



**Gathering of geese**  
While many people enjoyed the weekend by casting their fishing line into the water of Lake Mendota, a gaggle of geese hang out under a shade tree on the first day of summer, June 20. Summer also arrived with some much-needed rain as nearly an inch and a half fell in Mendota, much to the delight of the grass and area farmers. (Reporter photo)

## City Council OKs license; approves requests

**By KIP CHEEK**  
*Staff writer*

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council acted on several requests and heard about bid openings for the street maintenance program at its June 21 regular meeting.

During Mayor David Boelk’s report, he informed the council members that bid openings had been conducted earlier in the day for the 2021 non-motor fuel tax street maintenance program. This is for the Burlington Street curb and Welland Road pavement projects. Since the item was not on the agenda for the council’s consideration, the awarding of the bid could not be done, however, he

asked the council to consider accepting the bid of Advanced Asphalt Company of Princeton. The formal awarding of the bid will be done at the first meeting in July.

In Aldermanic reports, Jay Miller presented a request from Cindy’s on 34 for a video gaming license to add another machine, which was approved by the council.

During Jim Fitzpatrick’s report, the council approved four requests. Two were from the Knights of Columbus Council 2090. The first was for the use of the city lot at the corner of Eighth Street and Sixth Avenue for sweet corn sales on July 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 21, 28

and Sept. 4. The second request from the K of C was to use the intersection of Main and Meriden streets for its annual Tootsie Roll fundraising drive on Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18.

Also approved by the council was a request from the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce to use Strouss Park for a Sweet Corn Festival 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Aug. 13-14 and a request from First United Methodist Church to use Veterans Park on Sunday, July 18 for an anti-racism rally and ice cream social.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Tuesday, July 6 at 5:30 p.m.

## ‘Juneteenth’ becomes official state holiday

Day marks anniversary of last enslaved Americans learning of freedom

**By PETER HANCOCK**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD – The day that marks the anniversary of the day in 1865 when some of the last enslaved Americans learned that they had been freed is now an official state holiday in Illinois.

At a bill signing ceremony in front of a signed copy of President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, Gov. JB Pritzker signed House Bill 3922 into law, designating June 19 as Juneteenth National Freedom Day in Illinois.



**Gov. JB Pritzker signs a bill making Juneteenth, June 19th, a paid state holiday. (Capitol News Illinois photo by Peter Hancock)**

Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863. It declared that all slaves held in states that were in rebellion against the United States were immediately and permanently free.

That proclamation did nothing, however, for slaves held in states like Kentucky

and Maryland that had not seceded from the Union. They would not become free until after ratification of the 13th amendment in 1865.

It also did not immediately free slaves who were

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## Vaccinated Illinoisans automatically entered into a \$10 million lottery

Prizes include cash payments up to \$1 million, scholarships

**By JERRY NOWICKI**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD – Any vaccinated Illinoisan will be automatically entered into a lottery for \$10 million in prizes without having to take any extra steps to enter.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced the “all in for the win” vaccine lottery at an event in Chicago, noting it would award \$7 million in cash prizes for adults 18 years of age and older, as well as \$3 million in scholarship awards for Illinoisans ages 12 to 17.

The first drawing will be conducted by the Illinois Lottery on July 8 and drawings will continue into August. Prizes will include cash payments



from \$100,000 to \$1 million. Scholarships would be in the form of Bright Start 529 savings plans worth \$150,000 each.

The money is allocated from federal American Rescue Plan funding, of which the state received more than \$8 billion.

Drawings will be conducted statewide and individually in the state’s Restore Illinois regions that coincided with mitigation efforts

throughout the pandemic. In the final drawing Aug. 26, the winners of the final two of three \$1 million prizes will be chosen from a statewide pool.

To receive a vaccine, Illinoisans were required to give their information to the medical professional who administered the vaccine, so Pritzker said that is how the names will be chosen for the drawings. Anyone having received at least their first dose by July 1 would be eligible for prizes in the first drawing.

Those who win would be contacted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, who will seek

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## Mendota fireworks show set for June 26 at Lake Mendota Park

MENDOTA – Mendota will have its Independence Day celebration on Saturday, June 26 at Lake Mendota Park. The gates will open at 7 p.m. and the fabulous fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m.

There will be a concession stand, glow merchandise for sale, world-famous corn dogs served by the Mendota Lions Club and delicious Mexican cuisine by Tacos Guzman.

Admission is free to the fireworks show. A freewill donation will be accepted at the gate.

The celebration is sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce.



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## LaSalle County 4-H Show and Junior Fair July 7-11

OTTAWA - The 2021 LaSalle County 4-H Show and Junior Fair, "The Power of YOUth!" is gearing up for a great 4-H exhibit show representing area 4-H youth exhibitions as well as many activities and evening events. The fair kicks off Wednesday, July 7 and continues through July 11 at the LaSalle County fairgrounds in Ottawa.

4-H clubs are busy completing projects and cleaning up the fairgrounds in preparation for putting on a great exhibit show. The "Power of YOUth" will reflect the power within every 4-Her's focus and hard work preparing their project exhibits and also represent the many service learning and community activities 4-H members participate in. Come out to the LaSalle County Fairgrounds to experience 4-H and also to enjoy the night events. This year, many new events and activities can be enjoyed.

On Wednesday, July 7, judging of all Visual Arts exhibitions will take place. Cloverbud exhibits will also be on display. To add to the fun, there will be a fun bicycle activity to introduce the bicycle rodeos taking place on Saturday.

On Thursday, July 8, judging starts on all other non-live-stock projects. This includes everything from aerospace to zucchini along with cake decorating, dog show and a style revue event featuring 4-H'ers clothing projects and other creative items. Various pop up 4-H activities and games will occur each day. Nighttime entertainment includes the Broken Horn Rodeo. That day LaSalle County 4-H and Junior Fair will also offer free admission to all veterans and military by showing their military ID.

Friday, July 9 the Swine, Horse, Poultry, Dairy shows begin in the morning with the Sheep and Cat Show to take

place in the afternoon. The public presentation contest will be held at 5 p.m. on stage in Exhibit Hall 3. The Illini State Pullers Truck & Tractor Pull will start at 7 p.m. and watch for more 4-H pop up activities and games.

Saturday, July 10 the Beef and Rabbit show starts the morning events with Beef Showmanship following. Many fun activities will take place throughout the day. Funny Magic Guy will provide three shows throughout the afternoon and an exciting scavenger hunt will be held throughout the fairgrounds. The evening will offer a fair auction at 4:30 p.m. in the show arena, sponsored by "Friends of Extension and 4-H." Numerous items will be available for bidding and proceeds will benefit LaSalle County 4-H programming. Evening entertainment will be the Ramer Race Promotions Demolition Derby at 7 p.m.!

On Sunday, July 11 the Horse and Goat show begins at 8 a.m. The ADM Master Showman contest will also begin at 10 a.m. in the show barn. As part of a closing celebration, Cloverbud members will present a special "Pledge around the Pole" at 2 p.m. At the close of the fair, projects will be released at approximately 4 p.m.

Bring the family and come see the fabulous projects young people from all over the county have completed, see all the animals, enjoy good food and have a great time at the fair.

Please forward any 4-H questions to LaSalle County Extension at (815) 433-0707. The LaSalle County fairgrounds located on 4-H Road, on the south side of Ottawa. For information regarding entry and night events call the Junior Fair Association at (815) 200-3913.



## Graves-Hume Library Summer Reading Club begins in July

MENDOTA - Graves-Hume Public Library is set to begin their Summer Reading Club 2021 "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate and Discover" next month.

All funds raised for this year's program were spent paying for programs, program materials, craft supplies, giveaway books and other prizes and snacks.

Each participant will earn prizes thanks to the following participants:

American Legion, Black Bros. Co., Caseys, City of Mendota Mayor David Boelk and members of the City Council, Culvers, David M. Kaleel, Edward Jones, Financial Plus Credit Union, First Federal Savings Bank, First State Bank, Friends of the Library, McDonalds, Mauch Carpentry, Mendota Elks: B.P.O.E #1212, Mendota Lions Club, Mendota Fire Department, Mendota Optimist Club, Meriden Grain, Nightengales, Peggie Reddick, Pizzas by Marcheloni, Prairie State Tractor/



### Graves-Hume Public Library

Holland & Sons, Stewart Tax & Accounting of Peru, Subway, Sullivans, V.F.W. Post 4079, and Ziggie's Family Room Restaurant.

A few organizations paid for specific programs or program materials including:

Optimist Club - Week 1: S.O.A.R Live Bird Program  
Meriden Grain - Week 2: Butterfly Enclosures and Worm Program

Friends of the Library and Mendota Fire Department - Week 3: Squirt Guns/pool noodles materials and MFD donated their time

Sullivan's - Week 4: Storiwalk and ice cream treats  
Nightengales - Weekly book giveaway for all children

Mayor Boelk and members of City Council - Weekly programs and supplies.

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Bradley University announces awards, dean's list honors

PEORIA - Pamela Taylor of West Brooklyn, an Environmental Science major, was recognized by Bradley University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and awarded the Undergraduate Summer Research and Artistry Award. Taylor was also included on the dean's list for the spring semester.

Mendota student, Samuel Becker was also named to the dean's list at Bradley. Becker is majoring in Mechanical Engineering Energy. To be eligible for the dean's list,

a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Bradley is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria offering 5,400 undergraduate and graduate students the resources of a larger university and the personal attention of a smaller university. More than 185 academic programs are offered in business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and technology.

## LaMoille native announces the release of second book

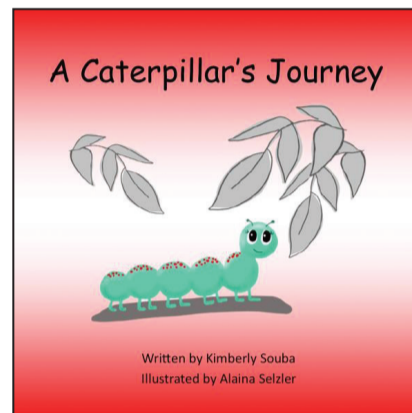
### ◆ Children's event scheduled at Graves-Hume Library

MORRISON - Former LaMoille resident, Kimberly Souba has launched a new book, "A Caterpillar's Journey." The children's book, which tells the story of a caterpillar who desires to be a butterfly, is illustrated by Alaina Selzler of Jamestown, N.D.

After publishing her first book, "From Death to New Life: The Transformation of Soul" in November 2020, Souba was inspired by children in her life to think about writing a children's book. An elementary teacher at Tampico Elementary school, Souba wrote "A Caterpillar's Journey" when she was home on a snow day in February.

The book is based on her love for butterflies and as a way to help children overcome all the negative thoughts and attitudes that others place on them.

Souba says "A Caterpillar's Journey"



can teach children the importance of being kind and friendly or how to overcome bullying. A teenager and/or adult might see the theme of listening to their parent for advice, while a person of faith may see the theme of relying on God for His perfect timing in all things. It just depends on where the person is at

in their own life.

"I'm a huge fan of Max Lucado, a Christian author who provides themes in his children's books for people of all ages. It does not matter if you are 4 or 94. Everyone will get something different out of his writings. That is how I want to write my children's books," Souba explained.

