Home in Ladd with Rev. Karen Karczewski, Pastor of Cherry United Church of Christ officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Saturday.



Merle was born Oct. 11, 1953 in Mendota to Gerald and Evelyn (Croisant) Hamer. He married Gloria Croisant on June 23, 1984.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Chris (Karen) Hamer; his step-mother, Linda Hamer; three half-brothers, Brent (Janice) Hamer, Darryl (Laura) Hamer and Todd (Kelly Quesse) Hamer; five grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

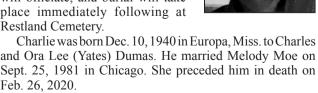
Merle enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was an auto mechanic for many years and then worked at Midwest Fuel Injection in Peru. He would lend a helping hand to anyone.

Online condolences may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.hurstfuneralhomes.com.

Charles A. Dumas

MENDOTA - Charles A. "Charlie" Dumas, 80, of Mendota, formerly of Woodhaven and Chicago, passed away July 2, 2021 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. until services begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 8 at the Wasmer Funeral Home. Rev. Susan Presley will officiate, and burial will take place immediately following at Restland Cemetery.



Survivors include one step daughter, Linda (Randy) Scott of Sandwich; one daughter, Tuveda Dumas of Chicago; and five sisters, Joann Eskridge of Park Forest, Ruby Dumas of South Haven, Miss., Paula Yates of Duck Hill, Miss., Hester Maxine Snow of Chicago, and Glinda Gail Snow of Chicago. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two

sisters, Mary and Brenda; and one brother, Eli.

For many years, Charlie was a baker at Simon Brothers Bakeries in Chicago. He was a factory warehouse supervisor for ACCO Warehouse. After retiring to Woodhaven, he ran 'Charlie's Lawn Service.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

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Obituaries

Stretch of I-80 in LaSalle to close overnight

LA SALLE - The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that Interstate 80 in LaSalle will be closed overnight on Thursday, July 8 to remove beams from the eastbound bridge over the Little Vermilion River. The closure is between the Illinois 251 (exit 75) and Interstate 39 (exit 79) interchanges.

Friday, July 9.

For IDOT District 3 updates on Twitter, follow us at @IDOTDistrict3 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information dIllinois.com

Waterman Lions Fest returning to normal in 2021 WATERMAN - After a Gaston describes the show as of fun in the park, and it will

COVID adjusted 2020, the Waterman Lions Club will hold a more traditional 21st annual Summerfest and Antique Tractor & Truck Show on Saturday, July 17 at Waterman Lions Park in Waterman. Publicity co-chair Pam

CARL'S QUIZ

What is the most common

favorite color?

The answer to last week's quiz is: It's true - from

1912-1948, artists were able to participate in the

Olympics to compete for medals in their respective fields.

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at

www.mendotareporter.com

having a unique personality that sets it apart from some other town festivals. "During the day you will experience a welcoming family oriented and homecoming atmosphere mixed with all kinds of activities and events. A family can have an entire day

not cost an arm and a leg." A special attraction this year is a Civil War camp reenactment and demonstrations by the 10th Illinois, Company H, Sandwich Guards. COVID vaccinations will be offered by the DeKalb

> County Health Department for those 12 years and over. The day starts with a 7 a.m. Farmers Breakfast and ends around midnight after a spectacular fireworks show

and much more. For more and beer garden featuring information visit http://www. bands The Beaux and Party watermantractorshow.com/.

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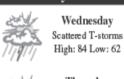
Thursday, July 8

The closure begins at 8 p.m. on July 8. A posted detour will direct motorists to use Illinois 251, U.S. 52 and I-39. Signs, message boards and flaggers will be in place to direct motorists along the detour. Access to I-80 from the Illinois 351 interchange (exit 77) also will be closed. All roads are expected to reopen by 5 a.m.

This work is part of a larger \$16.38 million project to replace beams and the deck on the bridges carrying I-80 over the Little Vermilion River east of the Illinois 351 interchange (exit 77). The project also will repair the bridges carrying I-80 over East Third Road and Raccuglia Drive. D Construction of Coal City is the contractor. The project is expected to wrap up in late fall.

Motorists should allow extra time for trips through this area. When feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to conditions and signs in the work zones, obey posted speed limits and be alert for workers and equipment.

Mendota Weather Seven Day Forecast



















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Weather Trivia What location in the

United States is the hottest, driest and lowest in elevation?

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday will see most we cloudy skies with a 55% chance showers and thunderstorms, his temperature of 84°, humidity of 629 West southwest wind 6 to 10 mp The record high temperature f Wednesday is 96° set in 1988. Expe mostly cloudy skies Wednesday nig with a 55% chance of showers ar thunderstorms, overnight low of 62

East southeast wind 7 mph.

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Chicago	85/63	t	82/62	sh	
Freeport	79/59	sh	76/58	pc	
Joliet	87/63	t	82/58	sh	
Moline	83/64	t	80/64	pc	
Peoria	89/65	t	86/63	pc	
Rockford	82/60	sh	76/58	pc	
Springfield	91/68	t	87/65	pc	

Last Week's Local Almana

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National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 94 in Wilmington, Del. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skeis with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Nashville, Tenn. The central United States will see partly to

mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Monroe, La. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 101 in Glenns Ferry, Idaho. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 112 in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Weather History

winds and

July 7, 1915 - Severe thunderstorms caused heavy damage and 38 deaths in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. Many old buildings were demolished. The steamship "Dick Fulton" was overturned.

July 8, 1975 - Three people were killed and six others were injured when lightning struck a walnut tree near Mayo, Fla. The nine people were stringing tobacco under a tin shed when the bolt hit the nearby tree.

Answer: Death Valley, California.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Dennis G. Piller 📜

MENDOTA - Dennis G. Piller, 73, of Mendota, passed away, June 27, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 9 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota with Rev. Tom Redig officiating. Mendota VFW Post 4079 will conduct military honors. Cremation rites will be accorded following services

and private burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota at a later date. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, July 8 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Dennis was born April 18, 1948 in Mendota to Lester and Dora (Kerchner) Piller. He married Toni Hampton on June 20, 1970.

Survivors include his wife and best friend of 51 years, Toni Piller; one son, Kyle (Tonya) Piller of Independence, La.; one daughter, Kerry (Jason) Yedinak of Ransom; two granddaughters, Kaylie and Mia Piller of Louisiana; four siblings, Marilyn (Albert) Cioni, Kathryn (Ed) Hanson, James (Martha) Piller and Duane (Beth) Piller; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Patricia Marmion.

Dennis attended Mendota High School and received his diploma in 1966. He served in the Vietnam War from 1968-1969 as a Staff Sergeant in the 1st Air Cavalry. He then worked at the Mendota Post Office until he retired in 2010. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Mendota VFW Post 4079. He was also a 50-year member of the Mendota Elks Lodge and a member of Mendota Golf Course. He served as one of the grand marshals of the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival parade during their salute to veterans who protected their country. Dennis' identity was inseparable from his Army service in the Vietnam War. He joined the Army in 1967 and saw terrible atrocities as he walked from the top of Vietnam through the jungles to the bottom of the country defending America. He was proud of his service for the rest of his life. Those experiences shaped his life and he never forgot those soldiers who did come back. He was chosen to participate in an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. and returned with a new and greater sense of pride for his service during his tour of duty. As a Staff Sergeant, he was awarded a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. He was also awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Unit Citation, Air Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Erwin H. Grosshans

PLANO, Texas - Erwin Henry Grosshans, 105, passed on to his heavenly home on June 27, 2021 at Heritage House in Plano, Texas.

Erwin was born Feb. 4, 1916 in Beulah, N.D., son of the late Reverend Louis Grosshans (former pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Compton) and Elsa (Kossert) Grosshans. Survivors include six children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of over 71 years, Ruth (Dhuse) Grosshans; his parents; two sisters, Lorraine Grunke and Gertrude Haebich; and a granddaughter, Julianne.

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Dorothy M. Moorehead -

PAW PAW - Dorothy Mae (Jones) Moorehead, 89, of Paw Paw died peacefully June 29, 2021 at Anam Memory Care, Rockford with her daughter, Becky Provi and son, Doug Moorehead by her side, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Visitation will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, July 11 at Paw Paw United Methodist Church. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday

with interment at Wyoming Cemetery, followed by a time of fellowship at the church. Arrangements are being handled by the Torman Funeral Home, Paw Paw. Dorothy, a lifelong Paw Paw resident, was a farmer's

daughter born July 15, 1931 to Clyde E. and Beatrice E. (Marlow) Jones. She married the love of her life, Roger Moorehead on April 22, 1950. He preceded her in death. Survivors include her children, Kevin of Ukiah, Calif.,

Becky (Thorvalson) Provi of Rockford, Dan of West Brooklyn, and Doug of Earlville; one brother, Clyde Everett Jones of Woodstown, N.J.; one sister, Wanda Sue (Roger) Baker of Eugene, Ore.; and numerous grandchildren, great-children, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband;

two sons, Michael and David; a great-grandson, Anthony Browder; three sons-in-law, Dick Provi, Steve Thorvalson, and Don Gilreath; and three brothers, Paul, Bill and Joe Jones. Dorothy attended Paw Paw Public Schools. After she

and Roger married, they purchased a piece of land and a lean-to building which they turned into a one-room, plus kitchen and bathroom home, in which to raise their family. Over the years they turned this property into her pride and joy - a five-bedroom, two-bathroom home on three acres where they raised five sons, a daughter, granddaughter and grandson. They remained there until Roger's death in 2012 and her subsequent move to Anam Memory Care in 2013. Dorothy's first priority was her family. She was a devoted wife to Roger and a stay-at-home mom who was very involved in her children's activities. She enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, crafting and bird watching (she knew the names of every bird on their property). She was also very involved at Paw Paw United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and provided many pies for the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Supper. She was also head chef for Paw Paw Public Schools for several years. She loved being connected to all of her children's friends, who often referred to her as "Mom"

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Paw Paw United Methodist Church or an Alzheimer's organization of the donor's choice.

Please visit www.TormanFuneralHome.com to sign the online guest book.

Martin R. Weber -

SYCAMORE - Martin R. Weber, 68, of Sycamore, died Nov. 12, 2020 at NW Medicine-Kishwaukee Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 16 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating.

