



Chris Stamberger, left, of the Mendota Museum & Historical Society, and Shelby Weide of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce look over some photos from the collection at Hume Carnegie Museum. MMHS and the Chamber are sponsoring a photography contest, “Capture Our Town.” (Reporter photo)

## “Capture Our Town” photography contest entries are being accepted

MENDOTA – The Mendota Museum & Historical Society and the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a photography contest, “Capture Our Town.” Entries are now being accepted through July 6. All area resident amateur photographers of all ages are encouraged to capture those candid photos that show what makes our city and area unique. The Hume-Carnegie Museum and Chamber members will display the photos over the next three months through Sweet Corn Festival weekend.

Purchase prizes of \$25 in each category will be awarded. A maximum of seven entries will be allowed for each photographer. Any photo deemed inappropriate will be rejected. The Museum staff has the final say. Those entering photos must complete an entry agreement.

Categories for your photo hunt include:

- Winter wonderland

- In the Good Ol’ Summertime
- “Iconic” structures easily recognized, past or present
- On the Tracks, in or around the railroad
- Athletes in Action, backyard or organized sports
- Down on the Farm
- Miscellaneous, anything goes/novelty

Each photo must be labeled with the category you wish to enter. More than one photo may be entered in a category. Photos will be judged by a professional photographer.

The museum and Chamber reserve the right to display your photos in their buildings or around Mendota (i.e., store windows).

Entry forms are available at Hume Carnegie Museum, 901 Washington St., and the Mendota Chamber office, 800 Washington St. Entries may be delivered to the museum or the Chamber office.

For more information, call 815-539-3373.

## City Council approves FY22 budgets

□ Mendota receives payment of \$3.9 million to take over Del Monte property

By KIP CHEEK  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council approved fiscal year 2021-22 budgets at its May 3 regular meeting.

Before handling the budgets, the council closed out the 2020-21 fiscal year by swearing in elected and appointed officials. They included David Boelk, mayor; Emily McConville, city clerk; Jim Fitzpatrick, First Ward alderman; Kyle Kim, Third Ward alderman; Vicki Johnson, Fourth Ward alderman; Heath Davis, treasurer. Leo Hochstatter, Second Ward alderman, was absent.

### BUDGETS APPROVED

Mayor Boelk opened the new fiscal year by presenting the TIF I, VIII, 2017A and 2017B TIF budgets, which were approved by the council.

Alderman Fitzpatrick gave the Water Fund and Sewer Fund budgets. The Water Fund is projected to have revenues of \$1,488,000 and expenses of \$1,604,156 for a deficit of \$116,156. The Sewer Fund revenue budget is expected to be \$1,491,000 with expenses estimated at \$4,920,115 for a deficit of \$3,429,115. However, the revenue budget will increase to \$5,454,937 with a payment from Del Monte and then will have a surplus of \$534,822.

Alderman John Holland presented the General Fund budget. Revenue is anticipated to be \$6,575,815 and expenses are proposed to be \$6,673,465 for a deficit of \$97,650.

In other items from Holland’s report, the council approved an amendment to the annual wage ordinance to include the addition of extra and part-time police department employees.



City attorney Mike Guilfoyle, right, administers the oath of office to Mendota city officials, left to right, Kyle Kim, alderman; Heath Davis, treasurer; Vicki Johnson, alderman; Jim Fitzpatrick, alderman; David Boelk, mayor; and Emily McConville, city clerk. (Reporter photo)

**“This is a good deal for the citizens of Mendota. I think you’ll see that in the next couple of years.”**

–Mayor David Boelk, on Del Monte acquisition

Per the recommendation of the Mendota Historic Restoration & Preservation Commission, the council approved a certificate of appropriateness and a \$7,000 façade grant for the owners of the building at 701 Washington St.

Holland gave summaries for the Mendota Police Pension Fund and Mendota Fire Pension Fund, saying the police fund has assets of \$7 million and the fire fund has assets of \$3.3 million, using numbers from last year.

Alderman Kyle Kim presented figures for the Mendota Civic Center Fund budget. He listed revenue at \$258,990 and expenses at \$208,050 for a positive balance of \$50,940.