Souba will hold a children's event at Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota on Saturday, July 10 beginning at 11 a.m. She will read the book to the children and other activities are also planned. The event is open to the public and a library card is not required. Souba will be on hand to sign copies of her book, which will also be available to purchase.

The book is available by preorder on Souba's website, [www.ksouba.com](http://www.ksouba.com) and will be listed on Amazon beginning July 1.

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# LOCAL AND AREA



Gerri Frank of Beck Oil Company, left, and Francis Morse, Friends of 4-H and Extension, draw the winning tickets for the annual Friends of 4-H & Extension cash raffle to support Bureau County Extension and 4-H educational programming. (Photo contributed)

## Bureau County Friends of 4-H & Extension announce raffle winners

PRINCETON - Friends of 4-H & Extension, who help to support outreach educational programs for the Extension Service and 4-H/Youth Development Programs in Bureau County, has announced the winners of their cash raffle fundraiser. The four cash prizes went to John Boroski of Spring Valley, \$2,500; Dennis Hickey of Bradford, \$1,000; Sandra Morse of Tiskilwa, \$500; and Kay Taylor of Princeton, \$250.

The drawing was held June 18 at the Becker Professional Suites Building in

Princeton. Gerri Frank of Beck Oil Company drew the winning tickets.

The Friends of 4-H & Extension volunteer group expressed their appreciation to the public for their support. Those who purchased raffle tickets are helping to maintain the county-wide University of Illinois Extension and 4-H Program in Bureau County.

All proceeds from the event are being used to support the local 4-H and Extension educational programs and services in Bureau County.

## Officials confirm algal bloom on Illinois River near Starved Rock

SPRINGFIELD – Following sampling on the Illinois River, Illinois officials have confirmed the presence of the algal toxin, microcystin, above the 8 parts per billion (ppb) health advisory established by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency collected samples on June 10 along the northern bank of the Illinois River at the Starved Rock Lock & Dam (Illinois River mile 231.1). The Illinois EPA's laboratory confirmed the microcystin level in the sample at 95.4 ppb, well above the health advisory limit. Illinois EPA proactively sampled again on June 16 for microcystin and awaits the results of the resampling event.

Algal toxins (e.g., microcystin and cylindrospermopsin), sometimes produced by blue-green algae, can cause sickness or other adverse health effects in people and pets, depending on the amount and type of exposure. Illinois EPA also tested for cylindrospermopsin, anatoxin, and saxitoxin but did not detect their presence near any level of concern.

The very young, elderly, and people with compromised immune systems are most at risk of illness if exposed to algal toxins. Adverse health effects attributable to algal toxins can occur from direct skin contact, swallowing contaminated water, or inhaling water



droplets in the air. Symptoms of exposure include rashes, hives, diarrhea, vomiting, coughing or wheezing. More severe symptoms may result from longer or greater amounts of exposure.

If you are concerned you have symptoms that are a result of exposure to algal toxins, contact your health care provider or call the Illinois Poison Center at (800) 222-1222. If your pet experiences symptoms that may be a result of exposure, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Residents who plan to recreate in, on, or near Illinois rivers, lakes or streams are advised to avoid contact

with water that:

- looks like spilled, green or blue-green paint
- has surface scums, mats, or films
- is discolored or has green-colored streaks
- has greenish globs suspended in the water below the surface

Do not let pets drink from or swim in water with any of the above characteristics.

If you or your pet have come into contact with water you suspect may have

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## SUBLETTE

## Sublette Village Board approves donations

By TONJA GREENFIELD  
Staff writer

SUBLETTE - The Village of Sublette board approved a donation to two organizations during its monthly meeting on June 14. The board met at the Ellice Dinges Center with all board members present.

Village President John Stenzel told the board that years ago, the village would make a donation to the Amboy American Legion for the Memorial Day ceremony performed in Sublette on Memorial Day. It was also brought up about making a donation to Flags of Freedom in Princeton, which was the topic of the guest speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony.

The board approved a motion to donate \$100 to both organizations.

In other board news:

- Don Dinges reported that both the Memorial Day ceremony and the garage sale weekend went well in Sublette. He told the board he was hoping to start a farmer's market in Sublette but is having a tough time finding vendors. Dinges also said he is looking for volunteers to drive the village's float in the Sweet Corn Festival and Depot Days parades in August.

Dinges met with the International Harvesters Collectors about the annual toy show in March and reported that Max Armstrong said he

would attend in 2022.

The annual one-day tractor drive will be held on the first Wednesday in August this year. Dinges said he is reaching out to people asking them to be a part of the car show, which is held after Labor Day.

- Stenzel reported that the village has entered into an electrical rate agreement with eight other communities using Dynegy. The new rate will be from September 2021-2024 and will be .06395 per kilowatt hour. Stenzel said currently the village has a rate of .0699 per kilowatt hour.

- The board approved a listing agreement with Erbes Realty, LLC to relist the property at 109 W. Main St. in Sublette for \$20,000. The listing agreement is from June through September.

- The board will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. on July 15 to discuss the village's comprehensive plan. The current comprehensive plan was passed in December 2005.

- Stenzel reported that U.S. Route 52 resurfacing has begun.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 12 at the Ellice Dinges Center.

## CARL'S QUIZ

Which country has the largest number of islands?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Mintonette was the original name of volleyball

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at [www.mendotareporter.com](http://www.mendotareporter.com)



## Mendota Weather

June 23, 2021

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 80 Low: 63

**Thursday**  
Scattered T-storms  
High: 83 Low: 69

**Friday**  
T-storms Likely  
High: 82 Low: 63

**Saturday**  
Scattered T-storms  
High: 78 Low: 58

**Sunday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 80 Low: 61

**Monday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 76 Low: 55

**Tuesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 77 Low: 58

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 80°, humidity of 50%. South wind 9 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 93° set in 1965. Expect mostly clear skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 63°. South wind 10 to 13 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 42° set in 1972.

### Regional Cities

	Wednesday	Thursday
City	Hi/Low Wx	Hi/Low Wx
Aurora	80/63 pc	85/68 t
Champaign	81/63 pc	86/71 t
Chicago	80/66 pc	84/70 t
Freeport	80/63 t	82/67 t
Joliet	81/63 pc	85/69 t
Moline	83/67 pc	85/71 t
Peoria	82/65 pc	85/71 t
Rockford	80/63 sh	84/68 t
Springfield	83/65 s	87/73 t

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	85	70	79/57	0.00"	0.28"
Tuesday	83	62	79/57	0.00"	0.93"
Wednesday	83	57	80/57	0.00"	-0.65"
Thursday	91	61	80/58	0.00"	
Friday	79	74	80/58	0.00"	
Saturday	88	70	80/58	0.00"	
Sunday	79	61	81/58	0.28"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Wednesday 6/23	5:23 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	7:48 p.m.	4:06 a.m.	New 7/9
Thursday	5:23 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	8:59 p.m.	4:58 a.m.	
Friday	5:23 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	5:59 a.m.	
Saturday	5:24 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	10:48 p.m.	7:09 a.m.	
Sunday	5:24 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	11:27 p.m.	8:22 a.m.	
Monday	5:25 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	11:58 p.m.	9:34 a.m.	First 7/17
Tuesday	5:25 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	Prev Day	10:43 a.m.	

### Local UV Index



#### UV Index

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

[www.WhatsOurWeather.com](http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com)

### National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 79 in Granite City, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 90 in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 101 in El Paso, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 97 in Kennewick, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 110 in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

### Weather History

**June 23, 1944** - Four tornadoes killed 153 people and caused five million dollars damage in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. The tornadoes formed during the evening and moved southeast along parallel paths, flattening everything in their way.

**June 24, 1924** - Six men at a rock quarry south of Winston-Salem, N.C. sought shelter from a thunderstorm. The structure chosen contained a quantity of dynamite. Lightning struck a nearby tree, causing the dynamite to explode, and the men were killed instantly.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Marvin Buchanan

MENDOTA - Marvin "Marv" Buchanan, 65, of Mendota passed away unexpectedly on June 19, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 at the Merritt Funeral Home in Mendota with Chaplain Kent Terry officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, June 25 at the funeral home. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Marv was born June 3, 1956 in Mendota to Herbert and Shelby (Ellis) Buchanan. He married Connie Spriet in Mendota on Aug. 4, 1993.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; his daughter, Jen Buchanan of Aurora, Ohio; his step daughter, Jamie Danley of Mendota; two brothers, Herb (Sue) Buchanan and Scott (Tami), both of Mendota; and eight grandchildren, Anthony Buchanan, Lexi Price, Ashton Price, Adriana Buchanan, Kayden Danley, Abel Buchanan, Kaylynn and Dylan Reed.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Tyler on March 10, 2018.

Marv attended grade school in Mendota and was in the class of 1975 at Mendota High School. He graduated from Lincoln Barber College and maintained an active barber license. He worked at Consolidated Freight before spending the next 30 years at H&H Builders in Mendota, until his early retirement in 2009. Marv always said he had "won the lottery" when he married Connie. They spent 28 years happily married and remained the best of friends. Marv loved to cook and took great pride in preparing his family's favorites. He was happiest doing anything with, or for, his family and never missed an opportunity to tell them how much he loved them and how proud he was to have them in his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Memorial Services

### Celebration of life - Martin Eddy

PAW PAW - A Celebration of Life for Martin Eddy, who passed away Feb. 7, 2021, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 26 at First Presbyterian Church, Paw Paw with Rev. Ken Foster officiating. Burial will be follow at Melugin Grove Cemetery.

A reception will be held at Downtown Bar and Grill, West Brooklyn starting at 1 p.m. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.



### Celebration of life - Phyllis Thompson

MENDOTA - A memorial service for Phyllis Thompson, 92, of Mendota, who passed away Nov. 19, 2020, will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 at First Presbyterian Church, Mendota with Rev. Susan Presley officiating.

Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.



## St. Margaret's Health & Arukah Institute announce collaboration and new area services

PRINCETON - St. Margaret's Health - Spring Valley was the recipient of a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant to support expanding behavioral health services to our area. This grant will provide \$2 million dollars each year for two years to establish a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, The St. Margaret's Center for Holistic Health & Wellness (CHHW), which will be located in the adjacent space in the Center for Family Health (CFH) in Princeton.

The Center will work primarily with residents of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam and Marshall counties. A new CHHW program director, Mike Miroux, LCPC, has been hired and recently joined St. Margaret's staff. Construction will begin soon at the site in Princeton.

Miroux has returned to his hometown area and is excited about this opportunity. "I think the Center for Holistic Health and Wellness will be looked at as a leader and model for providing innovative and effective behavioral health services in rural communities," he said. "I am excited about working with a dedicated team to expand access to comprehensive behavioral health care in the Illinois Valley."

A key collaborating partner is the Arukah Institute, located in Princeton. Arukah will work with St. Margaret's to provide the high-quality, community-based care and

to break down barriers that people often encounter when they try and get help. In addition to counseling, Arukah brings a strong wellness component through complementary therapies and other approaches, which are daily activities that all people can do to stay well.

Arukah will relocate services to the new CHHW once renovation is completed. Any person walking in can receive wellness, counseling, crisis, psychiatry, primary care or group/family therapies. Dr. Sarah B. Scruggs, CEO of Arukah Institute and Lead Evaluator for CHHW remarks, "We see this as a powerful way to increase care options and provide on-demand care for people in our rural area. We value our partnerships with OSF and other providers in the area, and the goal here is . . . to be a safe landing spot for people that are struggling, and to find out what's best for the person and get them there."