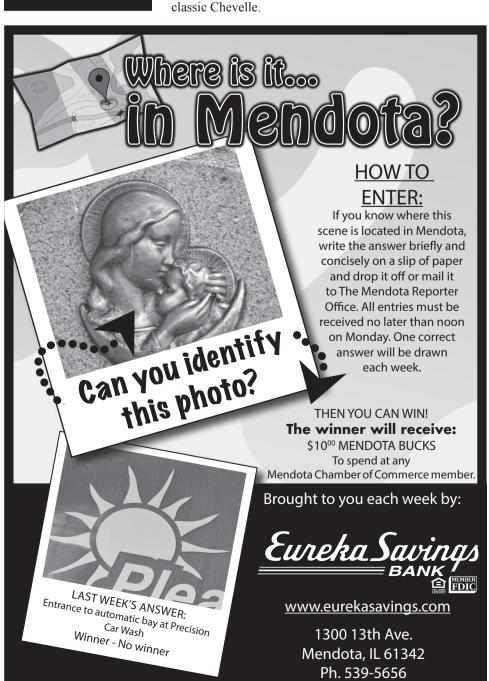
Martin was born Dec. 27, 1951 in Mendota to Robert J. and Dolores

(Becker) Weber. He married Darlene E. Singleton on June 17, 1994. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include his children, Lisa (Ryan) Winters, Amanda Hayward and Jennifer Weber; three step children, Aaron (Erica) Peppers, Bryan Peppers and Angela (Tony) Alvardo; 17 grandchildren; his girlfriend, Linda Fay; numerous nieces and nephews; and seven siblings, Donald (Elaine) Weber of Montgomery, Janet (Ronald) Clemmons of Oregon, Robert (Maureen) Weber of Sublette, Roberta (Fred) Pohl of Sublette, Richard (Wanda) Weber of Mendota, Ronald (Jackie) Weber of Sublette and Catherine (Larry) Ellis of Sublette.

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

Martin worked for Kelmscott in Aurora for over 30 years. He loved to go to car shows and build model cars. He enjoyed spending time with his family and remodeling his



Helen E. Bothe

DIXON - Helen E. Bothe, 88, of Dixon died June 26, 2021 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

A memorial visitation was held from 2 to 4 p.m. on July 6 at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Burial of cremains will be at a later date at DeWolf Cemetery.

Helen was born Dec. 11, 1932 in Wyanet to Roy Ruben and Pearl (Jackson) Anderson. She married Duane Miller Bothe on June 30, 1957.

Survivors include her husband; three nieces, Sandra (Dan) Burke of Dixon, Cheryl (Pete) Cervantes of Sterling, and Melony (Bill) Carver of Mendota; two nephews, Jeffery (Judy) Foster of Parker, Colo. and Ted (Michelle) Anderson of Wenona; several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews; one sister-in-law, Sharon Anderson of Tiskilwa; and special friends, John and Tina Weems of Dixon.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, James Green and William Anderson.

Helen graduated from Western Illinois University in 1954. She was a 4th grade teacher at Washington School in Dixon for 35 years prior to her retirement in 1989. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 65 years and was a competitive bridge player belonging to numerous bridge clubs.

Online condolences may be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Luz Espinoza -

MENDOTA - Luz Espinoza, 80, of Mendota passed away unexpectedly at home on July 4, 2021. Visitation was held from 9-11

a.m. on July 7 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. A graveside service followed at Holy Cross Cemetery with Rev. Peter Pilon officiating. Pallbearers were Ramon, Jose Luis, Octavio, David, Jose Luis Jr. Espinoza, Elias Lee, Steve, Cameron, Lee Ortiz, and Jessie Reves.



Luz was born Sept. 30, 1940 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Jesus and Agustina (Tinajero) Fierro. She married Ramon Espinoza in Mexico. He preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 2004. Survivors include two daughters, Maribel (Elias) Ortiz of

Mendota and Yolanda (Jessie) Reyes of Lafayette, Ind.; three sons, Ramon Espinoza Jr. of Mendota, Jose Luis (Estela) Espinoza of Mendota, and Reinaldo Espinoza of Mexico; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, John; a daughter in infancy, Ramona; and a great-grand-

For many years Luz worked the line for Del Monte in

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Enedina Correa

MENDOTA - Enedina Correa, 95, of Mendota passed away unexpectedly at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center on July 2, 2021.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, July 8 at the Wasmer Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 9 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Rev. Peter Pilon officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery



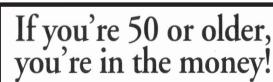
Enedina was born July 17, 1925 in Mexico to Guadalupe and Catalina (Arteaga) Hermosillo. She married Catalino Diaz, then Pablo Correa. Both preceded her in death.

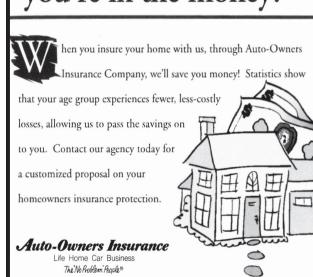
Survivors include four sons, Estebon (Virginia) Diaz of California, Juan (Benecar) Diaz of Mendota, Israel Correa of California, and Roque Correa of Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Felicitas (Refugio Castaneda) Correa of Mendota; 33 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Herminio Hermosillo and Diomenis Hermosillo, both of Mexico; and four sisters, Juventina Hermosillo, Rufina Hermosillo, Ofelia Hermosillo and Ester Hermosillo, all of Mexico.

She was preceded by her husbands; one son, Guadalupe Correa; one daughter, Anita Correa; two sisters and a brother. During her work career, Enedina was a seamstress at a

garment factory in California. Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.









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College athletes can be paid for name and likeness in Illinois

☐ Pritzker signs bill hailed as beginning of 'new era of college athletics'

By JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Lawmakers, collegiate athletes and athletic directors from some of the state's most prominent universities hailed the governor's signing of a bill on June 29 allowing college athletes to be paid for the use of their name and likeness as innovative and equity centric.

University of Illinois Athletic Director Josh Whitman called Gov. JB Pritzker's signing of Senate Bill 2338 into law "the most dramatic, meaningful change to come to the collegiate model since the adoption of athletic scholarships.'

The bill had wide bipartisan support in the Illinois General Assembly, and Pritzker signed it at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's State Farm Center, accompanied by lawmakers including former college athletes House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, and Rep. Kambium Buckner, D-Chicago.

"We're very proud to be able to host this very important and special day, not only in the history of college athletics here in our state, but in the history of college athletics across all of the states," Whitman said. "And this is one of those days that allows us to begin to usher in the new era of college athletics."

Athletic directors from Northwestern University and DePaul University were also present at the news conference.

The new law, which took effect July 1, allows Illinois college athletes to be paid for the use of their name, image or likeness, such as appearing at autograph signings at local businesses or appearing in advertising. It would also allow the athletes to hire an agent, but would not consider them employees of the schools they attend and would not allow them to be compensated for athletic performance.

Buckner, who played football at the University of Illinois, said the new law "is not just a win for the star quarterback or the star point guard."

"This gives the women's tennis player an opportunity to be compensated for teaching lessons back in her hometown during summer breaks," he said. "This creates an apparatus for the women's



softball player to lend her image to the local pizzeria for fair market value."

Eva Rubin, a women's basketball player at the U of I, said college athletes pour hours into their school work and sports careers, but there are other partnerships that the new law can help facilitate. She pointed to her experience as a Type 1 diabetic and public outreach she has participated in for that cause.

'With my small platform that I've been able to kind of build for myself here at the University of Illinois, I've had many opportunities to work with diabetes research foundations, the American Diabetes Association, just organizations and causes like that that are important to me," she said. "So now with the (name, image and likeness law) being passed, I can only imagine the opportunities that I'll be able to create for myself and build for myself in ways that that will help me give back to my

Vederian Lowe, a lineman for U of I's football team, said college athletes have "been dreaming of" the opportunity to reap financial benefits for the work they put into their sports. He called the bill a "historic change" for college athletics.

The new law will allow universities to prohibit a student from obtaining any sponsorships from wearing logos from certain brands during a competition. For example, if the university has a contract with Nike, it can prevent in-game Adidas sponsorships of individual athletes.

It prohibits endorsements for gambling, sports betting, controlled substances, marijuana, tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes, performance-enhancing supplements, adult entertainment, "or any other product or service that is reasonably considered to be inconsistent with the values or mission of a postsecondary educational institution."

Universities and colleges would be

prohibited from adjusting scholarship offers for students who receive compensation for their name and likeness. And organizations such as the NCAA, which oversees major college athletics, would be prohibited from punishing athletes or schools that accept or allow compensation. Illinois joins 20 other states having

passed such legislation, according to businessofcollegesports.com, although many of them have later effective dates.

Gov. JB Pritzker said the state's bill puts it "at the forefront" of the movement to allow college athlete compensation. "Beginning July 1, Illinois collegiate

student athletes, no matter the sport and no matter the division, can take control of their destiny when it comes to their own name, image likeness and voice," he said. "With this law, Illinois is at the forefront of taking some pressure off of talented kids who are torn between finishing their degree or cashing in on the big leagues." In a narrow decision, the U.S.

Supreme ruled 9-0 last week that the NCAA cannot restrict education-related benefits to student athletes, such as laptops and paid internships. The ruling did not touch on athlete compensation. Thus far, neither the NCAA nor U.S.

Congress have set nationwide rules governing college athlete compensation, although the Associated Press reported last week that the NCAA is working on temporary rules that could be in place

"Obviously the college athletics landscape is changing, and I think that what we have proven here through this coalition is that we will always be willing and ready to be creative and to be a step ahead to lead the charge," Buckner said. "We don't know what everything will look like in the coming months and years, but I think what this signals is that we're poised and ready to be at the vanguard and be at the front of the charge."

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Economy

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demand in the economy. And we're still lacking that, there's no doubt about it."

The most improved sectors of the Illinois economy were also among the hardest-hit by the pandemic – arts, entertainment and recreation, which grew at a 38.6 percent annual rate, followed by accommodation and food services, which grew at an 18.4 percent pace. Durable goods manufac-

turing also showed strong improvement with a 13 percent growth rate, as did the information sector, which includes the media, which grew at a 14 percent rate. But with the state's unem-

ployment rate still relatively high at 7.1 percent, and the overall labor participation rate at only 62 percent, Maisch said the state's economy is still not fully recovered, and he suggested that some government policies such as enhanced unemployment benefits that are aimed at mitigating the impact of the pandemic might be making things worse. 'That extra payment that

you get from unemployment, it really does impact people's behavior and their willingness to get back in the workforce," he said. Maisch also pointed to

lingering concerns among many about the safety of

returning to the workplace as well as structural issues in the economy such as the inability of many people in the workforce to find affordable child care.