### DEL MONTE PROPERTY

City attorney Mike Guilfoyle said the city and Del Monte have closed on the deal for the city to take over approximately 77 acres of Del Monte property, which includes ponds. Del Monte paid the city \$3.95 million for the deal.

Mayor Boelk said Del Monte was taking bids from five companies to clean up the ponds and the city decided it would get in on the bidding process. “Del Monte left the city, and left in a bad way,” said Boelk. “We thought we would throw our hat in for the bidding.”

The city will now be responsible for the cost of cleaning up the ponds. Boelk

emphasized that the pond clean-up is a non-EPA issue, but there is an overflow of sludge into the Little Vermilion River. There are no contaminants, he said. He added that the sludge can be utilized by the city in various ways.

Boelk said the ponds will be leveled off once they are empty and then the city will decide what to do with the land. He mentioned it could be used as farm land, and noted that it will be great frontage property for U.S. 34. “This is a good deal for the citizens of Mendota,” he said. “I think you’ll see that in the next couple of years.”

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m.



## Stuck truck

A truck pulling a trailer carrying an end loader gets stuck at the Fourth Avenue viaduct on April 28. The truck made it through, but the height of the end loader sitting on the trailer was too much to clear the viaduct, which has a limit of 9 feet. On the other side of the viaduct, workers from Ramer Towing attempted to resolve the sticky situation. The viaduct was closed to traffic for several hours. (Reporter photo)

## Report into LaSalle home deaths raises questions about criminal probe

By SARAH MANSUR  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Some Republicans in the General Assembly, including House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, are calling for a criminal investigation into the COVID-19 related deaths at the state-run LaSalle Veterans’ Home.

The push for a criminal probe comes after a state investigative report was released April 30 that found there were widespread failures at the LaSalle facility and the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs that contributed to 36 resident deaths there since November.

The report from the state Department of Human Services’ Office of the Inspector



General found the facility failed to prepare for an outbreak, lacked infection prevention plans or policies, and had major issues with communication, staff training and education. It also found that senior officials at the IDVA and LaSalle facility were not taking control or actively managing the outbreak as it became a crisis.

Durkin, a former Cook County prosecutor, said a criminal investigation into the deaths should be initiated because there is a criminal statute specifically addressing abuse or neglect of a long-term care facility resident.

“I wouldn’t say we’re at the level of probable cause, but it certainly does warrant further investigation on whether or not criminal negligence did take place because not only were (veterans) injured and became ill, but we did have deaths at that facility,” Durkin, of Western Springs, said during a news conference.

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# LOCAL AND AREA



**Retiring Road Commissioner**  
Duane Kaiser has retired as Road Commissioner after 28 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Mendota Township. He completed the term of Arnold Kaiser after his death. Arnold had been elected after Wilbert, Duane's father, retired after 22 years of service. Duane will be greatly missed. (Photo contributed)

## MHS B-PAC to host presentations

MENDOTA - The Mendota High School Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (MHS B-PAC) and MHS Parent Series in Spanish will present "Strategies for Successful Parents" with psychologist Dr. Ferney Ramirez at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 14 and again at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26.

The programs will take place at the Mendota High School Media Center. Children are welcome to attend.

## Earlville Cruise Night returns

EARLVILLE - The 18th annual Earlville Cruise Night will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m. in downtown Earlville.

The event is open to all special interest cars, trucks and motorcycles. There will be dash plaques and goody bags for the first 200 vehicles. Twenty-five vehicles will be randomly selected for a free professional photograph.

Also, there will be free

NSRA safety inspections. There is a \$5 registration fee with the money going toward a scholarship fund.

Other features include a DJ, food, playground for the kids, 50/50 raffle, participant door prizes, event T-shirts and hats for sale, horse and carriage rides, and Buttons the Clown.

For more information, contact Kevin Zollars at (815) 246-9545 or Ken Zink at (815) 739-9431.

## Local student recognized for academic excellence at WIU

MACOMB/MOLINE - Natalie Landgraf, a graduate of Mendota High School, is among six students graduating this spring from Western Illinois University who received the highest recognition from their colleges for overall academic excellence by being named a College Scholar.