Only half of the work will occur in a physical place. The other half will be in the community when and where people are in need. The new CHHW will provide on-demand, mobile services 24/7 to help individuals in mental health or substance abuse crisis in homes, schools, at work or other public spaces. A critical partner is local law enforcement, as the responsibility of 'round the clock care is usually shouldered by officers alone. This grant will allow social workers and counselors to work alongside

## Farm Bureau & COUNTRY hosting school supply drive

BUREAU COUNTY - This year, Another Child Foundation's goal is to pack nearly 1,000 packs for students in the area. Community support is being sought to help with this goal, which will allow kids to arrive back at school prepared to learn.

Farm Bureau and participating COUNTRY insurance offices will have drop box locations at their offices from now until July 21. Please consider donating any of the following needed items: blue/black ball point pens, red ballpoint pens, pencils, erasers, colored pencils (Crayola), colored markers (Crayola), crayons (Crayola), rulers, highlighters, glue sticks (Elmers), school glue (Elmers), water colors (Crayola), sharp scissors, blunt scissors, pencil pouches, notebooks, pocket folders, pronged folders and



backpacks.

Drop off locations include Farm Bureau, 1407 N. Main St., Princeton; COUNTRY Financial, 204 N. Main St., Princeton; COUNTRY Financial, 224 W. Main St., Tiskilwa; and COUNTRY Financial, 102 N. Main St., Walnut.

For additional questions about the program, contact Farm Bureau at (815) 875-6468.

## COVID-19 funeral assistance available

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service benefits to families that utilized pre-paid funeral services such as burial or funeral insurance, pre-paid funeral contract, pre-paid trust for funeral expenses, or irrevocable trust for Medicaid. However, FEMA does not consider life insurance proceeds, death gratuities or other forms of assistance as a duplication benefit.

To be approved for reimbursement due to a COVID-19 fatality, you must have incurred funeral expenses for the deceased and have documentation showing your name as the responsible party. The responsible party applies by calling FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line toll free at (844) 684-6333 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. FEMA advises to anticipate about 20 minutes to apply.

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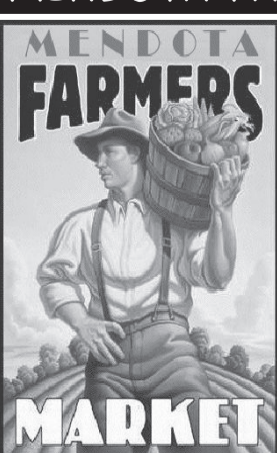
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## Holiday

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held in territory that was still under the control of the Confederacy. Those slaves had to wait until Union forces captured their territory, which, in many cases, did not happen until near the end of the war.

Most historians date the end of the war as April 9, 1865, when Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, who led the Army of Northern Virginia, surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox. But not all Confederate armies surrendered at that time.

It was more than two months later, on June 19, 1865, when federal forces reached Galveston, Texas, and informed enslaved people in that city, and throughout Texas, that they had been freed.

Juliana Stratton, Illinois' first Black lieutenant governor and a descendent of enslaved people from Mississippi, spoke about her own ancestors who continued to be held in bondage even after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed and said that for them, Juneteenth was "the true Independence Day."

"Juneteenth is a time of celebration," she said. "Juneteenth is a time of telling our stories of hope. Juneteenth is a declaration of faith that despite chattel slavery, we will never stop fighting for freedom; that despite black codes right here in Illinois that discouraged free blacks to live in this state, we will never stop fighting for freedom; that despite lynchings and other forms of racialized violence that happened two blocks away from where we stand right now, that we would never stop fighting for freedom."

Under the new law, June 19 will be recognized as an official state holiday and all flags covered by the Illinois Flag Display Act will be flown at half-staff. In addition, a Juneteenth flag will fly over the State Capitol in Springfield.

Juneteenth will also be a paid holiday for state workers and public school employees whenever that day falls on a weekday, which will happen first in 2023.

Currently, 48 states recognize Juneteenth as either a ceremonial or official state holiday.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is currently displaying a rare signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation. It is one of 48 copies that were made and sold to raise money for sick or wounded Civil War soldiers in 1864, all signed by Lincoln, Secretary of State William Seward and Lincoln's aide John Nicolay. Of those copies, only 27 are known to still exist.

The original, hand-written version that Lincoln signed in 1863 was destroyed in the Chicago Fire of 1871.

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permission to share the winner's name with the Illinois Lottery. IDPH will not share information without a recipient's consent, according to a news release.

More information is available at [allin.illinois.gov](http://allin.illinois.gov).

Pritzker and IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said they were hopeful that the lottery would increase vaccine participation to continue to drive positivity rates and hospitalizations downward. They noted vaccinations remain free for Illinoisans at a variety of locations, such as mass vaccination sites, local health departments, chain and small pharmacies, doctors' offices and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

"While our vaccination numbers in Illinois are good, we can't stop there. We still need more people, as many people as possible, and there is a pool of 3 million eligible people who are not yet vaccinated. We still need you to step up and get vaccinated," Ezike said.

Ezike and Pritzker also noted that more dangerous variants of the virus are gaining steam, and as long as there are unvaccinated individuals in whom the virus can find a home, it could continue to become more dangerous as a variant.

According to the IDPH website, the state has identified 64 cases of the delta variant first found in India. That strain is a "variant of concern," according to federal health officials, and could be more transmissible and cause more severe symptoms for those who are unvaccinated.

"We have to stop this virus from circulating before it mutates to the point that we get a variant that threatens the vaccine immunity that the 70 percent of us... are already pursuing. And the way to stop that is through vaccination," Ezike said.

Donna Thompson, CEO of ACCESS Community Health Network where Pritzker announced the lottery, noted the inequities the virus has laid bare, especially in the predominantly Black and brown communities in the Chicago area, which her organization serves.

"We have seen up close the devastating effects that the virus has had on our communities and how health disparities and inequities have also compounded the risk for our patients and local residents," she said. "We are also seeing disturbing divides across our communities - those that are vaccinated, and have the freedom to go and return to a normal life, and then those that are unvaccinated, and are restricted due to their status, and often cases, presenting with serious cases of COVID at our health centers, or worse, at local emergency departments."

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## 7 factors that will drive U.S., global ag markets

By **ASHLEY RICE**  
*FarmWeek*

BLOOMINGTON—Where is trade policy under the Biden administration headed? What will influence markets?

Daniel Whitley, acting administrator at the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, outlined seven critical factors that will influence U.S. and global agricultural markets during the next decade. They include:

- Growth in the middle class around the world;
- How China will decide to interact with the rest of the world;
- The role of the U.S. dollar in commodity prices;
- The role of trade liberalization, or the removal of tariff and other barriers in trade;
- Agriculture's role in addressing climate change around the world;
- The role of biofuels; and
- New products in agriculture such as hemp and plant-based meats.

He said China, trade liberalization and climate change will have the largest impact of the seven.

"I view China as being a fork in the road," Whitley said during a Council on Food, Ag-

riculture, and Resource Economics webinar. "Whether or not they're going to embrace their leadership responsibilities, embrace their economic power or whether they're going to choose a path of isolation, one with not many allies. So, I think China and how they interact with the rest of the world, particularly with the United States, will be key to the global ag markets."

Then there's the question of whether retaliatory tariffs are here to stay or if a switch will be made to trade liberalization.

"Just seven or eight years ago I would have never imagined that governments and countries would use tariffs as a tool to impact policy to address policy concerns," Whitley said. "Is that the new norm?"

Whitley also sees the agriculture industry as a major player in addressing climate change. "I think the world as a whole is taking climate change seriously," said Whitley. "I think agriculture will be a major, major industry that helps address climate change issues. I think that's going to lead to changes in ag trade specifically."

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for a school mailing that will be sent home in July regarding registration. A combination of online and in-person registration will be held this summer. She noted that it is very helpful for parents and students to complete registration forms and free and reduced lunch forms, if needed. All necessary information and forms will be posted for download at [www.mendotahs.org](http://www.mendotahs.org). This year, all parents and students are required to return a signature page that verifies they have access to the online handbooks.

Detailed information will also be sent home regarding an incoming freshman and new student orientation event taking place on Aug. 10. Parents are encouraged to start making medical appointments for 9th grade physicals, sports physicals and/or mandated vaccinations. Seniors need the MCV4 booster; freshmen need the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella series. Aughenbaugh also encourages incoming freshman parents to make dental appointments and take care of the mandated 9th grade dental form.

### Personnel

Several personnel recommendations were presented by Aughenbaugh and approved by the board. Taylor Schneider was hired as a paraprofessional in the Functional Life Skills program.

Halley Hoffman, who graduated in May from Indiana University, was hired as a new math and Spanish teacher. Her teaching assignment will include Algebra I, Geometry and Spanish I. Aughenbaugh said Hoffman was also very

excited to accept the football and basketball cheerleading sponsorship.

Kristi Barajas was approved as yearbook advisor after the resignation of Aaron Sester. Prior to resigning, Sester began training Barajas for the position. Aughenbaugh said Barajas has several years of yearbook experience and a great deal of interest in the position.

MHS is still seeking a physical education teacher and two paraprofessionals.

### Commendations

Aughenbaugh recognized Aaron Sester and Jason Artman, who have been working on Illinois Civics projects, and also Matt Gehm, who is working on summer projects. Sester and Artman are working on a Service Learning Project through the Illinois Civics Hub and Lou Frey Institute at the University of Central Florida, which involves a prairie/pollinator garden project.

She also commended band director, Paula Baker and the MHS Concert Band and Jazz Band and co-director, Jon Steben. The band's summer concert took place outdoors last week and was very well attended.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Prusator said the LaSalle County Health Department's COVID vaccine clinics being held at MHS will take place in the parking lot rather than the gym. The first dose clinic will be on June 23 and the second dose on July 31 for students 12 and older. The clinics are also open to the public.

COVID statistics at MHS during the 2020-21 school year were compiled by school nurse Sheri McConville and presented by Prusator. First semester, among students there were 25 pos-

itive tests and 139 had to be quarantined; staff had seven positive tests and nine had to be quarantined. Second semester, among students there were 21 positive tests and 90 had to be quarantined; staff had four positive tests and six had to be quarantined.

Both the football team and the girls' soccer team had to be quarantined during second semester, which accounted for a large number of students quarantined.

Prusator said MHS held in-person classes for the whole school year with close to 400 students in the building, and was very pleased with those numbers. He also noted that all of the positive cases were due to contact outside of school and there was no spread of the virus at school.

Since there is no regular board meeting in July, Prusator was given permission to pay the July bills.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held at the high school on Monday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m.

## IVCC News Briefs

### Summer Social event set July 14

OGLESBY—Illinois Valley Community College's Admissions Office will host a Summer Social event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14 at the Oglesby campus.

The event is a way for students to connect with future classmates and learn the essentials of what it takes to be a successful student.

"We're excited to give our students an opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with old friends safely as we all navigate toward more face-to-face interactions," said Assistant Director of Admissions, Records and Transfer Services Aseret Loveland.