Speaking at an unrelated event in Decatur, however, Gov. JB Pritzker disputed the idea that enhanced unemployment benefits are incentivizing people not to go back to work.

"I think it is a Republican right-wing talking point that says that people are just choosing to be lazy, to stay home, to get the extra few hundred dollars while they can," Pritzker said. Pritzker was speaking in

Decatur to announce new policies aimed at making child care more affordable for working families so more of them will be able to return to work. That includes reducing the outof-pocket cost of child care for those who qualify for state subsidies as well as increasing the reimbursement rate the state pays child care providers.

"We're ensuring quality child care is accessible for more people, allowing more people to return to work without worrying about where their kids will go during the day and helping Illinois child care network rebuild after the last 16 months of our COVID-19 crisis," Pritzker said.

Rating

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of those has been a pension buyout program that has been successful. And so we're going to continue to work on that to make sure that we expand that and offer buyouts to everybody who is in the retirement system that may want one."

Pritzker said the rating upgrade would save Illinois taxpayers "tens of millions of dollars" in interest costs paid on its debt, some of which he said taxpayers are already seeing in the form of rates paid on some of the state's most recent notes.

"I think it's worth pointing out that the bond market trades typically ahead of credit rating agencies," he said. "So our bonds actually were trading at a kind of higher level, as if the rating had already changed, because people were looking at what we were doing and, on their own, rating our bonds, the investors themselves." In addition to upgrading

the state's general obligation bonds, Moody's also upgraded the state's Build Illinois bonds a program begun in 1985 to fund state and local infrastructure, economic development, education and environmental projects – as well as bonds issued by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Those rating upgrades affect about \$33 billion worth of bonds, according to Moody's, including \$27.7 billion in general obligation bonds, \$3 billion in Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority bonds and \$1.9 billion in Build Illinois bonds.

Who to contact: Social Security or Medicare? • Compare the quality If you need to find out

By Mike Weitl

Sometimes it's confusing to know who to contact and for what. Social Security and Medicare offer related services, so people aren't always certain who does what. This "cheat sheet" can help.

Contact Social Security

- See if you're eligible for Medicare;
- Create a my Social Security account to do things like request a replacement Medicare card and report a change of address, name, or phone number;
- Sign up for Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance);
- Apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) costs:
- Report a death; and • Appeal an Income-Re-
- lated Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) decision (for people who pay a higher Part B and/or Part D premium if their income is over a certain amount).

Find information on how to do all of this and more at www.socialsecurity.gov and www.socialsecurity.gov/ benefits/medicare. Contact Medicare to:

- · See what services Medi-
- care covers;
- · Get detailed information about Medicare health and prescription drug plans in your area, including costs and services; • Choose and enroll in a
- Medicare health or prescription drug plan that meets your needs; • Find a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medi-
- gap) policy in your area; • Find doctors, health care providers, and suppliers who participate in Medicare;
- Get information and forms for filing a Medicare appeal or for letting someone speak with Medicare on your behalf;

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your claim status, find out deductibles, or get answers to premium payment 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

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Schools and tampons

By Scott Reeder

Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – I remember the students presenting our fifth-grade teacher with the "gift" like it was

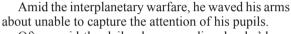
Several girls emerged from a restroom with a package wrapped in a brown paper towel bound up in scotch tape and presented it to our science teacher.

He was a socially awkward fellow, bereft of any ability to keep order in a classroom.

And his pedagogical skills were marginal at best.

Fifth graders ate him alive.

There was the day that a student found a box of several hundred Styrofoam balls in a classroom closet and suddenly hundreds of orange balls were flying as students pummeled one another with these would-be components of model solar systems.



Often amid the daily classroom disorder, he'd exclaim: "If I give you 2.54 centimeters you'll take 1.61 kilometers." (Yes, he even converted the inch and mile in the old adage to the metric system.)

As I have written before, I'm dyslexic. I remember to this day him glancing over my shoulder and telling me I was lazy because I sometimes formed letters backwards. Or once I drew a picture with a backward plowshare.

Any teacher with any semblance of competence should have seen I was a child that needed help -- not ridicule.

Anyway, back to the "gift."

When the youngsters gave him his "present" he cocked his head to a side, gave it a perplexed look and probed the parcel with his fingertips. He then became visibly upset. The girls had wrapped up a sanitary napkin. I was thinking about the teacher and the surprise

offering this month after the Illinois Legislature voted to require Illinois schools to distribute tampons, and panty liners at no cost in restrooms used by both girls and boys in grades 4 through 12.

"This is really important for young menstruators who are not able to purchase products and they need this for emergency situations," state Rep. Barbara Hernandez, D-Aurora, said.

But some Republicans said putting tampons into the

 $Hern and ez\, argued\, a\, boy\, could\, fetch\, them\, for\, a\, female$ friend in an emergency.

Oh yeah, that's going to happen. Wives have enough trouble getting their husbands to buy them at the grocery store. How many junior high boys will willingly fetch one for a female classmate? For that matter, how many girls, too shy to go to the nurse's office, will ask a boy

to retrieve a maxi pad for them? But state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Chicago, said tampons in the boys' restroom could also be used by transgender students who use a boy's bathroom but still menstruate.

My prediction? A few tampons in the boys' room will end up in the hands of transgender students. The rest will be used to plug toilets or get soaked in the sink and turned into interesting "wall art."

Your tax dollars at work.

As for transgender students, I believe everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. I question whether a junior high boys' restroom is a place where that is often found.

Perhaps the nurse's office or a faculty restroom might be a more respectful place for a transgender student facing a menstruation emergency.

Now, let me be clear. I'm OK with schools providing free tampons and sanitary napkins. They ought to be in the nurse's office or in a teacher's bottom desk drawer where a student in need can retrieve them.

Speaking as the father of three girls, these are expensive products. Let's not waste resources where they can be used to vandalize rather than help.

But more significantly, I'm frustrated with the legislature debating whether tampons should be distributed in bathrooms rather than nurse's offices; but not tackling more important issues like teacher quality.

After all, this legislation was one of the most high-profile "school bills" of the last session. That's unfortunate. So much more needs to be done to improve Illinois schools.

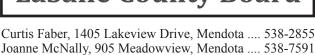
We need to be offering financial incentives to attract the best and brightest college students to enter teaching.

It needs to be easier to replace underperforming

And more parents, particularly those in low income neighborhoods, need access to scholarships to ensure their children are not trapped in failing schools.

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The glorious Fourth – 1910

Backtracks

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from July 4, 1990.)

By Jessica Nashold

In 1910, the Mendota city fathers decided to skip the traditional Fourth of July celebration and concentrate on a Corn Festival in October. As a consequence -

Our people scattered to the four winds on July 4.

The Burlington sold 300 tickets to Earlville and 300 to Aurora. Mendotans also took off for LaSalle for July 4 motorcycle races attended by 3,000. One of the competitors was William Lauterbach of Mendota. He placed third in a field of 11 in the 10-mile handicap. The winning time was 12 minutes and

The Mendota Bulletin urged baseball fans to follow the Mendota Regulars to Henry where games were scheduled for July 3 and 4.

The Regulars has been enjoying a string of seven victories in a row. The last two wins before the Fourth were over the Tom Murrays of Chicago and a team comprised of Indians. The latter was a 15-0 victory for the Regulars and drew criticism.

A game was played by electric light at night and turned out to be a fizzle. The ball became lost in the fifth inning. Unfortunately, such farcical exhibitions will do the extent of future attendance irreparable hurt. The Regulars, accompanied by the

Mendota Band and many fans, went by rail from Mendota to LaSalle and from LaSalle to Henry by boat.

The boat will leave LaSalle and after a delightful trip of 33 miles down the picturesque Illinois River, will arrive at Henry about

On the return trip, the boat left Henry at 6 p.m. and made a train connection back to Mendota from LaSalle. The boat fare, round trip, was 50 cents. Another route to Henry was also recommended by the Bulletin -

You can easily take the CB&Q to Princeton, the interurban to Bureau, the CRI&P to Henry, making nice connections all the

Sidetracks way, and then return by way of

An estimated 150 from Mendota attended the games in Henry. Here,

the Regulars met defeat in both games. The Bulletin offered an explanation – The Henry Grays had a Three-I

League pitcher from Peoria who was tried out by the Chicago White Sox two years ago. The pitcher's name was Gilbert, but

the Bulletin said he played under "two fictitious names." In the July 3 game he was listed as Brown. In the July 4 game he was called Rufus. In spite of this presumably uneven

talent, Mendota's Prendergast held the

Henry Grays to a one-run advantage, and the final score on July 3 was 1-0. On the Fourth, 12 innings were needed to earn Henry a 5-4 win. At Utica, there was a Fourth of July

tub race on the Illinois-Michigan Canal. About 200 spectators crowded along the rail on the bridge over the canal. As the tubs passed under the

bridge, all made a rush to the other side and the bridge went down, precipitating 200 men, women and children into eight feet of water.

Doctors and nurses were rushed to the scene where some were pinned beneath the bridge timbers. The injured were cared for in nearby stores and houses. Seven were taken to the hospital in LaSalle. There was one death, an 18-year-old telephone office employee identified as Miss Farmer.

The LaSalle Post expressed outrage -The bridge has been condemned for months. The accident was not at all unlooked for. Other accidents on the "death bridges" of LaSalle County are looked for daily.

It was announced that the postal

system was cutting expenses. When the regular carriers went on vacation, no substitutes would be hired.

The local force will probably be required to carry on the work without extra help. In spite of the economies, Postmaster

Reul was to receive an increase of \$100 annually, bringing his salary to \$2,400 a year. The assistant postmaster's pay A new postal savings program was

introduced. The post office would allow

children over 10 years of age to open

accounts. Also, a married woman could have an account under her own name "free from interference by her husband." Regulations held deposits to not more than \$1 in a calendar month in

each account. The balance in an account could never exceed \$500. Three meat markets advertised will-

ingness to deliver meat on Sunday mornings "during hot weather." The markets had refrigeration. Many households did not. The accommodating butchers were F.E. Cavell & Sons, Herbert Brothers and George Erbes & Kuney. New laws for drivers of automobiles

were posted. The state mandated speed limit in rural areas was 20 miles per hour; om residential streets, 15 miles; in the business district, 10. The limit while rounding corners was six miles per hour. The Bulletin was skeptical as to any immediate action resulting from

Nothing will be done in Mendota until someone is seriously injured. Then the council will bestir themselves and not only place signs, but enforce laws.