Faculty in each of the University's four academic colleges, Global Education and Outreach, and the Centennial Honors College each select a graduating senior as the college's outstanding student. Students gradu-

ating as College Scholars have satisfied the criteria of excellence established by their individual academic college's faculty members. A Departmental Scholar is an outstanding degree candidate in an academic major as determined by the faculty in the major department. An Honors Scholar is a student in the Centennial Honors College who has completed a set of honors requirements and has achieved a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

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## BLACKSTONE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AWARD - MARCH



### Pizza Lunch

Blackstone School recently held their Principal Award pizza lunch for the month of April. Students were honored by having a pizza lunch with their principal, Stacy Kelly. Above left, kindergarten students honored for March were, front row left to right, Scarlett Burrell, Za'Riyah Rucker, Kay Barrett-Galloway, and Ariana Arteaga; back row, Madi Hayward, Shayne Full, Francisco Medina, and Logan Jones. Above right, first grade students honored were, front row left to right, Austin Wire, Olivia Whitmore, Emiliano Perez, and Addy Gaspar; back row, Aubrey Gambrel, Landon Kent, Miles Gilkerson and Josiah Enoch. (Photos contributed)



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## NORTHBROOK STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - MARCH



**5th Grade**  
Northbrook School's fifth grade Students of the Month for March, front row left to right, are Lena Cardona, Gracie Smith and Isaac Murillo; back row, Ethan Escatel and Diego Suarez. Not pictured is Tori Stevens.

(Photos contributed. Please note: Photos of the students were taken individually for safety and then grouped together digitally.)



**6th Grade**  
Northbrook School's sixth grade Students of the Month for March, front row left to right, are Karla Ascensio and Caleb Ganther; back row, Karen Flores and Angel Negrón.



**7th Grade**  
Northbrook School's seventh grade Students of the Month for March, front row left to right, are Airam Cuevas and Harlan Gallagher; back row, Ramiro Palacios and Sydney Tolley.



**8th Grade**  
Northbrook School's eighth grade Students of the Month for March, front row left to right, are Alivia Avila, Nicholas Reyes and Kaley Siemer; back row, Nathaniel DeWaele and Kennedy Knaff.

### ‘The Magical Migrating Monarch’ at LaSalle Public Library

LA SALLE - Lisa Sons, Master Naturalist and IDNR Park Interpreter, will be virtually hosted by the LaSalle Public Library for her presentation, “The Magical Migrating Monarch” on Tuesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. In this informative and educational program, Sons will take the virtual audience on a journey of discovery about the Monarch butterfly, the only North American butterfly that migrates every spring and fall.

During the presentation, she will discuss the life cycle, habitat and migration of this fascinating creature that is also the state insect of Illinois.

The program is free and open to the public but does require registration. Once registered, a confirmation e-mail with connection information for joining the program will be sent to participants.

To register online, please go to <https://bit.ly/3tb6ei6>.

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

### CARL’S QUIZ

The Frisbee, which debuted in 1957, was originally marketed under a different name. Was it first called Pluto Platter, Spin-O, Twisty Toss, Flipfly or Dippy Disc?

The answer to last week’s quiz is: The term “bumper crop” came about because a cup of wine filled to the brim used to be called a bumper. (Source: Old Farmers Almanac)

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

### Open house for Graham family May 16

LA MOILLE – Pastor Jerry (Marla) Graham and family will be leaving First Baptist Church of LaMoille after 16 years, to follow what God has next for them.

There will be an Open House for them on Sunday, May 16 from 2-4 p.m. at the LaMoille Park. Please come and celebrate with the Graham family.

### School board members sought in LaMoille

LA MOILLE - LaMoille C.U.S.D. #303 has announced two vacancies on the Board of Education following the April 6 election. The Board of Education is accepting letters of interest as to why the individual would like to be on the Board of Education.

The letters should be directed to Brent

Ziegler, Superintendent by Thursday, May 13. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have resided in the district for at least one year. The appointed candidates will be installed at the May 20 board of education meeting and fill the positions until the next school board election in 2023.