Sign up at [www.ivcc.edu/](http://www.ivcc.edu/) visit to reserve. Participants must follow IVCC's COVID protocol based off the Governor's Restore Illinois plan.



### Three welding sessions offered

OGLESBY—Illinois Valley Community College welding registration sessions for fall courses begin in July. Attending a session is mandatory for anyone entering or continuing in welding.

Program coordinator Tony Sondgeroth will host sessions Wednesday, July 7, Monday, July 19 and Wednesday Aug. 4. All sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. in Building J East, Room 115.

Contact Kim Herout in Workforce Development at (815) 224-0233 or [Kimberly\\_herout@ivcc.edu](mailto:Kimberly_herout@ivcc.edu). Fall classes begin Aug. 18.



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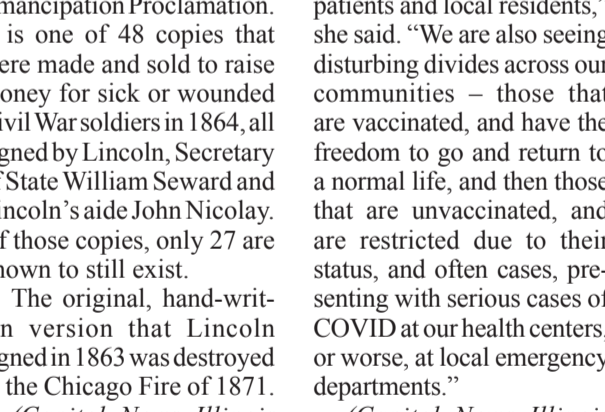
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## Lying for confessions

By Scott Reeder

Imagine living in a place where police can detain children and lie to them to obtain confessions for crimes they did not commit.

North Korea? China? Cuba?

Try the United States of America.

“Right now, it is legal in all 50 states to lie to a juvenile to obtain a confession. And Illinois has a reputation as the false confession capital of the nation,” said John Hanlon, executive director of the Springfield-based Illinois Innocence Project.

Last month, Illinois lawmakers passed legislation prohibiting police from using deceptive methods during interrogations of juveniles. The measure now sits on Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s desk and, if signed, will make Illinois the first state to prohibit the practice.

It’s a step in the right direction. But it doesn’t go far enough. Police officers shouldn’t be allowed to lie to anyone during interrogations.

In 1969, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Frazier vs. Cupp* that police officers can lie to obtain confessions. I’m hard pressed to think of any other case where the high court has endorsed the notion that it’s OK for government to lie to its citizens.

And in this case the justices were as flat out wrong as earlier courts were in *Plessy vs. Ferguson* where they ruled in favor of racial segregation, or in *Korematsu v. United States*, in which they ruled that Japanese Americans could be placed in internment camps.

The court was wrong in these cases and it is equally wrong in *Frazier vs. Cupp*. It should never be acceptable for government to lie to its own citizens.

During the decades I’ve covered police departments and courts, I can tell you interrogation rooms are rife with abuse.

“Police officers will go up to someone and say things that aren’t true like ‘Your friend in the other room has given you up.’ Or, ‘Sign this confession and you’ll get to go home.’ Or, ‘We found your fingerprints at the crime scene,’” Hanlon said.

In 2015, the Illinois Innocence Project successfully exonerated Christopher Abernathy after he served 30 years in prison. After over 40 hours of interrogation the 18-year-old with learning disabilities falsely confessed to a murder. Officers told him if he confessed he could go home to his mother. Instead, he was arrested, convicted and sentenced to life behind bars. After 30 years of incarceration, IIP obtained DNA testing that exonerated and freed him.

“In Illinois there have been 100 wrongful convictions predicated on false confessions – 31 involving juveniles. Illinois has taken a critical step in changing the trajectory of false confessions and subsequent wrongful convictions resulting from these types of interrogation tactics,” said Lauren Kaeseberg, IIP legal director.

Juveniles are particularly vulnerable during interrogations because their minds are not yet fully developed and they are more easily susceptible to the power of suggestion, said Emily Haney-Caron, an assistant professor of psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

Others view the legislature’s action as far too tepid.

“The Illinois Legislature took a nice first step but it really doesn’t go far enough. Police shouldn’t be allowed to lie to anyone – whether they are an adult or a juvenile,” said Saul Kasson, a distinguished professor of psychology at John Jay.

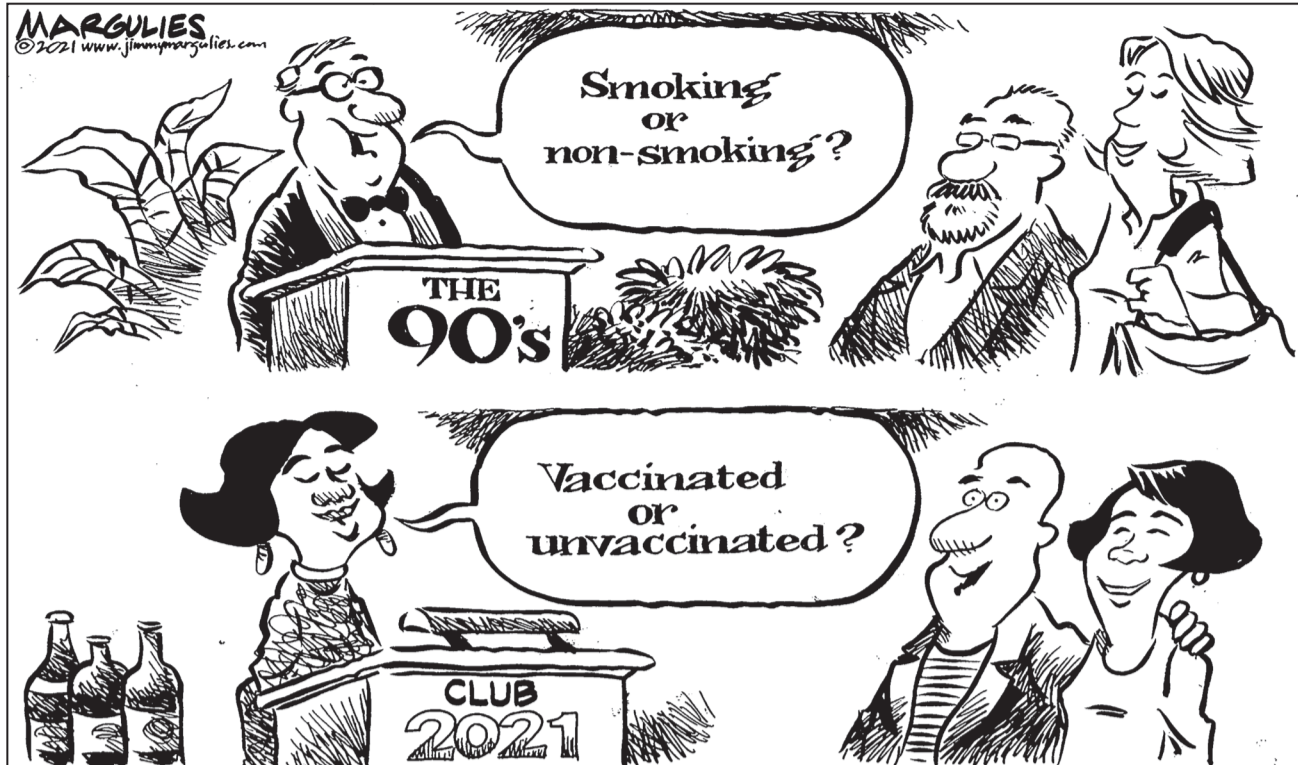
Kasson added it is time for the Supreme Court to revisit the *Frazier vs. Cupp* decision.

“Look how much we have learned about psychology in the last 50 years. Most people come into these interrogations unaware that the police can lie to them. People can be psychologically manipulated into confessing to crimes they didn’t commit – particularly when they are lied to. It confuses their reality. The Supreme Court decision predates the Innocence Project movement. We know now that thousands of people have been wrongly convicted – many through false confessions.”

While the Illinois legislation does not go far enough, it is momentous nonetheless. Illinois has gone further than any other state in restricting when police officers can lie to those they have sworn to serve.

Let us hope this is just a beginning. It should never be acceptable for officers to lie to get a confession.

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## Street widening earns headline – 1949

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from June 23, 1999.)

By Jessica Nashold

When The Mendota Reporter came out on June 23, 1949 – 50 years ago today – it carried a banner headline.

**Street Widening Project Gets Underway**

The work, which would involve several arterial streets, began at the corner of Fifth Street and Sixth Avenue in front of the Methodist church. The contractor was Arrow Petroleum Co. of Forest Park, with completion promised by Sept. 1.

The Mendota Hospital Foundation held its fifth annual meeting on June 20, 1949, at which attendance was small. The membership of the hospital board was doubled, going from nine to 18, and another meeting, with the new board, was called for June 27.

Bids on building plumbing, heating, ventilating and electrical work totaled \$315,000. Before contracts could be awarded an additional \$137,000 was needed. The Elks agreed to donate \$10,000 of that amount if the remaining \$127,000 was raised. Supporters of the hospital drive were convinced the people of Mendota wanted a new modern hospital. Furthermore –

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E.L. “Bo” Brown donated his sheet metal shop to the Mendota Boy Scouts. Curley Herman donated equipment to move it from the east side of town to the northwest edge of Lake Mendota. Many men interested in scouting assisted in the move, which took place on June 20, 1949. When plans for expanding the building were completed, Mendota Building Service volunteered to pour the foundation.

**The building will be used for scouting purposes.**

Assisting Brown and Herman the day of the move were William Ashley, Philip McGinnis, Richard McCray, Howard Gardner, Wayne Ashley, Al Elssesser, Bobby Boykin, Jack Keefe, Pete Schrock, Matt Wennmacher, Ernest Dunn, Lud Sikole and Slim Brumley.

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Although Towers, Inc. had paid 63 percent of its debt under Chapter 11, a hearing was held June 21, 1949, in Ot-

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tawa, at which the company was given a 10-day extension to satisfy creditors. Approximately 65 creditors or their attorneys attended the hearing.

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Paul Beetz advertised for 150 detasslers and foremen. He was also willing to contract some acreage to “responsible persons.”

The Illinois State Employment Service published the schedule of dates on which prospective detasslers could sign up for jobs. In Mendota, the date was July 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at city hall. It was estimated earnings could be \$30-\$60 for two to three weeks’ work.

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A Mendota delegation of MABS members traveled to Kewanee for Mendota Night on June 17, 1949. Mendotan Don Whitmore was pitching for the Kewanee Athletics that night as they met the Burlington Indians. Whitmore pitched eight full innings, allowing only one run and achieving seven strikeouts. The Athletics were winners.

Representing the MABS, Bob Sonntag presented a deluxe golf bag and set of three woods to their favorite son, Don Whitmore.

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The fifth annual Play-Day Stag outing at the Mendota Golf Club on June 23, 1949, drew 251 members and visitors. A 60-foot tent covered long tables on which a smorgasbord was served by Charlie Montagnoli and assistants, among them Chuck Williar. Prizes were awarded in numerous categories. Winners of the three main prizes were L.H. Clark, a complete set of woods;

George Beach, a golf bag; and Rich McCray, \$50 in cash.