The White Palace came under new management. Mr. F.L. Fraser of Kankakee was the new man and received an enthusiastic introduction to the community. Mr. Fraser is personally known

to the editor of this paper and the latter vouches for his gentlemanliness and the cleanliness of his shows. He is a clean fellow and will make a very desirable Mendota citizen.

Trump's huge 2023 decision

By Rich Lowry

Sometime in 2023, Donald Trump will presumably make the most momentous decision by a single person affecting the fate of the Republican Party in decades.

He will decide whether to run for president again, and that will determine who's the frontrunner (Trump, if he's a go) and the contours of the race.

If Trump runs, he will, one assumes, blot out the sun. Everything will be about him -- his record, his pronouncements, his animosities. Much of the conservative mass media will get on board, while the mainstream media -- inadvertently aiding him, yet again -- will be even more intensely hostile.

The choice between this and a more "normal" nomination battle is Trump's alone.

Perhaps not since Dwight Eisenhower turned aside Harry Truman's entreaties to run for president as a Democrat and threw his hat in the ring as a Republican has someone had such "yea or nay" influence over the nation's politics.

Trump's continued sway has been a boon to his most hardcore cadre, but it is a problem for Trumpism, at least if that term is to mean anything more than personal loyalty to him. In particular, his staying power risks overshadowing and distorting the development of the populist wing of the party, which should be about more than "Stop the Steal" and adherence to one man, even if that man has defied political gravity.

Trump lost last November and contributed more than his share to the Georgia Senate losses that have added trillions of dollars to what Joe Biden can plausibly spend.

He no longer has any formal power, whereas six months ago he could move aircraft carrier groups.

He's off social media and is not nearly as omnipresent on traditional media as when he was holding impromptu press conferences on his way to Marine One. And yet, his grip on the party has barely loosened, if at all.

Most important, he avoided the stigma of a loser by falsely

claiming he really won. He connected with his voters at a cultural level deeper than any of his policies, creating an enduring bond. His voters still think he's the only one who truly gets the

threat from the left, and the only one willing to fight with the requisite ferocity. Finally, they think Trump is being persecuted by social

media companies and worry they could be next. The lesson of the defenestration of Liz Cheney is that you can't run headlong into these sentiments and expect to

survive in leadership. Mitch McConnell, who has made his disdain for Trump clear, has taken the more prudent course of declining to

elaborate on his well-known views, and isn't going anywhere. But there's no doubt that what it means to be a populist in the Trump mode is overly determined by Trump himself.

Until recently, Elise Stefanik was a moderate Republican from New York state. She became the alternative to Cheney for the party's populists by toeing the line on Stop the Steal, an issue that isn't liberal, conservative or populist, but pure

The Trump effect is stark in Ohio Republican politics. One would think Rep. Anthony Gonzalez, a featured speaker last year at an event of the populist policy shop American Compass, would have more populist credibility than Senate primary candidate Josh Mandel, a run-of-the-mill establishment Republican. Yet Gonzalez voted to impeach Trump, so

Mandel is earning populist points by calling him a "traitor." On the other hand, another likely Senate candidate, J.D. Vance, who represents a sincere, thought-through populism, will have to answer for his lack of enthusiasm for Trump in 2016

If Trump does decide to run, even if he's less dominant than advertised, he'll squeeze out potential candidates like Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley, who are most determined to run as his direct successors.

They, like most everyone else in the party, will have to hold their breath until Trump comes down one way or the other in 2023.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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SPORTS

Boys' basketball camp set at MHS

MENDOTA-The Mendota Trojans Boys' Basketball Camp will be held July 13-15 and July 20-22 at Mendota High School.

Campers entering first through fourth grades will meet from 8-9:30 a.m. each day and campers entering fifth through eighth grades will meet from 9:30-11 a.m.

The registration fee is

\$50 per camper and \$35 for each additional family member. The fee includes a camp T-shirt and nine hours of basketball instruction.

available on the Mendota Trojan Athletics Facebook page. Camp T-shirts are only

Registration forms are

guaranteed to campers whose forms are turned in by Thursday, July 8. There will be some extra shirts if payment is made on the first day of camp, but they will be limited.

Participants should enter the school through the auditorium doors. Masks are required. Campers should bring their own water bottles. If an emergency arises and camp must be cancelled, an email will be sent.

Football camps available to youths

MENDOTA – Two youth football camps conducted by Mendota High School head

football coach Keegan Hill will be held in July. A Football Skills & Drills Camp is being held July 6, 8, 13 and 15 on the stadium turf at Mendota High School. This camp is for seventh- and eighth-graders only. Campers will meet from 8-9:30 a.m. each day. The

cost of the camp is \$25.

A Youth Football Camp is scheduled for July 26 and 27 at the youth football practice facility by the school bus garage. This camp is for fifth-through eighth-graders and will meet from 9-11 a.m. The cost of the camp is \$25.

For more information about both camps, contact Hill at khill@mendotahs.org.

Youth Football signup is July 23

MENDOTA - Registration for the 2021 Mendota Youth Football League will be held on Friday, July 23 from 5-7 p.m. at the practice facility by the Mendota High School bus garage.

The first practice of the season for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be held on Monday, Aug. 2 at the practice facility. Players should wear shorts, T-shirt,

football shoes or gym shoes. Also, players are encouraged to have their sports physical completed by their first day of practice.

Registration forms are available at the Mendota City Clerk's office at 800 Washington St., First State Insurance at 715 Washington St. and Kurt Bruno State Farm Insurance at 1103 Main St.

Youth football is for any-

one entering fifth through eighth grade in the upcoming school year. A player cannot be 15 years old by Nov. 1, 2021.

The cost to participate is \$80. Thirty dollars will be returned if you volunteer to work at various jobs at any of the home games.

For more information about the Mendota Youth Football League, contact Jim Lauer at 815-539-5106.

Wear life jacket when on the water

Statistics from the United States Coast Guard indicate that, in 2019, 86 percent of drowning victims in recreational boating accidents where cause of death was known were not wearing life jackets. The National Park Service reports that drowning is the top cause of visitor deaths in national parks and that nearly all of those deaths are preventable.

One of the simplest ways to prevent drowning is to follow the advice of the NPS and wear a life jacket at all times when near or in the water. This includes when wading, swimming, fishing, boating, and engaging in watersports or other water-related activities. The NPS notes that there

are three types of life jackets, but only two come in child and infant sizes. Inherently buoyant (primarily foam) life jackets and hybrid (foam and inflation) life jackets are available in child and infant sizes. The NPS recommends both types of life jackets for swimmers and non-swimmers. People who intend to engage in water sports should know that some hybrid life jackets are designed specifically for such activities. The third type of life jacket is inflatable life jackets, which are only available in adult sizes and should never be worn by poor or non-swimmers.

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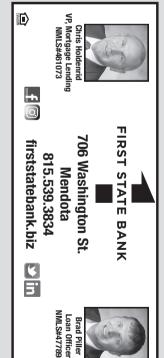
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Whether you're working on your car or tackling a weekend DIY project, having all your tools and supplies in order will make all the difference.

Five tips to get your garage organized, & keep it that way

(StatePoint) Is your garage in disarray? While you dream of a perfectly organized workbench or garage, your reality probably looks more like a sea of random toys, boxes and exercise equipment.

Every do-it-yourselfer knows a clean, organized garage is the key to efficient project planning and repairs around the home. As we head into warmer months, set aside the time to take charge of the space and finally create a sense of tidiness that will last year-round.

Follow these five tips to tame the mess and get your garage back in shape:

1. Invest in shelving that accommodates clear storage bins. When it comes to organizing and storing the assortment of cords, car care items, paint supplies and kid's toys littering your garage, nothing does the job better than clear storage bins. Not only can you categorize items by project or activity type, you can also easily stack them to save space without sacrificing the ability to easily find what you need, when you need it. Invest in taller, wider

shelving for the perimeter of the garage to accommodate your chosen bins.

2. Fix or dispose of anything broken or past its prime. There's nothing worse than scrambling to find a specific tool or product in an urgent situation, only to realize it's broken, damaged or dried out. As you organize, pay attention to textures, consistencies and expiration dates. Toss and replace any items that have seen better days. For broken tools that seem salvageable, like cracked hoses or broken handles, reach for a professional grade, heavy-duty duct tape to tackle the repair.

3. Utilize ceiling and wall space with hanging storage. From bicycles and skis to rakes and shovels, some equipment is better off stored up and out of your way. Install hanging racks or shelving above the area where you park your vehicles to store larger, heavier equipment, and use a double-sided mounting tape to attach hooks along the sides of your garage for lighter-weight items.

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tials so you can make repairs on the fly. While it's great to have a wide assortment of tools and supplies, for many projects and repairs you really just need the basics - think max-strength waterproof tape, bungee cords, a hammer, nails and similar essentials. Use these items as the foundation of your garage workstation and stock up on extras to keep on-hand for emergencies, camping and other on-the-go uses.

5. Give everything a home. Aim to group supplies for similar activities, tasks and repairs together, giving each category a "home." In addition to helping keep things organized in dedicated spaces, hanging frequently used tools and supplies on hooks or pegboard can make it easier to quickly scan the garage and find exactly what you need. Use your mounting tape to safely and securely create a space to store and display all your go-to items.

Whether you're working on your car or tackling a weekend DIY project, having all your tools and supplies in order will make all the difference.

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needs!

How to remove mildew from your home's exterior

Homeowners want their residences to look inviting inside and out. Part of keeping an attractive property involves addressing issues that can compromise not only the appearance of a home, but even its integrity.

People who live in regions with high humidity may find their homes are vulnerable to exterior mildew growth. Mildew is a kind of mold. Molds include all species of microscopic fungi that grow in the form of hyphae, which are multicellular filaments, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Mold thrives on any organic matter and surfaces with moisture management problems. Mildew, in particular, lives on shower walls, windowsills and other places where moisture levels are high. Mildew also can grow on home siding as well as fences and other exterior structures. While typically gray or white, mildew can be various colors.