### Mendota Weather

May 5, 2021

#### Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday

Mostly Sunny

High: 63 Low: 45

Thursday

Chance T-storms

High: 60 Low: 41

Friday

Mostly Sunny

High: 62 Low: 43

Saturday

Few Showers

High: 64 Low: 50

Sunday

Few Showers

High: 66 Low: 53

Monday

Cloudy

High: 64 Low: 49

Tuesday

Mostly Cloudy

High: 61 Low: 48

#### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 63°, humidity of 36%. South wind 6 to 11 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 85° set in 1969. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 45°. South wind 3 to 6 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 31° set in 2011.

#### Regional Cities

City	Hi/Low	Wx
Aurora	62/42	s
Champaign	63/44	s
Chicago	55/45	s
Freeport	61/42	s
Joliet	62/42	s
Moline	64/46	s
Peoria	64/46	s
Rockford	62/42	s
Springfield	63/46	s

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	81	41	63/40	0.00"	0.13"
Tuesday	85	60	63/40	0.00"	0.95"
Wednesday	70	50	64/41	0.09"	-0.82"
Thursday	72	51	64/41	0.01"	
Friday	66	47	64/42	0.03"	
Saturday	85R	47	65/42	0.00"	
Sunday	82	57	65/42	0.00"	

Average temp..... 63.9°  
Average normal..... 52.6°  
Departure..... +11.3°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

#### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:47 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	3:27 a.m.	2:03 p.m.
Thursday	5:46 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	3:53 a.m.	3:06 p.m.
Friday	5:45 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	4:16 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
Saturday	5:44 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	4:38 a.m.	5:08 p.m.
Sunday	5:43 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	4:59 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Monday	5:42 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	5:21 a.m.	7:08 p.m.
Tuesday	5:41 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	5:45 a.m.	8:09 p.m.

#### Local UV Index

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

UV Index

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

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

#### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 74 in Washington, D.C. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Lehigh Acres, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 93 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 79 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 99 in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

#### Weather Trivia

Can history be used to predict the specific landfall of future hurricanes?

Answer: No. Areas may be struck again, but then go 50 years without being hit again.

#### Weather History

May 5, 1989 - Thunderstorms swept across Georgia and the Carolinas during the late afternoon and evening hours, spawning 17 tornadoes. A tornado at Toccoa, Ga. injured 15 people. A tornado at Chesnee, S.C. killed two and injured 35 others.

May 6, 1988 - A major storm brought high winds to the western half of the country. A wind gust of 74 mph at Pueblo, Colo. broke the May record that city established just four days earlier. Winds in the Arapahoe Ski Basin area of Colorado reached 85 mph.

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## In Loving MEMORY

On Memorial Day, we remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us. Our time to remember will be published Wednesday, May 26th, devoted to those who are gone, but not forgotten.

JANE DOE

MAY 1, 1950 - APRIL 23, 2012

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Write your own or select one of the following verses below to accompany your tribute.

- We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
- May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
- Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand
- Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
- The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
- May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
- May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
- You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
- May God's grace shine over you for all time.
- May the Lord bless you with His grace and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way send \$10 per listing. Your special tribute will become a lasting memorial record in the May 26th issue of The Mendota Reporter. Deadline is Friday, May 21st at Noon.

Please publish my tribute in the special Memorial Day page on May 26.

Name of Deceased:

☐ Please use Verse # ☐ I have included my own Verse (write below)

Date of Birth: Date of Passing:

Signed by:

Your Verse:

The following will not be published.

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Mail to: The Mendota Reporter, 703 Illinois Ave., P.O. Box 300, Mendota, IL 61342



# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Marian M. Ayers

LA MOILLE - Marian Margaret Ayers, 93, of LaMoille passed away April 27, 2021 at Avantara Nursing Home in Elgin.

Funeral services were held at noon on April 30 at the Turner-Eighner Funeral Home in Somonauk with Pastor Patricia Geiseman officiating. Burial was at at Elmwood Cemetery in Yorkville. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until noon on April 30 at the funeral home.

Marian was born June 1, 1927 in LaMoille to Albert and Caroline (Lamps) Bauer. She married F. Loren Ayers on Nov. 5, 1947 in LaMoille. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Cheryl (Kurt) Geier of Huntley; five grandchildren, Todd (Susan) Ayers of Belleville, Timothy (Marcy) Ayers of Sandwich, Tamie (Ricardo) Garza of Bartlett, Tricia (Dr. Michael) Zenni of Evansville, Ind. and Trent (Elizabeth) Ayers of North Aurora; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Dennis Ayers; and one sister, Lois (Donald) Slutz.