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Cub Scouts in Blackstone Pack 109 hiked to the Schuster farm on June 24, 1949. Four of the Cubs covered 4 ½ miles in one hour. They were Duane Mealey, Bob Zimmerman, John Van Horn and Lenny Prescott. However, all of the hikers rode back to town with den mothers.

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Fitzgerald Air Service advertised aerial crop spraying demonstrations of a “revolutionary new type of wet sprayer” to be held at the airport.

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Dr. G.W. Rathbun announced his removal from Mendota on June 30, 1949 to open a practice in Princeton. • The Rev. Albert Heidmann of Peoria accepted a call from St. John’s Lutheran Church in Mendota to become effective in September. The Rev. G.H. Doermann was leaving to teach religious education at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. • Miss Katherine Schuetz was honored by St. John’s for her 35 years as organist. The plans were kept secret and Miss Schuetz was taken completely unaware.

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The Alexander Lumber Co. advertised a speedy home building project at 401 10th Ave. A series of dated pictures showed Foundation – June 13, Unloading Panels – June 16, and Ready for Conventional Siding – June 18.

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Mendota Trouser Co. advertised openings for women and girls to operate power sewing machines. Both experienced and inexperienced workers could be used. Paid vacations, rest periods and “music while you work” were listed as inducements.

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The city council heard a report on the Graves Public Library for the year ending April 30, 1949, prepared by Watson P. Bartlett, secretary-treasurer. Money on hand plus receipts for the year totaled \$6,125.66. Expenses for the year were \$3,809.75, leaving a balance of \$2,315.91. The librarian’s salary for the year was \$1,680, her assistants received \$40.85, the custodian’s remuneration was \$665 and Bartlett’s compensation for the year was \$100.

## China leapfrogs U.S. on defense spending

By Rich Lowry

Joe Biden isn’t known for his austerity, except when it comes to the nation’s defense.

As part of his welcome emphasis on competition with China, the president cajoled reluctant European countries at the G-7 summit into releasing a statement critical of China, on top of the announcement of an infrastructure program meant to counter China’s Belt and Road Initiative.

That’s all fine as far as it goes, but a glaring omission from Biden’s campaign is a defense budget that reflects the growing challenge from Beijing.

Indeed, Biden justifies almost any increased domestic spending as designed to check China’s ambitions, at the same time he neglects what is most needful to keep China from dominating its region and waging war on our allies or perhaps the U.S. itself.

If we can deter China from taking Taiwan with subsidies for electric cars, Biden is inarguably the Churchill of his time.

If we can counter China’s defense buildup with more funding for affordable housing, Biden deserves to take his place beside Alfred Thayer Mahan or George Kennan as great strategic thinkers.

Otherwise, his approach is lacking, and disturbingly so. Biden’s infrastructure plan, a sprawling proposal that would spend \$2.3 trillion on everything from roads and bridges to affordable housing and elder care, is about the “global competition with China,” the president insists.

By Biden’s way of thinking, whatever progressives have wanted to do for years is suddenly a priority in the new Cold War. The left-wing “explainer” website Vox now claims, “Improving domestic infrastructure and investing in new and emerging technologies, especially clean energy technology, is the best way the U.S. can challenge China for supremacy on the world stage.” The publication quoted a Democratic congressional aide, “The best way to enact a progressive agenda is to use China [as a] threat.”

There are indeed areas of advanced technology that we need to invest in, especially semi-conductors and artificial intelligence (a \$250 billion Senate bill passed last week is an

imperfect step in this direction), but it’s not true that we can simply windmill our way to victory over China.

Although you might miss it listening to Biden, there are threats from China that don’t involve infrastructure spending or clean energy initiatives.

China has been growing its annual defense spending by more than 6% a year.

It has now surpassed the U.S. and technically has the largest navy in the world.

It is on pace to double its nuclear weapons over the next decade.

It has flown hundreds of sorties near Taiwan this year, and a top U.S. admiral warns that it could invade in the next six years.

Given all that, one might expect the openhanded Biden to invest substantially in a stronger, more advanced U.S. military, but his profligacy doesn’t extend so far. He increased defense budget spending by about 2%, which won’t even keep up with inflation.

This doesn’t come close to what we realistically need. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Mark Milley said at a U.S. Naval Institute event late last year, “We’re going to have to have a much larger fleet than we have today, if we’re serious about great power competition and deterring great power war.” He called for a 3-5% increase in the budget every year but didn’t think that was plausible because of fiscal constraints (little did he know, the \$6 trillion blowout to come in every other area of the budget).

We should be spending more on defense, and spending differently. With an eye to deterring conflict with China, we need to recalibrate in a serious way to focus on advanced technologies and weapons systems for the Navy and Air Force, and in space. Hypersonics, directed energy, and control of the electromagnetic spectrum should be particular priorities.

Biden has no excuse for not pursuing this. It’s not as though he can say we can’t afford it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## IVCC OKs dental hygiene as AAS degree

OGLESBY – Dental hygiene was approved as an Associate of Applied Science degree by Illinois Valley Community College trustees on June 10. The program will begin in fall 2023 after students have met prerequisites.

Each year, 10-15 students leave the district to study dental hygiene at neighboring community colleges, said Dental Assisting Program Coordinator Heather Seghi.

“The colleges are located at least an hour from IVCC,” Seghi said. “This program will meet the needs of local dentists while assuring a quality education for those pursuing dental hygiene close to home.”

To qualify, students must first complete IVCC’s dental assisting program or another Illinois American Dental Association-Commission on Dental Accreditation (ADA-CODA) dental assisting program.

The AAS includes courses in nutrition, microbiology, chemistry, periodontology, pain management, pharmacology, anatomy and physiology, psychology, oral pathology and more.

In other business, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran revealed the college’s response to the state moving to Phase 5 of the Governor’s Restore Illinois plan including:

- The return of all student services.

- Daily sanitizing of high-touch areas and temperature-monitoring will remain through the summer. Contact tracing will be conducted when necessary.

- Students and staff not fully vaccinated are still expected to wear face masks and practice social distancing.

- This fall, 74 percent of classes will return to a traditional, in-person format.

In other business, trustees approved submission of three projects totaling over \$13 million to the Community College Capital Resource Allocation Management Program (RAMP):

- A Library/Student Success Center for \$5.5 million; the college’s share would be \$1.3 million. The Center would be a one-stop for academic support services such as tutoring, student help desk and the library.

- A Professional Development Center for \$3 million with the college’s share at \$770,800. The Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Assessment (CETLA) would move into what is now the Learning Commons.

- A \$4.4 million Agriculture Center (with IVCC’s share \$1.1 million) to house a classroom and lab. It will be located adjacent to the equipment storage facility

south of campus.

The board also approved:

- Renewal of workers’ compensation insurance with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for \$67,389, a decrease of \$12,669.

- A three-year contract extension with G4S Secure Solutions.

- A 2.5 increase in compensation for 246 employees not affected by a labor agreement.

- Closed session minutes from May 13.

- Transfer of \$539,063 to a Capital Development Board trust account as the college’s share for a 75 percent state-funded exterior maintenance project. The state’s share will be \$1.6 million for work to prevent air and moisture infiltration.

- Authorization to continue payment for standard operating expenditures from July 1 through budget adoption.

- Contracts for Vice President for Business Services and Finance Cheryl Roelfsema, Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Anderson and Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski.

The board learned:

- Assessment Center coordinator Sarah Trager and custodian Ben Simpson were granted leave of absences.

- Part-time Computer Aided Design instructor Barbara Boux-

sein will retire after 20 years. “I would like to thank (CAD program coordinator) Dorene Data for the opportunity and good guidance through everything,” Bouxsein said.

- IVCC women’s soccer coach Rey Arteaga resigned after five seasons. Arteaga brought the team from a roster of only eight players in his first season to a winning program.

- Andrea Sergeant has been hired as accounts receivable specialist/cashier and Bret Rice as a third-shift custodian.

- A letter from Oglesby Mayor Dominic Rivara revealed the city’s desire to construct a 1-megawatt solar station on 10 acres of college land. IVCC could add 4 additional panels for solar training. If approved, the annexation would allow Oglesby to serve the college with electric, water and sewer services at competitive rates, Rivara said.

- This spring across 10 sports, overall GPA of IVCC student athletes was 3.04. Women’s GPA was 3.09, men’s 2.98.

- Trustee Maureen Rebholz of La Salle was honored June 4 at the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Annual Awards banquet in Normal for being IVCC’s nominee for the statewide Distinguished Alumnus Award.

## Cannabis certificate scholarships offered

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College Foundation is offering \$1,000 NuEra Scholarships to students enrolled in cannabis production certificate courses beginning with the start of the fall semester Aug. 18.

Students enrolling in Introduction to Cannabis Production (AGR-1220) and Crop Pest Management (AGR-1218) are automatically eligible to receive the award. Students will receive \$500 in fall and \$500 in the spring as they continue through the certificate. Funds can be used for tuition, fees, books, or required educational expenses.

To receive the award, students should first register for the required courses and then contact Donna Swiskoski in the Foundation at donna\_swiskoski@ivcc.edu or (815) 224-0551.

NuEra Principle Officer Keith McGinnis of Ottawa made a donation of \$100,000 to IVCC’s cannabis production program in March. Headquartered in Wheaton, NuEra operates a cultivation center in Hillcrest, with medical dispensaries in Chicago, East Peoria and Urbana. It serves the adult use cannabis market with facilities in East Peoria, Pekin, Champaign, Urbana and Chicago.



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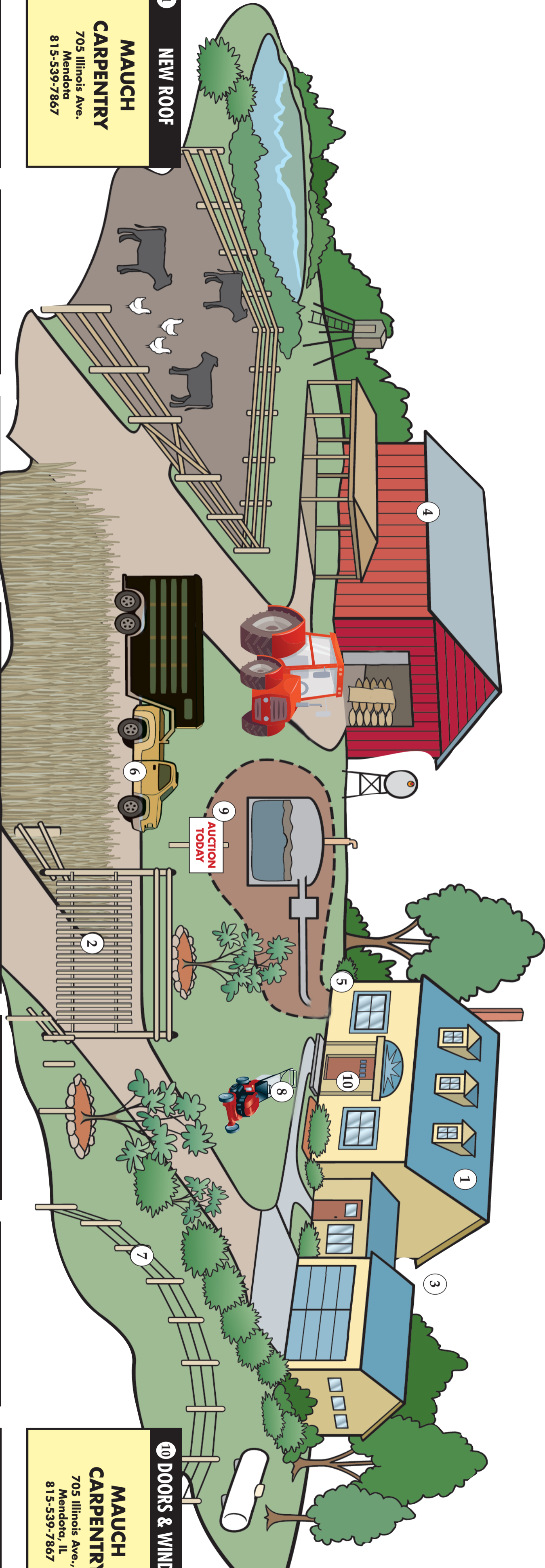
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## GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE DEADLINES

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

## POLICE BLOTTER

### WARRANT ARREST

Kristen M. Ward, 37, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 8:41 p.m. June 14 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/traffic offense. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

### WARRANT ARREST

Jose L. Gonzalez, 70, of 613 10th Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 9:03 p.m. June 18 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/traffic. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### WARRANT ARRESTS

Donald E. Dunbar, 41, of Millington, was arrested at 12:43 a.m. June 19 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/criminal damage and Michael A. Holley, 37, of Millington, was arrested on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/traffic. Both subjects posted bond and were released with LaSalle County court dates.