Experts recommend various cleansers to help combat the issue of mildew on a home. One of the first products that homeowners tend to reach for is sodium hypochlorite, which is a standard bleach used in laundry and pool sanitation. While sodium hypochlorite seems to make mildew vanish, those at This Old House say that chlorine evaporates too quickly to get to mildew's roots on porous surfaces, such as wood or vinyl siding. Bleach also can stain clothing and damage foliage around the house. Hydrogen peroxide, or oxygen bleach, is less volatile, will not affect foliage and can clean mildew, algae and dirt on and below the surface.



another effective cleanser. Commonly known as TSP, it often succeeds where other solutions fail in regard to stubborn stains and mildew. TSP also works well on various exterior surfaces. TSP needs to be used with extreme caution. When using TSP, wear long sleeves, gloves, goggles, and a respiratory mask, says Today's Homeowner. The product also requires adequate ventilation. There also are some environmental concerns, as TSP can damage foliage. In addition, if the product ends up in lakes and streams, it can trigger an overgrowth of algae that results in the depletion of oxygen levels in the water. Eco-conscious

oxy cleansers before TSP.

Mildew shies away from bright sunlight, so it tends to grow on the north side of homes. Removing trees or other foliage that can further block sunlight to areas of the house can help eradicate mildew growth and stop it before it starts. Another tactic is to clean out gutters regularly and thoroughly to reduce moisture and to prevent decomposing debris from running over the edge of the gutters. This runoff can drip down the home's siding and spread the mildew to other areas.

Mildew can be problematic any time of year. Clean up mildew when the weather cools down to spruce up the look of a home.

Signs your HVAC unit could be fading

A day outdoors soaking up the sun's rays is many people's idea of the perfect way to spend a summer afternoon. On such days, a periodic retreat indoors into an air conditioned home can offer some much-needed relief from the heat.

HVAC systems are worth their weight in gold during the dog days of summer. Of course, such systems must be replaced from time to time. Learning to recognize the signs of a fading HVAC system can help homeowners replace their units before they cease working, saving



everyone the uncomfortable ordeal of being stuck at home without cool air on hot summer days.

Weak air flow

An HVAC unit operating at peak capacity produces a strong flow of air through the vents of a home. The experts at Select Home Warranty note that when the air flow from the vent is weak, this could be a warning sign of a damaged AC compressor or blocked or damaged vents. Damaged vents might be replaceable, but issues with the AC unit might require a replacement. That's especially so if the unit is old. Repairs might be possible, but it might be more cost-effective to replace an aging unit rather than commit to costly repairs.

Excessive moisture around the unit

Excessive moisture around the unit may indicate that its refrigerant is leaking. In addition, Home Select Warranty notes that large pools of water around the unit could contribute to mold growth and floor damage. Homeowners are urged to contact a qualified HVAC technician immediately if they notice any leakage or moisture issues around their units.

Interior temperature

If your home is not quite the respite from summer heat that it once was, despite the AC being on and running, then this could be indicative of a fading system that may need to be replaced. However, the home warranty firm American Home Shield® notes that hot interior temperatures also may be indicative of clogged ductwork. Qualified HVAC technicians may be able to fix clogged ductwork without replacing the AC unit. If the issue persists even after ducts have been cleaned and unclogged, then a new unit might be homeowners' best bet.

Foul odor

Sometimes the nose knows best when an AC unit needs to be replaced. Unusual odors emanating from the vents when the AC is on suggest that the unit is distributing mold or mildew throughout the home. A moldy or mildew-like smell coming from the vents could indicate a host of issues, including a dirty evaporator coil, a clogged drain line or leaky air ducts. Each of these issues can be fixed, but homeowners must weigh the cost of fixing them versus the cost of replacing an aging unit.

Come the dog days of summer, homeowners want a reliable AC unit to cool their homes. Recognizing signs of a malfunctioning AC unit is a good first step toward ensuring homes remain cool, relaxing respites from the heat this summer.









HOME IMPROVEMENT



What to know about outdoor living spaces

Home trends come and go. What was popular as recently as a decade ago may have lost some luster in the eyes of today's home buyers. Though that's historically been the case in regard to real estate, outdoor living rooms are one relatively recent home trend that figures to have a longer shelf life, especially in the aftermath of a global pandemic during which people were encouraged to stay home as much as possible.

Real estate professionals and organizations like the National Association of Home Builders note the popularity of outdoor living spaces among prospective home buyers, and how that popularity has grown in recent years. Outdoor living rooms not only appeal to potential buyers, they also serve as a means for current homeowners to get more out of their properties. Homeowners mulling outdoor living space projects should consider various factors before deciding to go ahead with a project.

• Cost: The home renovation resource HomeAdvisor estimates that the average cost of an outdoor living space is around \$7,600. That cost can easily go up depending on where homeowners live and the features they want to have in their outdoor living spaces. For example, including a built-in fire pit in an outdoor living space will cost more than purchasing a stand-alone fire pit that can be picked up and moved. But many homeowners feel a built-in fire pit makes an outdoor living space even more special.

Return on investment: Return on invest-

ment is another factor for homeowners to consider as they try to decide if they should install outdoor living spaces and how to design those areas. Much conflicting data about the ROI on outdoor kitchens can be found online, but many trusted real estate organizations report that such additions do not mesmerize prospective buyers. Data from the American Institute of Architects indicates that outdoor kitchens are routinely ranked among the least desirable home features, which means homeowners should not expect substantial ROI when selling their homes. But that built-in fire pit? Estimates from the National Association of Realtors suggest fire features recover around 67 percent of homeowners' initial investment. In addition, 83 percent of homeowners surveyed by the NAR who had installed fire features said they had a greater desire to be home after completing the project.

• Space: An outdoor living space may only be as relaxing as the space allows. The proximity of neighbors may affect privacy levels, which can make it hard to enjoy movie night outdoors or curl up to quietly read a good book. In addition, landscaping also may need to be addressed if drainage is an issue in the backyard. That can add to the cost, and drainage concerns may limit the materials homeowners can work with.

Outdoor living spaces are popular. Homeowners must consider various factors before deciding if such spaces are for them.

How to show your appliances some extra love

(BPT) - This past year we've all made a few changes to our daily lives, but one thing has remained constant - your appliances. It's easy to forget these machines are working hard in the background, but they're always helping to keep your household running smoothly. In the spirit of household cleaning, let's give some extra love to our dedicated appliances, so they can keep performing at their best. Here are some cleaning must-dos from a leading appliance expert. Deep cleaning

Deep cleaning for a fresh start

Deep cleaning your appliances may not be top of mind, but it's important for them to have a good, thorough cleaning to keep everything looking like new.

* Refrigerators will benefit from regular cleaning every three months, inside and out. This helps maximize storage while maintaining a fresh environment for your groceries. Make sure to wipe down all surfaces and skip the harsh chemicals. Try white vinegar and baking soda to keep out unwanted chemical smells. Finish off by wiping the outside with soap and water or with a special cleaner.

* A dirty oven not only looks bad but can cause unpleasant smells in the kitchen. Clean every part of your oven by removing all racks and soaking in hot, soapy water to remove any leftover food and grease. Next create a spreadable paste of baking soda and water and cover the entire inside cavity. After 20 minutes, spray with lemon juice or vinegar and wipe with a damp cloth until clean. Cleaning experts actually advise against chemical oven cleaners, as these products contain harsh chemicals and release fumes that can linger in your oven long after cleaning is done.



In the spirit of household cleaning, let's give some extra love to our dedicated appliances, so they can keep performing at their best.

* Clean clothes require having a clean washer. Follow these four easy steps every 30 washes to help keep your washing machine clean. Clean the tub, clean the dispensers, clean in and around the door and lastly clean the outside.

* Dryers produce a lot of lint, and without proper cleaning can become a fire hazard due to reduced airflow and overheating. Clean the lint screen after every use and the vent screen at least every two years.

Organizing for a less stressful tomorrow

Did you know there's a science to storing food in your fridge? Not only will your food stay fresh, but you will stay more organized and could even save some money. Here are the basics:

* Door storage should be reserved for less perishable items such as condiments and soda.

* Shelves are great for every day, non-produce items. Group similar foods together to eliminate the need for searching.

* Deli drawers have slightly colder temperatures than the rest of the fridge making it ideal for meats and cheeses.

* High humidity crisper

drawers help thin skin produce like spinach and citrus fruits stay fresh, while low humidity crisper drawers are great for thick skin produce such as peppers and avocados.

Replacing parts for optimal performance

*Many refrigerators have water filling stations, and the filter should be changed every six months. There is a quick way to replace your water filter in under five minutes. Once replaced, you can enjoy clean, fresh-tasting

* If dishes begin to have grit and grime after they're cleaned, this can indicate that your dishwasher filter needs a cleaning. On select dishwashers, locate the filter at the bottom of the dishwasher. Remove it by turning it counterclockwise and pulling up. Rinse out the filter under the faucet to remove most soils and debris, and once clean, reinstall.

*A well-lit oven is essential for efficiently tracking the progress of dishes. You can change your oven light in five easy steps.

Whether you're a seasoned homeowner or still figuring out how to adult, now is a great time to give back to your home and appliances.

Make safety an important part of home cleaning

Safety may not be on the minds of people when they gather equipment and cleaning supplies to clean their homes, but even seemingly innocuous items can be dangerous. The National Safety Council warns that accidents and deaths often occur when least expected — including when doing chores around the house.

The online safety advocate SafeWise says that more than 160,000 Americans die as a result of an accident every year, and household injuries account for 75 percent of those deaths. It's important to be careful when cleaning around the house, and part of that caution includes recognizing where hazards may be lurking. Here are ways to prevent cleaning and organizing accidents.

Never mix cleansers

Cleaning chemicals are often effective because they employ bases or acids to produce cleaning actions. By themselves, many of these products are generally safe to use provided users adhere

to the usage instructions and precautions. However, when mixed together, certain cleaning products can be extremely hazardous. According to Velocity EHS, an environmental, health, safety, and sustainability advisement company, users should never mix products containing acids and bases. Common cleaning products containing acids include tub and tile cleaners, vinegar and mold removers. Products containing bases include, bleaches, glass cleaners, and drain cleaners. Mixing these products can produce toxic gases, intense heat or even explosions.

Avoid falls

Falls are a major contributor to home injuries. Be especially careful when climbing ladders, and do not lean too far to either side. If possible, have someone hold the ladder steady. Wear nonskid shoes and go slowly. Do not climb on furniture or stack items to reach high spots like top shelves, as this can create a precarious situation.

Lift with care

Moving furniture or rearranging storage boxes can strain the back and other muscles. Use proper lifting techniques, which include lifting with the legs while keeping the back straight. If the item is too heavy, wait and ask for help.

Wear masks and safety gear

Whether dusting off the ceiling fan, cleaning out the crawlspace or removing debris from gutters and downspouts, protect the eyes, hands and lungs by wearing the right gear. Safety goggles, durable gloves and a dust mask are must-have cleaning supplies.