Marian was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of LaMoille.

In lieu of flowers, memorials maybe directed to the LaMoille Ambulance Fund. For more information or to sign the online guest book go to [www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com).

## Richard A. Budach

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Richard A. Budach, 85, of Indianapolis passed away April 9, 2021 in Indianapolis.

A memorial gathering was held at 11 a.m. on April 20 at Flanner Buchanan in Carmel, Ind. Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Richard was born Jan. 12, 1936 in Earlville to Wilhelm "William" O. and Florence (Engle) Budach.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Budach; four stepchildren, Sandy (Dan) Piper, Karla Anderson, Karen (Gregory) Smith and Richard (Kim) Curry Jr.; seven grandchildren, Amber Hicks, Robyn (Andrew) Kushner, Adam Piper, Andrea (Christian) Mason, Richard (Felicia) Curry III, Desire' Anderson and Eddie McCullom; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Joann Brown, Barbara McCann and Bernice Klein; and one brother, Elmer Budach.

He was preceded in death by his previous wife, Janice Budach; a brother, William Budach; and a sister, Doris Budach.

Richard was a 1953 graduate of Mendota High School. He proudly and honorably served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 until 1965. He retired in 1993 as an accountant with the Department of Defense. He was a member of the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion in Noblesville, and the Association of Government Accountants.

## Online 'Fundamentals of Collections Care' course offered this summer

BELOIT - The Center for Collections Care at Beloit College will offer Fundamentals of Collections Care this summer from July 13-Aug. 3. The course has met the minimum enrollment, so it is confirmed to run.

This four-week course combines live social engagements and discussions

with hands-on activities. Participants will receive four kits related to topics discussed each week. This beginner level collections care for emerging museum, library and archive practitioners or as a refresher. The full course description and registration information are available online at [beloit.edu](http://beloit.edu).

## Ernest C. Jacobs, Jr.

BELLEVUE, Iowa - Ernest "Jack" C. Jacobs, Jr., 94, of Bellevue, Iowa, formerly of Mendota passed away April 3, 2021 at Lincolnshire Place in Loves Park.

A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Ernest was born April 4, 1926 in Decatur to Ernest C. and Gladys (Cothorn) Jacobs. He married Betty Hallett on Sept. 18, 1944.

Survivors include his wife; three children, Scott Jacobs, Marlene (Gerald) Virgil and Jackalyn (Thomas) Switzer; four grandchildren, Michelle (Douglas) Allen, Melynda (Dennis) Maurer, Quinn (Kelli) Virgil and Lance (Lauren) Jacobs; six great-grandchildren, Jackson, Kinley, Ella, Hannah, Noah and Abbi; and one sister, Emma Sue (Gary) Ricketts of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ernest was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II on the USS McDermut. He and his beloved wife, Betty enjoyed a wonderful 76 years of marriage and he remained by her side as she suffered from dementia in her later years, driving himself daily to see her at her care facility throughout the last two years of his life. Though COVID interrupted these visits for a time, he ended up in the same care facility after taking a fall and was reunited with Betty and by her side during his final days. He worked as an automotive supervisor for Del Monte for 30 years before retirement. He was a Freemason for over 70 years. Throughout his many years, he enjoyed fishing, hunting with his favorite dog "Pete," gardening and tinkering in his garage. He cherished time with his children and family throughout his life and was known to join family softball games with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren well into his 70s. Ernest had a kind soul - always willing to lend a hand to friends, family and even strangers in need. Humble and not one to recognize the vast amount of wisdom he acquired over his lifetime, he taught his family more than he will ever know . . . how to live life with integrity, love with your whole heart, stay strong through adversity, and catch the best walleye. Later in life, when family members would tell Ernest they loved him, he coined the term "I love you back."

In lieu of memorial contributions, the family requests honoring Ernest by spending time with those you love, caring for others, being a decent human, and thinking of him should you come upon the world's greatest fishing hole.

To share a memory or condolence, visit [olsonfh.com](http://olsonfh.com).