### WARRANT ARREST

Megan N. Vickrey, 25, of 304 Fourth St., Mendota, was arrested at 10:25 p.m. June 21 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

## Reporter Father's Day drawing winners

MENDOTA—The Mendota Reporter conducted a drawing for its Father's Day prize giveaways and the following were winners of \$50 gift certificates:

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## Pallets destroyed in Mendota fire

MENDOTA—A fire involving thousands of pallets occurred south of Mendota on 4099th Road just off of Route 251 at 5:57 p.m. June 14.

Mendota and Troy Grove fire departments were dispatched to the blazed of approximately 8,000 pallets. The MABAS Box Alarm was requested to the third alarm, which brought 15 other departments in total to assist.

In total, there were nine engines, two aerial towers, two heavy squads, 13 tenders, three ambulances, two chiefs and one brush truck on scene.

One firefighter was injured and transported to the hospital. The firefighter was released later that night.

The last unit left the scene at 8:50 p.m. The fire is under investigation.

## WEEKLY RECORD

### LaSalle County (marriage licenses)

Nathaniel R. Farley of Earlville and Kaitlyn N. Reingardt of Ottawa, issued June 4, 2021.

Leonardo D. Reyes Rodriguez of Spring Valley and Francis O. Medina of Mendota; issued June 4, 2021.

Austin T. Richardson and Kailyn A. Grzeszkowiak, both of Earlville; issued June 7, 2021.

Raudel Magallanes and Elisa Valdes, both of Mendota; issued June 9, 2021.

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Advertising deadline for July 7th Mendota Reporter will be Thursday, July 1 at 5 p.m.

The Mendota Reporter office will be closed on Monday, July 5th for the holiday.

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# SPORTS

## Amboy's Payne, Powers to play in IBCA All-Star game

□ Ottawa's Cooper on South boys' team

PONTIAC – The Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) has announced that its annual All-Star games will be held on Saturday, June 26 at Pontiac Community High School. Admission is \$5.

There will be four games on the day, beginning with the 1A-2A South Girls taking on the 1A-2A North Girls at 11 a.m. In that contest, former Amboy High School standout players Abi Payne and Mallory Powers will compete for the North squad.

In addition to Payne and Powers, the rest of the 15-member North roster consists of Brooklyn Giertz (Seneca), Shae Hanrahan (Riverdale), Brooke Heiman (Indian Creek), Jennifer Heinberg (Marengo), Kayla Kodat (Dwight), Karlie Krogman (Eastland), Natalie Mann (Chicago Latin), Kerilyn Mirabelli (Westchester-St. Joseph), Corrina Noble (Galena), Tessa Prellberg (Hinckley-Big Rock), Hannah Schuringa (Elmhurst Timothy Christian), Katie Steinman (Bloomington Central Catholic) and Laura Strenk (Wilmette Regina Dominican).

Other area girls chosen to participate include Breelyn Borum and Brooke Borum of Sterling, and Abby Guthrie of Dixon, who are on the 3A-4A North roster.

Some of the boys that will play in the games include 1A-2A North squad members Drew Gaston of Indian Creek and Zach Derus of Rockford Lutheran.

Anthony Cooper of Ottawa and Drake Weber of LaSalle-Peru were chosen to the 3A-4A South team.

A complete list of the All-Star rosters can be found on the IBCA website at: [www.ibcailinois.org](http://www.ibcailinois.org).



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After the opening game of the day, the 1A-2A South Boys will battle the 1A-2A North Boys at 1 p.m.

The larger schools will take the court for the final two games of the day. The 3A-4A South Girls will tip off against the 3A-4A North Girls at 4 p.m., while the 3A-4A South Boys and the 3A-4A North Boys will conclude the action at 6 p.m.

The coaches for the girls' teams will be Greg Bennett of Lewistown (1A-2A South), Steve Strough of Peotone (1A-2A North), Amanda Aydt of Mattoon (3A-4A South) and Mary Fendley of Hersey (3A-4A North).

The boys' coaches include Tom Brannan of Casey-Westfield (1A-2A South), Ryan Tompkins of Gibson City-Melvin Sibley (1A-2A North), Eddie Mathews of Bartonville Limestone (3A-4A South) and Don Houston of Hillcrest (3A-4A North).

Come out and see the best young men and women of the state of Illinois play in the 2021 IBCA All-Star games.

Former IBCA All-Star participants include retired Miami Heat NBA Finals MVP Dwyane Wade (Oak Lawn-Richards), the Golden State Warriors' Andre Iguodala (Springfield Lanphier), the Toronto Raptors' Fred Van Vleet (Rockford Auburn) and the Boston Celtics' Evan Turner (Westchester St. Joseph).

## Little 10 selects all-conference softball players

EARLVILLE – The Little Ten Conference softball coaches have selected the 2021 Little Ten All-Conference Softball Team. There were 16 players selected to this season's team. All players were unanimous selections.

• **Newark** (8-0; IHSA Class 1A Regional Champions) – Emily Schofield (Sr...C) --.418Avg/.465OB-P/1.031OPS, 33 hits, 8 HR, 15 RBI, 31 runs, 0 errors as catcher; Two-Time Unanimous Selection; Taylor Kruser (So...SS/P) --.391Avg/.425OB-P, 27 hits, 15 RBI, 20 runs; 3-0 with 1.54 ERA; Kaitlyn Schofield (So...P/IF/OF) --.455Avg/.507OB-P/1.254OPS, 30 hits, 5 HR, 30 RBI, 21 runs; 9-2 with 1.17 ERA and 92 Ks in 65.1

innings; Danica Peshia (Fr...OF) --.385Avg/.446OB-P/1.215OPS, 25 hits, 5 HR, 26 RBI, 21 runs; Kodi Rizzo (Fr...2B/OF/P) --.263Avg/.333OB-P, 15 hits, 10 RBI, 12 runs; 5-1 with 1.56 ERA and 89 Ks in 49.1 innings

• **Serena** (6-2) – Katie Baker (Jr...SS) --.437/.467/.655, 38 hits, 12 RBI, 34 runs, 33 SB; Two-Time Unanimous Selection; Taylor Staton (Sr...P) --.419/.476/.527, 31 hits, 19 RBI, 11 runs; 11 wins with 101 Ks in 143 innings; Paisley Twait (Fr...C) --.507/.552/.907, 38 hits, 4 HR, 32 RBI, 31 runs

• **Hiaawatha** (3-5) – Brooke Braden (Sr...P/1B/SS) --.403/.471/.532, 25 hits, 10 RBI; 4 wins with 2.58 ERA and 118 Ks in 89.2 innings; Third time

All-Conference, Twice Unanimous; Cali Schell (Jr...CF) --.410/.538/.590, 25 hits, 9 RBI, 25 runs

• **Indian Creek** (1-6) – Mary Todd (Sr...1B) --.444/.524/.611, 8 hits, 1 HR, 6 RBI in conference games; Lauren Jordal (So...OF) --.412/.524/.412, 7 hits, 7 runs, 2 SB in conference games; Emily Frazier (Fr...2B) --.444/.565/.667, 8 hits, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 runs in conference games

• **Earlville** (1-6) – Elizabeth Browder (Jr...3B) --.269/.356/.365, 14 hits, 12 RBI, .933% fielding; Brynn Guelde (Jr...CF) --.441/.453/.559, 24 hits, 1 HR, 10 RBI, 18 runs; Paige Marks (Jr...P) --.305/.414/.475, 18 hits, 2 HR, 11 runs; 6 wins with 2.98 ERA and 124 Ks in 96.1 innings

## Top baseball players named in Little 10 for 2021

EARLVILLE – The Little Ten Conference baseball coaches have selected the 2021 Little Ten All-Conference Baseball Team. There were 16 players chosen to this season's team.

• **Newark** (14-0) – IHSA Class 1A Regional Champions, IHSA Class 1A Sectional Champions, IHSA Class 1A Supersectional Champions, 3rd Place IHSA Class 1A State Finals – \*\*Lucas Pasakarnis (Jr...C) --.424/.505/.529, 42 RBI, 22 runs, 8 SB, .996% fielding; Two-Time Unanimous Selection; \*\*Dalton Reibel (Sr...P/3B) --.388/.490/.500, 24 RBI, 30 runs; 11-0 with 2.12 ERA and 67 Ks in 62.2 in-

nings; \*\*Jared Slivka (Sr...IF) --.383/.434/.479, 28 RBI, 40 runs, 8 SB, 1.000% fielding; \*\*Tegan Kruser (Jr...SS) --.393/.495/.472, 11 RBI, 40 runs, 8 SB, .918% fielding; \*\*Jake Kruser (So...CF) --.357/.416/.400, 18 RBI, 21 runs, 7 SB, 1.000% fielding; \*\*Joe Martin (So...P/2B) --.375/.495/.431, 27 RBI, 22 runs, 9 SB; 7-1 with 1.06 ERA and 96 Ks in 46.1 innings

• **Serena** (10-4) – \*\*Connor Holdiman (Sr...P/SS) --.370/.505/.407, 12 RBI, 27 runs; 2 Wins with 1.32 ERA and 70 Ks in 42.1 innings; \*\*Ivan Stafford (Sr...P/3B) --.349/.417/.349, 21 RBI, 13 runs; conference

pitching record of 3-1 with 2.49 ERA and 27 Ks in 19.2 innings

• **Indian Creek** (9-3) – \*\*Drew Gaston (Sr...P/SS) --.441/.525/.471, 10 runs, 15 SB in conference games; conference pitching record of 2-1 with 2.71 ERA; \*\*Brennen McNally (Sr...P/OF) --.536/.639/.786, 1 HR, 11 RBI, 16 runs, 14 SB in conference games; conference pitching record of 3-2 with 26 Ks in 21.1 innings; \*\*Jordan Wortman (Sr...SS) --.439/.465/.488, 9 RBI, 17 runs, .816% fielding in conference games