Remove supplies promptly

The NSC says about 10 people die from drowning every day in the United States. Children between the ages of one and four are at greatest risk. Do not leave cleaning buckets filled with water unattended, and make sure to clean up any supplies used right after cleaning to prevent injuries.

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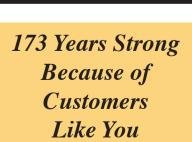




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The city of Mendota requests anyone who is in violation of the above mentioned nuisance regulations to remove the item(s) from your property. Anyone found in violation will be subject to receiving a citation, which involves a court date and fine.

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Sandra Gordon wishes to thank family and friends for the cards, memorials, flowers, kind words and compassion during our Mom's illness and passing. A special thanks to Merritt Funeral Home and Holy Cross Church for their help and support during this difficult time. Thank you to OSF Hospice for their care and compassion. The outpouring of love and support has been overwhelming. Thank you.

Brian, Missy & Leslie Gordon

BLESSED EVENTS

JAMES A. SPARKS

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sparks (Jillian Ganschow) of Orlando, Fla., are parents of **James Adam**, born June 13, 2021, at Advent Health Hospital in Winter Park, Fla. Maternal grandparents are Randy and Kathy Ganschow of Mendota. Paternal grandparents are David and Nancy Sparks of Ironton, Ohio. Maternal great-grandfather is Richard Wetzell of Rock Falls.

POLICE BLOTTER

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Manuel L. Villalovos, 37, of Streator, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and East 525th Road at 10:21 p.m. June 29. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Denver M. Crawford, 18, of 314 W. High St., LaMoille, was charged with no valid driver's license after police officers investigated a suspicious vehicle at Lake Mendota Park at 12:03 a.m. June 30. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Amelia Y. Contreras, 20, of Seneca, was charged with





driving while license suspended after police officers responded to a service call at 1302 Raymond Drive at 7:10 p.m. June 30. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Kirsten M. Ward, 37, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Apt. 116, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Fifth Avenue and U.S. 34 at 9:57 p.m. July 1. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Asia L. Cordova, 25, of 907 Monroe St., Mendota, was arrested at 6:53 p.m. July 2 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Lions Club to meet with Optimist Club on July 13th

MENDOTA – The Mendota Lions Club will not be meeting during its usual monthly meeting on Monday, July 12. The Lions will be meeting with the Optimist Club on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Den at the Tri-County Fairgrounds.





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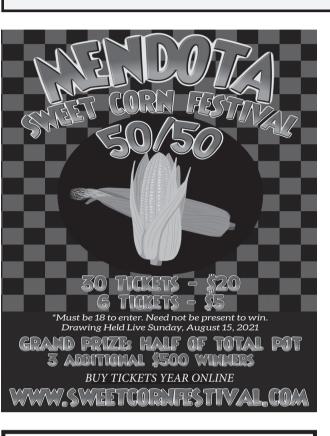


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ENTERTAINMENT

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Bruce Willis must have hit the pandemic running! While

most actors were keeping themselves busy at home, Willis put five films in the can and is currently shooting four movies at



one time. The crime/drama, "Midnight in the Switchgrass," which co-stars Emile Hirsch, Megan Fox, Lukas Haas and Sistine Stallone (daughter of Sylvester), is due July 23. The action/ heist film "A Day to Die," with Frank Grillo and Kevin Dillon, drops into theaters in February. The crime/thriller "Out of Death," with Jaime King, is awaiting a release date, along with the action/ thrillers "Apex Action," with Neal McDonough, and "American Siege." The former "Die Hard"

star is running to four film locations at once: "Reactor"; 'The Fortress," starring Jesse Metcalfe and Chad Michael Murray (both recently in Hallmark films and series); "Paradise City," with John Travolta; and "Gasoline Alley," with Devon Sawa and Luke Wilson, in which Willis and Wilson play police detectives trailing Sawa, a suspect in three murders. All that and juggling his marriage to model Emma Heming and their two children, as well as relationships with his three daughters with Demi Moore. And you think you're busy!

Hollywood

Stephen King's "Christine" appears to be a car that won't die. She starred in the 1983 film, helmed by legendary director John Carpenter, with John Stockwell, Alexander Paul and Harry Dean Stanton (which cost \$10 million and grossed \$21 million). "Christine" was a 1958 Plymouth Fury that was restored by a 19-yearold guy that "she" then possessed as she tortured his friends and his girlfriend when they tried to warn him against her. The cast of the reboot is being kept a deep dark secret.

As we told you in our column back in March,

Anthony Ramos is about to become a superstar. The 29-year-old Ramos first won praise as one of the stars of "Hamilton" on Broadway. But actually, he'd been doing Broadway and road companies of "Grease" and "Damn Yankees," and the Public Theater production of "In the Heights" before that, playing Sonny De La Vega. In the film version, he plays Usnavi De La Vega, the role originally played by Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Leading up to that film, Ramos co-starred in "A Star Is Born" (2018) and "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" (2019). He's followed them with the action/thriller "Honest Thief," with Liam Neeson, Kate Walsh and Robert Patrick. Ramos is currently top billed and shooting the sci-fi/comedy "Distant," with Naomi Scott, and preparing to star in the next "Transformer" sequel (set for a June 2022 release). But his crowning achievement has to be the Crown Royal ads that run continually!

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: What happened to Lucas Black on "NCIS: New Orleans"? I miss him and Shalita

Grant. The show isn't as goodnow. -K.R.H.A: Lucas Black had

a very suc-



L. Black

cessful run on "NCIS: New Orleans" as Special Agent Christopher Lasalle, but chose to leave the show after a few seasons in order to spend more time with his family. Recently, on the podcast "Legacy Starts Today," Black said that he worked up to 70 hours in a five-day week on "NCIS: NOLA" and worried about the toll it was taking on his family. He explained, "You can't keep going at that pace and, I think, have a healthy marriage. It's not sustainable; it's inevitable that something bad is gonna happen if you stay working at that pace."

Black didn't quit acting though, instead focusing on short-term film roles in the "Fast and the Furious" franchise, including "F9," which is now in theaters. He also has a YouTube channel called "Real Life Lucas Black," which focuses on his love of hunting and fishing.

Unfortunately, "NCIS: NOLA" has been canceled. "NCIS" will relocate to Hawaii for its next series with a new female lead played by Vanessa Lachey. Showrunners have hinted that "NOLA" star Scott Bakula could drop in for a visit. As for Shalita Grant, who

played Special Agent Sonja Percy, she chose to leave after three years. Coming from a theater background, she wanted to be able to express herself more and followed up with a couple more regular roles in the Netflix series "Santa Clarita Diet" and "You." She also started a haircare line for fragile hair called Four Naturals. Now that Broadway is opening back up, perhaps she'll return to her first love: the stage.

Q: Will there be another season of "The Crown" on Netflix and, if so, when can we expect it? -- F.A.

A: Yes, there will definitely be a fifth season of the critically acclaimed series about the royal family. Season four focused on Charles and Diana, as well as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Dominic West

("The Affair") and Elizabeth Debicki ("Tenet") will take over the roles of Charles and Diana, with Olivia Williams reportedly cast as Camilla Parker Bowles and Imelda

Staunton as Queen Elizabeth. No official premiere date has been announced, but several publications speculate that "The Crown" will likely return in late 2021 or early 2022.

Q: I heard that several cast members are leaving "Saturday Night Live." Cecily Strong is my favorite. Is she coming back? -- Y.J.

A: According to TVLine. com, "'SNL' typically does not hammer out new contracts (or not) until late summer," but many believe that Strong's rendition of the classic song "My Way" on the season finale was her way of stating her independence -- away from "SNL." She's currently starring in the limited series "Schmigadoon!" on Apple TV+, a parody of 1940s musicals, opposite Keegan-Michael Key.

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

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Strange

But True

Couch Theater

By Rachel Rose

"Summer of Soul" (PG-13) -- Overshadowed by the Woodstock festival held the same summer, the Harlem Cultural Festival celebrated African-American music, culture and Black pride. But footage of the multiple concerts sat idle and unseen for decades despite featuring some of the biggest names in popular music, like Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight and the Fifth Dimension. More than 50 years later, the 1969 festival is finally brought forth in full color by musician and first-time director Ahmir 'Questlove" Thompson. This remarkable treasure of 1960s Black culture was named the 2021 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize winner. (Hulu, theaters)

"Monsters at Work" -- Ever wondered what becomes of graduates of Monsters University? Like many of us, recent grad Tylor Tuskmon finds out the work world isn't always what we anticipate. Starting his new job as a mechanic on

the Monsters, Inc. facilities team, he finds that instead of scares, it's laughter they're after. This animated series sees the return of familiar "Monsters, Inc." characters Sulley and Mike, along with a host of new ones, including Val (voiced by Mindy Kaling) and Fritz (Henry Winkler). Four weekly episodes begin airing July 7. (Disney+)

"Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" (R) -- If you missed this 1997 mystery thriller, pour yourself a bourbon neat and get comfortable. Highfalutin parties, eccentric Southern locals and romantic betrayal are supporting cast members to a high-society murder that centers the plot. Based on the best-selling novel by John Berendt, "Midnight" is directed by Clint Eastwood and stars Kevin Spacey, John Cusack and Jude Law. It's based on real events that occurred in 1981 in Savannah, Georgia, and was filmed on location there. If you love moonlight, magnolias and Old South finery -- as well as a whodunnit and why -- this movie is a dream. (HBOMax)

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"High on the Hog" -- This four-episode Netflix original documentary series traces the connection of traditional and modern-day Black cuisine back to its basic roots in pre-slavery Africa. Chef and food writer Stephen Satterfield travels to Western Africa and throughout the American South to learn how Black cuisine evolved, or sometimes, stayed exactly the same over centuries. With the help of African-American culinary historians and cultural preservationists, Satterfield explores how food traditions bridge the generations on two continents. While the interviews with locals are at times sleepy, the emotional and spiritual reactions Satterfield experiences are striking. Each episode is historically informative and culturally relevant. (Netflix)

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By Lucie Winborne

* "Bonobo," the common

name for apes, was a typo. Researchers are said to have first found the animals in the town of Bolobo, Zaire, but misspelled the town's name as "Bonobo" on the crate in which one was shipped, and the error stuck.

* Are you a fan of coffee breaks? Then you'll want to head to Stoughton, Wisconsin, for their annual Coffee Break Festival, featuring coffee tastings, "brew-offs" and -- seriously -- bean-spitting contests. Next one's in

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tells you they're sweating like a pig, they're actually lying (though, we're sure, unintentionally!): Pigs are born without sweat glands, hence the need for a nice mud puddle to cool off in.