## IV Beekeepers to hold May meeting at LaSalle KCs

LA SALLE - The Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association will hold their next meeting on Friday, May 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LaSalle Knights of Columbus, 209 Gooding St., LaSalle. Masks will be required and social distancing restrictions

followed. Please note the different location of the meeting.

Anyone who is interested in beekeeping and would like to learn more, please attend this IVBA meeting. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Five \$500 scholarships are available and cover the full course fee. For eligibility, see Scholarships, under Registration and Funding. The course is limited to 20 participants. In-person classes will resume in summer 2022.

Questions may be directed to Nicolette Meister [meistern@beloit.edu](mailto:meistern@beloit.edu).

## Joan R. Dennison

MENDOTA - Joan R. Dennison, 88, of Mendota left this world on April 29, 2021.

Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on May 5 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. Burial was at Restland Cemetery. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. on May 4 at the funeral Home. COVID restrictions were in place.

Joan was born Nov. 16, 1932 in Mendota, the only child of Walter and Viola Schmidt. She married Chester Dennison. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Charles Green of Mendota; three daughters, Karen (Mark) Maurer of LaPorte, Ind., Lind Isles of Courtland, Minn. and Angela (Ron) Robinson of Ottawa; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Neva Lopez; and two granddaughters, Keiki Green and Jessica Robinson.

Joan was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She raised five children with patience, discipline, and humility. She constantly gave of herself and of her time whether it be to her loved ones or in her community. This included singing with the Holy Cross choir, as a long-standing member of the Troy Grove Grange, as a member of the Humane Society, dedicating her time to the Camp Fire organization in the 1970s and 1980s, and organizing and supporting the annual Tri-County Fair farmers' exhibitions. If you knew Joan, you loved her heart, her spirit and her recognizable laugh. Above all else, she was always thinking of others. Her grandchildren especially felt her love, as she was always opening her heart and her home anytime they needed her. Joan loved her flowers and gardening, sitting in her recliner doing her word searches, playing cards while listening to WGLC, and relaxing with her beloved cat, Callie. She will be dearly missed by her loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their charity of choice in Joan's name.

## MHS board elects officers

MENDOTA - The Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education held a reorganization meeting on April 19 to swear in newly elected board members and to elect board officers. Board

officers will include President - Jim Lauer, Vice-President - Jim Strouss and Secretary - Jim Sundberg.

The board hopes to fill one remaining open board seat in May.

## WIU

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Approximately 10 percent of graduating seniors achieve academic distinction, which is designated as Summa Cum Laude, highest academic distinction, with a minimum grade point average of 3.90; Magna Cum Laude, high academic distinction, with a GPA of 3.75-3.89; and Cum Laude, academic distinction, with a GPA between 3.60-3.74.

Named as the College of Business and Technology Scholar, Landgraf will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Supply Chain Management and a minor in Spanish, with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude. She is also the Supply Chain Management Departmental Scholar. At WIU, she served as president, vice president and secretary of the Supply Chain Manage-

ment Student Association, was a member of Women in Business, was student representative of the Grade Appeal Committee and was a language and cultural mentor for Western's English as a Second Language program. She has also served as a team captain and assistant logistics coordinator for Relay for Life of the Upper Illinois Valley.

After graduation, Landgraf will complete her third Supply Chain Management internship and in December will complete her Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree with an emphasis in Supply Chain Management. She hopes to find a full-time position at a company that prioritizes efficiency, protection of the environment and the advancement of marginalized groups. Landgraf is the daughter of Mitch and Tammy Landgraf.

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The criminal statute pertaining to the abuse or neglect of a long-term care facility resident states, in part, that a person commits criminal neglect of a long-term care facility resident when he or she recklessly “performs acts that cause a resident’s life to be endangered, health to be injured... or that create the substantial likelihood that an elderly person’s or person with a disability’s life will be endangered, (or) health will be injured....”

Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, an Elmhurst Republican who practices civil law, said the report contains examples that should be further investigated to ensure that the criminal statute was not broken during the outbreak at LaSalle.

“It is reasonable to know that putting a COVID-positive patient in a COVID negative patient’s room is going to endanger or threaten their health or their life,” Mazzochi said.