• **Somonauk** (6-7) – \*\*Brendan Roberts (Jr...P/SS) --.481/.542/.712, 11

RBI, 17 runs, .978% fielding; Pitched 21.2 innings with 2.26 ERA and 42 Ks

• **Earlville** (6-7) – \*\*Davis Sweeney (Sr...P) --4-3 with 2.65 ERA and 62 Ks in 34.1 innings; Two-Time Unanimous Selection; \*\*Bryan Keller (Jr...C/SS) --.387/.545/.484, 14 runs, 11 SB

• **Hinckley-Big Rock** (5-9) – Riley Hogan (Sr...OF/IF) --.316/.393/.316, 12 RBI, 19 runs, .872% fielding; Ben Hintzsche (So...SS/P) --.299 avg, 17 RBI, 15 runs, 12 SB; Pitched 33 innings with 2.97 ERA and 27 Ks

(\*\*Denotes a unanimous selection)

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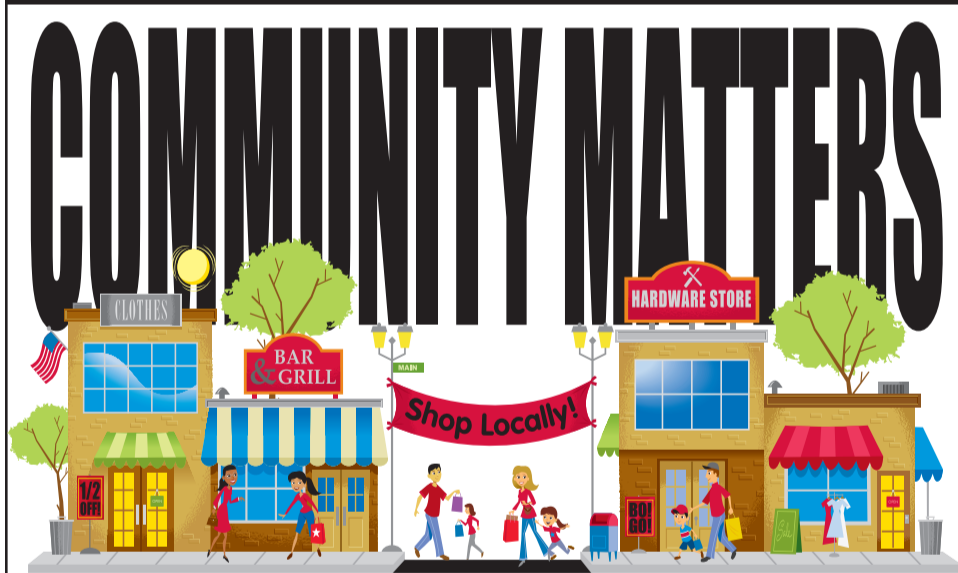
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** I'm really enjoying the new comedy "Hacks" on HBO Max. It's yet another brilliant performance by Jean Smart, whom I've watched since her "Designing Women" days. Has she ever won an Emmy or Oscar? She certainly deserves one. -- *P.W.*



Jean Smart

**A:** Jean Smart, who will turn 70 this year, was best known for playing Charlene on the hit sitcom "Designing Women" in the late 1980s. Shortly after it ended, she took a big dramatic leap and wowed critics in the TV biopic "Overkill: The Aileen Wuornos Story." Adept at both comedy and drama, she easily switched genres, most notably as a Mrs. Robinson type in "The Brady Bunch Movie" and later as the head of a crime syndicate in the TV series " Fargo."

In "Hacks," Smart plays a struggling comic who reluctantly hires a young writer, played by newcomer Hannah Einbinder, to spice up her act. Einbinder is the daughter of "Saturday Night Live" alum Laraine New-

man. As for Smart's fireplace mantle at home, it has room for some more Emmys after previous wins as Outstanding Guest Actress on the sitcom "Frasier" and Outstanding Supporting Actress in the comedy series "Samantha Who?," which starred Christina Applegate. "Hacks" is a real showcase for her talent, so don't be surprised if her agent is already telling her to prepare her acceptance speech.

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**Q:** I'm excited about the "reboot" of the series "Dexter." It had such an unsatisfying finale, so hopefully they'll rectify that. I would love it if Dexter's wife Rita could come back, but I guess that's not possible. -- *G.T.*

**A:** Even though it's been over a decade since Julie Benz, who played Rita, departed "Dexter," she says fans still approach her about her angelic character, and jokes that in real life, she's not that nice. She also said in an interview with TVLine.com that even though "Dexter" has moved way past Rita," she would reprise the character "in a heartbeat if they asked."

Her latest role was a meaty one and the polar opposite of Rita. She starred in the recent

Lifetime movie "Secrets of a Gold Digger Killer," which was based on the true-crime tale of Celeste Beard. "Dexter" returns to Showtime this fall with Michael C. Hall and Clancy Brown ("SpongeBob SquarePants"). It reportedly will be set in upstate New York instead of Miami.

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**Q:** I was really sad to read that Ned Beatty died. Had he acted in recent years? -- *T.T.*

**A:** Ned Beatty started out as a theater actor, but his first film role was a memorable one, in "Deliverance." A few years later he was nominated for an Oscar in the Best Supporting Actor category for "Network." His television career was just as impressive with notable parts on classics like "The Rockford Files," "Highway to Heaven" and "Homicide: Life on the Street." He also endeared himself to both children and adults as the purple bear Lotso in "Toy Story 3."

Beatty passed peacefully in his sleep at home at the age of 83.

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

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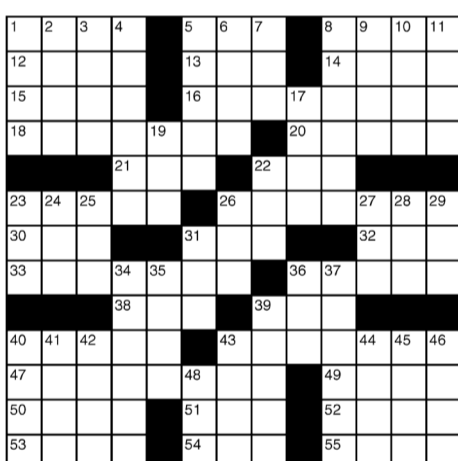
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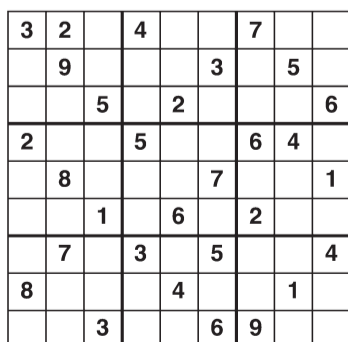


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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

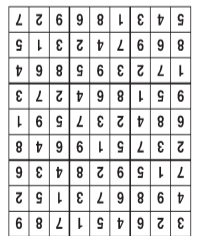


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## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** -- How long should someone charged with the alleged sexual assault of 20 young men be ostracized? Kevin Spacey -- best supporting actor Oscar winner (for "The Usual Suspects" 1995) and best actor Oscar (for "American Beauty," 1999) -- watched his world crash down in 2017 when actor Anthony Rapp alleged Spacey made sexual advances toward him when he was 14 years old. When 15 other young men came forward claiming similar abuse, filming was suspended of the fifth season of "House of Cards," and Spacey was removed as star and executive producer. He also was replaced by the late Christopher Plummer in "All the Money in the World," for which Plummer received an Oscar nomination.

The news that Spacey has been signed to do a cameo, opposite Vanessa Redgrave and Franco Nero (best known as Lancelot in "Camelot"), who also is directing the Italian film "L'uomo Che Disegno Dio" ("The Man Who Drew God"), sent

shock waves through the Hollywood community. It's furious that Franco Nero has given Spacey a film when his blacklist time was definitely NOT up!

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On a happier note: Oscar nominee Timothee Chalamet will play a young Willy Wonka (Gene Wilder was an older Wonka in the 1971 "Willy Wonka") and will unveil his singing pipes in the film. Willy Wonka is a staple in casinos, where the musical and magical slot machines entertain so many.

Also unveiling her singing pipes is "Will & Grace" Emmy winner Debra Messing, who, although she starred in 2012's 32-episode musical series "Smash" (about Marilyn Monroe), didn't sing much. She's been set to star for Netflix in "13: The Musical," based on the Broadway musical that ran from 2008-09 and served as the debut vehicle for singer Ariana Grande and actress Elizabeth Gillies.



D. Messing

Yet another comeback story is Lindsay Lohan, getting an assist from Netflix, which has named her to star in an as-yet-untitled holiday rom-com being directed by Janeen Damian, wife of former "The Young and the Restless" soap star Michael Damian, who co-wrote the script with her and has recently directed two films for the Hallmark Channel.

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The richest man in the world, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, has purchased MGM (formerly the greatest movie studio ever) for \$8.45 billion. Among the properties he now owns are "007" James Bond, "Thelma & Louise," "Raging Bull" and "The Handmaid's Tale," as well as the reality show "The Apprentice," which gives him access to all of the show's outtakes, including off-color remarks by Donald Trump, the show's host for 14 years. Why would THE richest man in world want to own a bankrupt movie company? There's a lot more to this story. MGM may now stand for My Goodness Me!

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## Couch Theater

By Rachel Rose

"Queen Bees" (PG-13) -- If it took you 20 years to finally get over the anxiety of high school cliques, "Queen Bees" shows that it all comes back again later in life. Ellen Burstyn plays Helen, a silver single moving into a senior living community. There she encounters all the same personality conflicts from her school days as she tries to navigate the social strata of Pine Grove. "They're like mean girls, but with medical alert bracelets," Helen quips. Jane Curtin, Loretta Devine and Ann-Margaret round out the cool girls' table, with Christopher Lloyd and James Caan providing comedic support and romantic interest. (Theaters and Prime Video)

"Luca" (PG) -- Luca and Alberto are two young boys finding adventure on the 1950s Italian Riviera, making new friends and living their best lives. The twist? They're not actually human boys, but underwater sea creatures who become humanlike when they rise above the sea's surface. While concealing their secret in lots of near-miss situations,

the boys ride Vespa scooters and eat gelatos, practicing their Italian accents with a few choice phrases. Pixar Studios continues to amaze and delight with its visuals, once again surpassing its own levels of excellence in animation. (Disney+)

"Skyfall" (PG-13) -- Once again delivering exquisite cinematography of exotic locales, this 2012 film is the third installment in Daniel Craig's reign as James Bond. With 007 returning to M16 after mission failure and subsequent personal disappearance, Bond rises like the phoenix to take on one of the creepiest villains ever, expertly portrayed by Javier Bardem. The movie's stunning conclusion is explosive and a bit overly dramatic, but ties together Bond's past with his present, ushering in a shocking change to the M16 organization. (New to Paramount+)

"Bo Burnham: Inside" (NR) -- It is a bit of a misnomer to call this a comedy special because it's not your typical guy-onstage-telling-jokes presentation. Performed without an audience and entirely inside comedian/musician Bo Burnham's apartment over the

full year of 2020, "Inside" is 87 minutes of devilishly original songs and commentary covering subjects from white privilege to labor exploitation and self-deprecation. Despite the heavy topics, it IS hysterically funny, and exceptionally clever. With laser lights and voice modulators, Burnham is self-admittedly a little all over the place, but the genius that emerged from his own mental struggles is well worth a watch -- but definitely not for the kids. (Netflix)