Thought for the Day: "The beauty of nature has been one of the great inspirations of my life." -- Jim Henson

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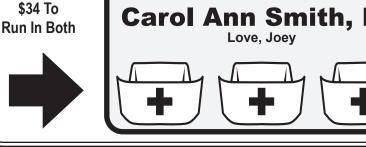


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For years, I thought I had to settle for a second-rate life because I had been sexually abused by my father. I thought my future would never be as good as it could have been.

That's what our enemy, Satan, wants us to believe. He wants us to believe that our past pain has permanently damaged what God can do with our future.

Maybe that's where you are today. You look at everything you've been through and think, My situation's just a hopeless mess. Maybe it would be different if God had done something sooner, but now it's beyond repair.

If so, I want you to know that God can fix the unfixable and bring dead things back to life! (See Matthew 19:26.)

If you are brokenhearted-if you've been hurt, abused, disappointed or unfairly treated in any way-it doesn't limit what God can do in your life. In fact, God can give you a future that's better than it would have been if you had never gone through painful experiences.

Isaiah 61:7-8 has meant so much to me over the years. It says, "Instead of your [former] shame you will have a double portion; and instead of humiliation your people will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore in their land they will possess double [what they had forfeited]; everlasting joy will be theirs. For I, the Lord, love justice..." (AMP).

This scripture helped me understand that no person could pay me back for what I'd gone through—but God could! And He'd even give me double for all the pain I'd been through.

I've witnessed this firsthand in my own life. God has used His Word to transform me from the inside out. Instead of anger and bitterness, I now have peace and joy. Instead of being a victim of past abuse, He is using my experiences to help many find healing and total restoration from emotional pain.

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Isaiah 61:1-3 says Jesus came "to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound... to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment

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of praise for the spirit of heaviness..." (NKJV).

Jesus has already opened the prison doors! We no longer have to stay in the "prisons" of emotional pain, rejection, disappointment, worry, depression, anger, addictions or bad habits.

If you've ever dealt with any of these things, you know they can have long-lasting consequences. Pain from the past has a way of lingering and even affecting your future.

But you don't have to live stuck in the pain of your past. You can make an exchange—you can trade your pain for God's promise and have beauty instead of ashes.

God offers each one of us healing and restoration, but we also have a part to play in the process. We can't expect to keep our "ashes" and still receive God's beauty. We have to choose to move forward and leave things like bitterness, resentment, and self-pity behind.

Self-pity was a hard thing for me to give up. I used it for years to comfort myself when I was hurting; however, the Lord showed me that it's actually idolatry—it's turning inward and pitying ourselves when we should have compassion flowing out of us to other people. Self-pity is a major

trap that will keep us stuck in our pain. It's the same with bitterness and resentment. It took me a long time to get past the point of thinking, Someone owes me. I was bitter and angry about my past, and I ended up taking it out on the people around me, trying to "collect" from those who had no way of paying me back.

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Posted by Rev. Susan Presley



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- 3. From Daniel 6, why was he (Daniel) thrown into the lions' den by King Darius? War spy, Caught praying to
- God, Deep in debt, Affair with king's daughter 4. At Joppa there was a certain
- disciple named Tabitha, which is/was translated as? Ruth, Dorcas, Sarah, Esther 5. What did Samuel's mother bring him when she visited year after year? Sweet cake, Letters

from friends, Flute, Little coat

6. From John 12, which disciple stole from the treasury? Thomas, Judas, James, John



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Eutychus; 3) Caught praying to God; 4) Dorcas; 5) Little coat (robe); 6) Judas (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



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Illinois State University is offering scholarship lottery for vaccinated students

By KEVIN BESSLER

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD - As Illinois colleges get vaccination plans in order for the fall semester, one school is taking it a step further.

Illinois State University in Normal will be offering \$1,000 scholarships to 100 students who submit proof of vaccination before the first week of class on August 16.

"We felt the incentive program, specially targeted toward students, is going to be helpful in providing them some extra incentive to get vaccinated," said Eric Jome, director of media relations at ISU An additional 75 students will

account to spend on things like food on campus. Like ISU, Southern Illinois University is not requiring students to be

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"Students who do not have proof of vaccination will be required to par-

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vaccinated to attend classes.

ticipate in regular on-campus testing programs," said Jome.

Northern Illinois University reversed an earlier decision and will now require students to be vaccinated. In May, the school announced it was voluntary, but in June, officials changed university policy. "The science continues to show

that the vaccines are safe and effective in not only protecting against COVID-19 but in reducing its severity and limiting its transmission," NIU President Lisa Freeman said in a statement. "The benefits to our student's health and well-being, as well as the communities in which they live, learn and work are clear and warrant that we take this action.'

Several 4-year Illinois colleges have announced that all returning students to campus would be required to be vaccinated, including Eastern Illinois University, Loyola University, Northwestern University, and all three campuses at the University of Illinois.

Vaccines are not a new concept

on college campuses. It is commonplace to see vaccine mandates for diseases such as measles and tetanus to attend school

According to the American College Health Association, more than 300 universities will require students to be vaccinated before returning to campus this fall.

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Illinois gets low marks on history and civics standards for schools

By SCOT BERTRAM

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD-Illinois receives failing grades in a new report on U.S. history and civics standards in the

The study recommends a complete revision of the K-12 standards, which are described as completely inadequate. "Illinois is just taking

a very, shall I say, brief approach to laying out expectations for students and teachers and the state," said Amber Northern, senior vice president for research at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, which conducted the research. "What kids are expected to know in civics over 13 years is two pages long. Same story in history. It's two pages long over 13 years.

The Thomas B. Fordham Institute is a nonprofit that promotes educational excellence for every child in America through quality research, analysis and commentary, according to its website.

"The story with Illinois is its vacuous and vague standards, written to not offend anyone nor to give any guidance to civics and U.S. history teachers who are in the position of trying to figure out what kids should be learning in these subjects," Northern said.

When it comes to high school civics, the report notes that "crucial concepts such as separation of powers, checks and balances, popular sovereignty, representative government, federalism, and judicial review are omitted entirely."

Northern says the information that is laid out on those pages of standards also provide insufficient guidance for educators at

all levels and are so general as to be useless to teachers and parents.

"It says, 'Explain probable causes and effects of events and developments in Illinois history," Northern said. "What events and developments are we even talking about? That literally is the standard. And whatever these events and developments are, then we have to talk about their probable causes and effects.'

Illinois is one of 10 states in the report to receive an "F" grade for both history and civics standards.

A recent Illinois law does mandate that before high school, public schools must teach students about contributions to state and U.S. history made by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Meanwhile, a measure on the governor's desk would make Illinois the first state to require Asian American history to be taught in public schools, beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

Northern says the specificity of those regulations stand in stark contrast to the current civics and history standards in the state.

"Right now, there's not one name, person, place or event mentioned," Northern said. "If they go the route of just zeroing in on these particular groups and events that the legislators have just passed, then you may end up with very lopsided history standards that don't cover the breadth of U.S. history.'

Alabama, California, Massachusetts, and Tennessee received the highest marks in the report, which can be found in full on the Fordham Institute's website.





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Illinois, on 8042011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more described as Unit No. 0381. Use Period Number(s) 06, DIANA M EGAN. 401 F 4TH ST, ROCK FALLS, IL 61071, according to the Deed dated August 07. 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 the Recorder of Deeds County, Illinois. on 8192011. are the owners of the be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0380. Use Period Number(s) 07, ENGEL, OTTAWA, IL 61350. dated November 22, and recorded under File No. 2013 27267, in the Office of LaSalle Illinois. on 12102013. are the owners of the timeshare estate to particularly described

ARREDONDO -3850 W 64TH PL, CHICAGO, IL Deed dated September 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 21456, in the Office of for LaSalle County. Illinois, on 9242013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to particularly described as Unit No. 0034E, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 1 YAKISHA FONTENOT, 6610 SAINTANDREWS DR. PASADENA, TX the Deed dated July under File No. R2011 16994, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0007O, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 1 DOROTHY GORDON, 418 PARK BLVD, STREAMWOOD, ΙL 60107, according to the Deed dated December 28, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2006

03492, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2092006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 3 FLORENTINO GUTIERREZ, JANET GUTIERREZ MARTINEZ, 3222 N MONTICELLO AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60618, according to the Deed dated October 11, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20866, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10282014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0380, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 3 BEVERLY HANNAH, RODNEY BOHANON JR, 7231 S CALUMET AVE. CHICAGO. IL 60619, according to the Deed dated November 24, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2008 00091, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County,

Illinois, on 1032008,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to

be foreclosed, more

DERRICK

CRESTWOOD

DORIS

more

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LAVON PETTIS, 5712

MATTESON, IL 60443,

according to the Deed

dated October 28, 2000

and recorded under

File No. R2001 05716,

in the Office of the

Recorder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois,

on 3052001, are the

owners of the timeshare

estate to be foreclosed,

0019O, Use Period

particularly described as Unit No.

KEMP.

RD,

KEMP.

1104 N BOURLAND **KIRKWOOD** 61606, according to the BOLINGBROOK. Deed dated September 18, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 20622, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on 10052010, for LaSalle timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0370, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 3 BROCK Phase 1 **JEANETTE CLARENCE** HENNING. 16903 KNIGHT, POLO RD, STERLING, IL 61081, according to the Deed dated July 23. 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois. on 9082006. for LaSalle are the owners of the be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0039E. Use Period Number(s) 11, 531 N KENILWORTH Phase 1 **CLARENCE** AVE. OAK PARK. IL 60302, according to the 31, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 07260, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Illinois, on 3191999. are the owners of the timeshare estate to for LaSalle be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 0037, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1 SIAMAK KARGAR. 10443 NATOMA AVE, Phase 1 60415, according to **CLARENCE** the Deed dated April KNIGHT. 07, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 **WOODLAWN** 18194, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds County for LaSalle Illinois, on 6272002. timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0104, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 EMMA JEAN KEMP, FARI FNF KIMP. DERRICK KEMP. KEMP, LAVON PETTIS, 910 Phase 6 LILAC LANE, JOLIET, **CLARENCE** IL 60435, according to the Deed dated October 28, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2001 05716, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3052001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0019O, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 EMMA JEAN KEMP, EARLENE KIMP. DERRICK KEMP, DORIS Y KEMP, LAVON PETTIS, 1342 NORTH MAYFIELD, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Deed dated October 28, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2001 05716, in the Office of the in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3052001, are the on 11131998, are the owners of the timeshare owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, estate to be foreclosed, more particularly more described as Unit No. described as Unit No. 0019O, Use Period 0026. Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1 Number(s) 37, Phase 1 EMMA JEAN KEMP, BARBARA WILLIAM LANIER III, EARLENE KIMP,

KEMP. LAVON PETTIS, 370 60440, according to the Deed dated October 28, 2000 and recorded 05716, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds County, Illinois, on 3052001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0019O, Use Period Number(s) 37, SHARON D KNIGHT, 8141 S CHICAGO, IL 60619, according to the Deed dated December 22, under File No. R2010 24012, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Illinois, on 11102010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0172, Use Period Number(s) 20, KNIGHT, SHARON D KNIGHT, 3531 W 77TH 60652, according to the Deed dated December 22, 2009 and recorded 24012, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Illinois, on 11102010. timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0172, Use Period Number(s) **SHARON** D KNIGHT, 8141 S CHICAGO, IL 60619. according to the Deed dated December 22. and recorded under File No. R2010 24012, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11102010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0386, Use Period Number(s) 04, KNIGHT, SHARON D KNIGHT, 3531 W 77TH PLACE, CHICAGO, IL 60652, according to the Deed dated December 22, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 24012, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on 11102010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0386, Use Period Number(s) 04, MARY A LACEFIELD, LARRY G LACEFIELD. 7545 SPARROW RD, HOPEDALE, IL 61747, according to the Deed dated April 19, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 24363,

particularly

LANIER,

2885 MABE RD APT

304A. SAN ANTONIO.

TX 78251, according

to the Deed dated May

30, 2010 and recorded

under File No. R2010

12705, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County,

Illinois, on 6182010,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to

be foreclosed, more

particularly described

as Unit No. 0210, Use

Period Number(s) 02,

THOMAS LEBOEUF,

Phase 4

Number(s) 37, Phase 1 JEAN LEBOEUF, 4616

Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County,

Illinois, on 9101999.

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to

be foreclosed, more

particularly described

as Unit No. 0042. Use

Period Number(s) 20,

CLARENCE NEWMAN,

HAZEL NEWMAN, 105

BELLE CHERIE DR.

SLIDELL, LA 70461,

according to the Deed

dated August 02, 2000

and recorded under

File No. R2000 27352.

in the Office of the

Recorder of Deeds for

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to

be foreclosed, more

particularly described

as Unit No. 0390, Use

Period Number(s) 27,

ALMA A PRESTON,

Phase 6

Phase 1

WI 53140, according to the Deed dated May 13, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on 5312001, foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0143O, Use LOREN G LEDEBUHR. KENSEYLLEDEBUHR. J DOUGLAS TOLL, 402 N CAMBRIDGE DR, PALATINE, IL 60067, according to the Deed dated August 14, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 24994, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9241999, are the estate to be foreclosed, particularly described as Unit No. 0019E, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 KENSEYLLEDEBUHR. DOUGLAS TOLL 10902 CATSKILL TRL. AUSTIN, TX 78726, according to the Deed dated August 14, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 24994, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9241999, are the owners of the timeshare particularly described as Unit No. 0019E. Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 118 CACTUS LN # E. STOCKBRIDGE. 30281, according to the 01, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 03862, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds are the owners of the timeshare estate to as Unit No. 0017O. Use Period Number(s) Phase 1 MARY P MILLER. 23037 S PINE VALLEY DR. FRANKFORT. IL 60423, according to the Deed dated October 27, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 31652, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11302005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0164E, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 1 **TRACY** MILLER, MARCUS MESSINA, **IRVING** 2510 W PARK RD UNIT 403, CHICAGO, IL 60618, according to the Deed dated September 05, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 21465, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9232008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0133O, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 2 JOHN MUSICH, 504 BENT TREE CT OSWEGO, IL 60543, according to the Deed dated July 31, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 23630. in the Office of the

on 10242000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed. particularly 0021O, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 1 LAURA NIECIAG. **GLENN NIECIAG** BOLINGBROOK, 60440, according to the Deed dated November 16, 2014 and recorded 23930, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12102014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076O, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 OLEARY. **ALONZO** HAMER. 1218 E 93RD ST, CHICAGO, IL 60619, according to the Deed dated January 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 03261, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2152013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, particularly more described as Unit No. 0053O, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1 **ALONZO** HAMER. MICHIGAN 7521 S CHICAGO, 60619, according to the Deed dated January 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 03261, in the Office of for LaSalle County. Illinois, on 2152013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to particularly described as Unit No. 0053O, Use Period Number(s) 46, LORI L JOLIET, according to the Deed October 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 31884, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11052002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0217, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 4 LORI L PETERSON, 1335 CITADEL DR, JOLIET, IL 60435, according to the Deed dated October 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 31884, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on 11052002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0217, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 4 ALMA A PRESTON. ETTA M BRISCO, COOK RD. 8263 MERIDIAN, MS 39305, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9302009. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 6 ALMA A PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO,

MERIDIAN, MS 39305. according to the Deed under File No. R2009 24695 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 0378, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 3 ALMA A PRESTON ETTA M BRISCO, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated September 07. under File No. B2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on 9302009 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0378, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 3 QUALLS **JESSE** QUALLS. ROSIE 12417 S HARVARD 60628, according to the Deed dated September 12. 2010 and recorded 20155, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Phase 6 QUALLS, **ROSIE** QUALLS. HARVARD CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Deed dated September 12. 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois. on 9292010. are the owners of the described particularly as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 6 LYNNE D SAENZ, SAVOY DR, SHOREWOOD, 60404, according to 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 the Recorder of Deeds are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more Period Number(s) 50, Phase 7 DAVID R SAENZ, LYNNE D SAENZ, 407 SAVOY DR. SHOREWOOD, 60404, according to the Deed dated July 19185, in the Office of for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8282013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 7 SALINAS, MIGUEL AMANDA SALINAS, MANUELITA 11710 LA GRANJA, SAN ANTONIO, TX Deed dated December 01, 2011 and recorded 603 S 14TH AVE. under File No. R2011 MAYWOOD, IL 60153, 26373, in the Office of according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009

be foreclosed, more the Deed dated July 17582, in the Office of for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8082013. particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 the Recorder of Deeds 78253, according to the be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or the Recorder of Deeds more of the timeshare for LaSalle County, estates, the managing Illinois, on 12212011, entity lienholder or its authorized agent are the owners of the 24695, in the Office of timeshare estate to may offset against the purchase price of the the Recorder of Deeds be foreclosed, more for LaSalle County, particularly described timeshare Illinois, on 9302009, as Unit No. 0078E, Use an amount equal to

01, 2011 and recorded under File No B2011 26373, in the Office of Illinois. on 12212011 are the owners of the as Unit No. 0078E, Use Period Number(s) 13 Phase 1 **MATTHEW** T SHEPPARD, 4824 W RICE ST APT 2 CHICAGO, IL 60651. recorded File No. B2000 18306 in the Office of the County. Illinois, on 7142000. are the owners of the particularly described as Unit No. 0047, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1 **PENELOPE** 8227 S EBERHART ST. CHICAGO, IL 60619 according to the Deed dated November 28 27404, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds are the owners of the timeshare estate be foreclosed, more described as Unit No. 0397, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 6 **PENELOPE** 8227 S EBERHART ST. CHICAGO, IL 60619 according to the Deed dated November 28 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 the Recorder of Deeds particularly described as Unit No. 0288. Use Period Number(s) 19, VALASTRO, BERRY AVE, GROVES, TX 77619, according to the Deed dated April 17, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 09531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5062010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0043, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 1 KIMBERLY WILLIAMS, CATHERINE HAIKIN, 5301 S KELLY AVE, GUTHRIE. OK 73044. according to the Deed dated June 10, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14693, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7082011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed. particularly more described as Unit No. 0002O, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, 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

estate(s)

all or a portion of the

amount due under the

managing entity lien(s)

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ESTATE OF Edward

CEASED. NO. 21 P

Notice is given to cred-

itors of the death of the

above named dece-

dent. Letters of office

were issued to Christine

Katkus, 822 Spruce

60510, as Independent

Administrator whose at-

torney of record is Kelli

Chase Plotz/KATTEN

MUCHIN ROSENMAN

LLP, 525 W MONROE

ST, STE 1900, CHICA-

The estate will be ad-

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under section 5/28-4

of the Probate Act (III.

Compiled Stat. 1992,

Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4)

any interested person

terminates independent

administration at any

time by mailing or deliv-

ering a petition to termi-

Claims against the es-

tate may be filed in the

office of the clerk in

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61350, or with the rep-

resentative, or both, on

or before December 23,

2021 or, if mailing or

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the representative is re-

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3 of the Probate Act, the

date stated in that no-

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This is NOTICE of the

filing of the petition for

Tax Deed on the follow-

ing described property:

Property located at: 205

AVENUE. MENDOTA.

Property Index Number:

On December 8, 2021

at 10:00 AM, in the Cir-

cuit Court of LaSalle

County, LaSalle Coun-

ty Courthouse, 119 W

Madison Street, Court-

Illinois, the Petitioner

intends to make an ap-

plication for an order on

the petition that a Tax

Deed be issued. The

real estate was sold on

November 15, 2018, for

delinquent real estate

taxes and/or special as-

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2017. Certificate No.

201800027. The period

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ILLINOIS

01-33-330-030

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OCCUPANTS

VENSON,

TO: RICHARD

No. 0605

7, 2021)

CASE

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supervision,

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Manczynski, DE-

TEENTH

CIRCUIT,

COUNTY,

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2021.

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247 Knox Road, Mendota \$370,000

Have you always wanted a cabin in the woods to remind you of the Northwoods? Then this beautiful log home is for you. The owner hand-picked and built this log home using trees from Wife for his dream home. Pride of ownership shines throughout. Features include 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, double sided stone fireplace, spiral staircase to loft room with pool table for enjoying family time. Loft overlooks the dining, kitchen and living room. St outside by the firep than dilsten to nature or relax in the hot tub. Also, included is a tree house perfect for children to play in or for hunting deer. The 2 car garage is insulated and heated with workshop area, 3 LP Tanks, open metal building for storing your vehicles or a camper!

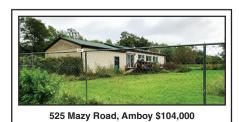


2513 Woods St., West Brooklyn \$250,000 Picture yourself sitting on the front porch of this lovely home enjoying the breeze, or entertaining on the beautiful back landscaped patio, or in the

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