"Miss Juneteenth" (NR) -- When a former pageant winner sees her teenage daughter at a crossroads in life, she encourages her to enter the same scholarship pageant that she won years earlier. With a full ride to a Historically Black College as the prize for the winner of Miss Juneteenth, mom Turquoise has high hopes of daughter Kai making more of her life than she herself was able to accomplish. Nicole Beharie is wonderful as the ever-supportive but always firm mother to newcomer Alexis Chikaeze in this SXSW Film Festival award-winner. (Theaters/video on demand)

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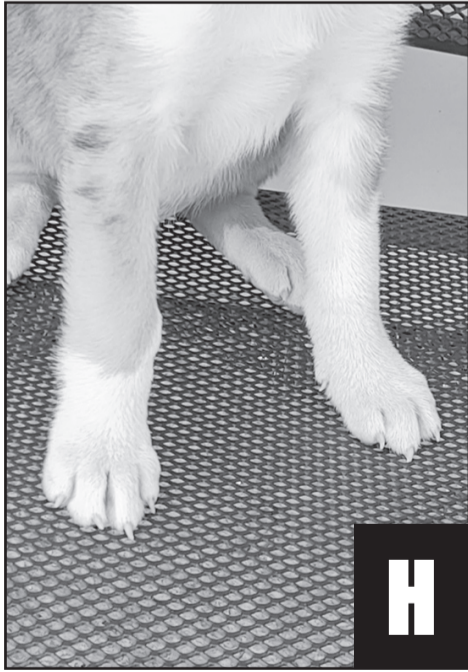
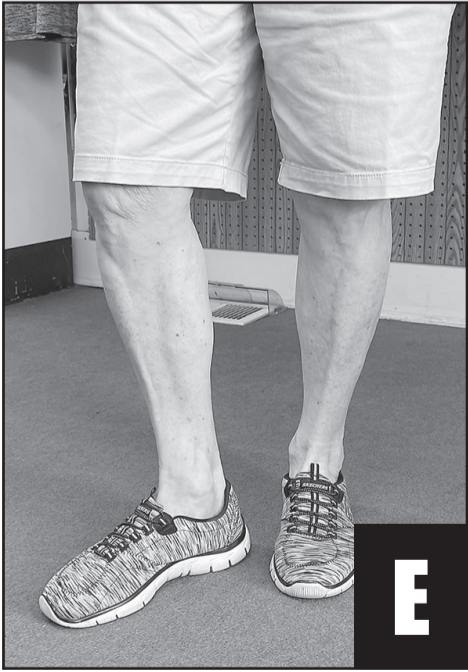
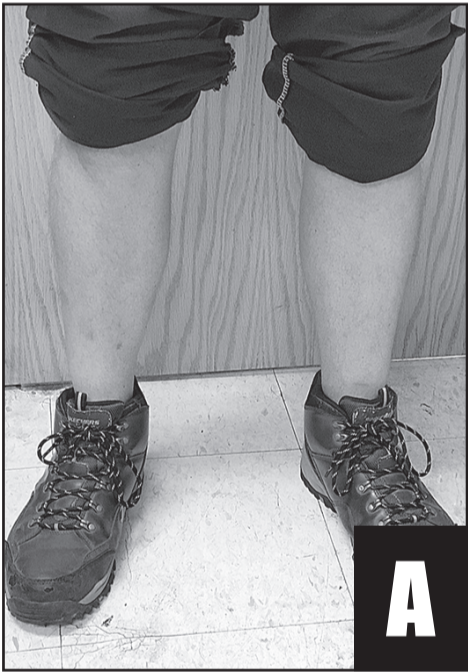


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## Make choices that don't waste your time

God wants us to continually make good choices for our lives. So He's given us the Bible—His Word—as an instruction book to live by. The thing is, once we know what it says, we're responsible to do what it says. Because there's never a time when it's all right to do the wrong thing.

As we study God's Word, we discover wisdom that applies to every area of our lives. And the best thing we can do is promptly obey God when He brings correction or direction to us. But there are times when we make

bad choices anyway, and we experience the pain of our mistakes.

God is our Father, and just as earthly parents discipline their children to keep them from harm and help them see what is in their best interest, God sometimes requires us to face the consequences of our disobedience.

It's important to understand that when God corrects us, it's not because He's mad at us, but because He loves us. And if we follow His instructions, then we're going to have a life that's full of peace, joy, and emotional stability.

God cares about every area of our lives and He wants to be involved in everything we do. He wants to help us make good choices in how we dress, what we eat, who we hang out with, how we spend our money... about everything in our life.

Even if you have a lot of areas where you need to change and grow, you don't have to feel discouraged. As you become more deeply rooted in God's love, it gets easier to do what He asks because you know He has your best interests at heart.

The question is: Do you value His opinion? Will you allow Him to continually work in your life?

When you really love Jesus, you're committed to righteousness. You want to do the right thing because it's right... because you love Him, not just to try to earn God's love or a reward from Him.

The good news is we never have to worry about earning God's love. Romans 5:8 says, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God loved us before we were born again and made the righteousness of God in Christ (see 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21). He'll always love us, and we don't have to wonder, Am I doing enough?

The truth is, you are



not responsible for the results. God is responsible for that. Your responsibility is to keep doing the right thing all the time, no matter what.

It isn't always easy, but it's always worth it. There are going to be times when we'd rather do the wrong thing. But we'll just regret it later. We need to decide that no matter what our circumstances look like or how hard doing the right thing might be, we're going to hold on to our joy because our joy is in Jesus.

Here's a practical example of what I'm saying: Even if I lose my job and the car breaks down and my child comes home with a bad report from school and I've gained five pounds and nothing seems to be working out in my life... even then, I will "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Even then, I will do what is right before the Lord.

We don't have to settle for letting our circumstances determine the level of our joy and peace. We can decide today: I'm going

to continue doing right whether it's easy or not, and I'm going to trust God to give me the grace to do it.

When you're in the middle of hard times and you really don't like your circumstances, the first place to run is God's Word because it has the power to calm you down. Find scriptures about the strength we have in Christ, and then just rest in God's presence and receive His strength. Whatever you need, just go to God's Word.

I've seen God do amazing things in me and through me because I've let Him continually work in my life—and you can have that kind of relationship, too.

I encourage you to pray like this: "God, today I'm giving You permission to keep working in my life until You are finished doing all that You need to do. So when I start begging You to back off, please don't. The truth is, I want to do whatever You are calling me to do."

Your relationship with God can be an amazing journey that brings you

peace, joy and contentment in every area of life, if you will simply choose to follow Him.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Weekend Mass  
Confession  
  
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PETERSTOWN**  
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**FIRST UNITED  
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(815) 538-5587  
.....  
Rev. Mary Bohall, Pastor  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
In-person & on Facebook at:  
Mendota First United  
Methodist Church

June 23 - Pastor Mary leads Stonecroft  
Worship  
June 25 - 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch in the  
Park hosted by Henderson Mission Team  
June 27 - 9 a.m. Worship in-person and  
on Facebook  
June 28 - 6:30 p.m. Men's Ministry - all  
men are welcome

**ZION UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
808 Jefferson St.  
.....  
Pastor Hogun Kim  
(219) 765-1379  
pastorhogunkim@gmail.com  
  
Church office  
(815) 538-2186  
Email: zionumcmendota@gmail.com  
Website: www.zionchurchumc.com

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**  
Worship & Children's Sunday School

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900 Monroe St.  
(815) 503-0307  
.....  
James Duncan, Pastor  
Website: www.cayabc.com  
Email prayer requests:  
prayer@cayabc.com  
SUNDAY: Worship

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CHURCH**  
Route 251 North  
(815) 539-6861  
.....  
Rev. Charles Yeakel, Pastor  
E-mail: mendotaupc@yahoo.com  
www.mendotaupc.org  
SUNDAY: Christian Education  
Sunday Worship  
WEDNESDAY

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SUNDAY  
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Worship  
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Prayer Service

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Rt. 251 at Lake Mendota  
P.O. Box 54  
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(815) 871-5702 (pastor)  
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www.mendotabiblechurch.org  
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Sunday School  
Worship  
Evening Service

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CHURCH**  
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Rev. Ken Gibson, Pastor  
E-mail: office@stjohnsmendota.org  
Website:  
www.stjohnsmendota.org  
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.....  
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Website: fpcmendota.com  
Accessible  
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June 23 - 7 p.m. Bible study on Zoom  
June 24 - 10 a.m. Heritage Manor  
worship  
June 26 - 1 p.m. Phyllis Thompson's  
Memorial Service FPC  
June 27 - 10 a.m. Worship in-person  
and on Facebook Live,  
11 a.m. Fellowship  
June 29 - 5 p.m. Boy Scouts  
June 30 - 7 p.m. Bible study on Zoom  
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Wednesday Evening Gathering:  
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us/j/86402369150  
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(815) 497-2491  
.....  
Pastor Dana Cox  
pawpawumc@juno.com  
Sunday Worship

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Sunday School  
Accessible

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La Moille  
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.....  
Pastor David Jungnickel  
E-mail: lamoillecumc@gmail.com

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SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SUNDAY SERVICE

### BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- Is the book of Amos in the  
Old or New Testament or  
neither?
- From Mosaic law, what  
would happen to the person  
who cursed his father or  
mother?  
Imprisonment, Outcast,  
10 lashings, Death
- In Daniel 2, who had a dream  
about a statue composed of  
different materials?  
Jezebel, Abednego, Rezin,  
Nebuchadnezzar
- From Acts 7, who said,  
"Lord, lay not this sin to their  
charge"?  
Philip, Stephen, Luke, David
- In Genesis 14:3, what "lake"  
is called the Salt Sea?  
Galilee, Lake Pison, Dead Sea,  
Euphrates
- Whose biblical name means  
"salvation"?  
Jude, Ahaz, Hosea, Ruth

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Death; 3) Nebu-  
chadnezzar; 4) Stephen; 5) Dead Sea;  
6) Hosea

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Written by Thomas Merton, 1968:

My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it  
will end.  
Nor do I really know myself, and  
the fact that I think I am following  
your will does not mean that I am  
actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to  
please you does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all  
that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything  
apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this you will  
lead me by the right road, though I  
may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost and  
in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever  
with me, and you will never leave  
me to face my perils alone.

Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...The Son of Man will come  
in the glory of His Father  
with His angels, and then  
He will reward each  
according to his works.  
MATTHEW 16:27



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you to attend a  
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MATTER )No.  
OF THE )21  
ESTATE )P 122  
OF )  
JAMES )  
W. )  
BERRY, )  
Deceased. )  
CLAIMS NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of James W. Berry, of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 7, 2021 to Cynthia Berry, 518 W. Railroad, LaMoille, IL 61330, whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Court-house, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the representative, or both, on or before January 3, 2022. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in that Notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
No. 0603  
(June 16, 23, 30, 2021)

Lauren Kruswicki and Rachael Thrush Applicants.  
No. 0604  
(June 16, 23, 30, 2021)

**NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROBATE DIVISION.  
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