She was referring to an incident in the report where staff described a COVID-19-positive veteran and a COVID-19-negative veteran being placed in the same room. The veteran who tested negative was then moved to a non-infected wing of the facility, despite their exposure to a positive veteran.

Both Durkin and Mazzochi said the Illinois Attorney General could conduct a criminal investigation into the deaths at LaSalle.

“We do have a precedent that was set in Adams County on behalf of the state Attorney General who opened up the grand jury to determine whether or not there was any criminality with the actions at the Quincy Veterans’ Home,” Durkin said.

In 2018, then-Attorney General Lisa Madigan, a Democrat, launched a criminal investigation into how the administration of then-Gov. Bruce Rauner, a Republican, responded to the deadly outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease at Quincy between 2015 and 2018 that killed 13 veterans.

That investigation concluded in 2020, under current Attorney General Kwame Raoul, also a Democrat, who found there was not a basis to bring charges.

## IVCC is not selected for manufacturing academy site

OGLESBY – Despite strong local support for its quest to create the Central Illinois Manufacturing Academy with three other community colleges, Illinois Valley Community college’s proposal was not selected by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

Gov. JB Pritzker announced Heartland Community College and Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) will be awarded \$7.5 million each in DCEO funding to establish manufacturing academies.

“Although we are disappointed, the collegial process of pulling everyone and everything together was very worthwhile. I have no doubt parts of our plan will move forward one way or another,” IVCC President Jerry Corcoran said.

“I am proud of our board’s support of our consortium’s plan and happy to extend a tip of the hat from all of us to our friends at Heartland and SWIC on a job well done,” Corcoran added.

IVCC’s plan generated support letters from 17 district manufacturers, nine mayors, five chambers of commerce, five community-based organizations, an economic development director, two legislators and 15 superintendents.

“You have to follow the evidence and match it up to the law, and it’s a very dangerous thing to have the presumption at the initiation of an investigation that there has to be a charge,” Raoul said to WBEZ earlier this year in an interview about ending the criminal investigation into the deaths at Quincy. “Sometimes, the evidence is just not going to lead you there. That doesn’t mean it wasn’t worthwhile to investigate it in the first place.”

Sen. Sue Rezin, a Morris Republican whose district includes the LaSalle home, said she also urges Raoul to review the report and the details surrounding the outbreak to determine if a criminal investigation is warranted.

“Out of respect for the LaSalle Home veterans and their loved ones, I hope he thoroughly investigates any possible wrongdoing just as he did during the Quincy Veterans’ Home Legionnaires’ outbreak,” Rezin said in a statement to CNI.

A spokesperson for the Raoul’s office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Meanwhile, U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth penned a letter to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough asking the department to provide resources and assistance to the state-run veterans homes in Illinois.

Their letter also notes that the USDVA provided technical assistance to the Quincy Veterans’ Home after the Legionnaires’ disease outbreak there.

Durbin and Duckworth, both Democrats, were supportive of Madigan’s decision in 2018 to open a criminal investigation into the Quincy deaths.

A spokesperson for the senators did not respond to a question Monday about whether they would support a similar investigation into the LaSalle deaths.

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## Gov. Pritzker says state ‘in decent shape’ to further reopening as vaccination pace slows

By TIM KIRSININKAS  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker said May 3 the state could enter the “bridge” phase to greater reopening as soon as next week, while the state’s vaccination rate continues to drop.

Speaking at a news conference at Providence Hospital in Chicago, Pritzker said Illinois is nearing the necessary metrics to reach the next phase of reopening as case numbers stabilize.

“It looks to me, if you look at all the hospital admissions data, like we’re in decent shape and moving exactly as I would hope we would toward the bridge phase,” Pritzker said.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, new COVID-19 hospital admissions, total COVID-19 patients in the hospital, and death rates all must be stable or decreasing before the state can move to the next phase with more relaxed capacity restrictions and allowing some large-scale events to resume with safety measures in place.

Pritzker said hospitalization growth is the key metric the state monitors, which would allow the state to move forward to the bridge phase.

As of Monday, the IDPH website showed an increasing trend for the overall number of hospitalizations for COVID-19 with 1,963 people hospitalized as of Sunday, although new admissions for COVID-19-like illnesses were reported as stable, averaging 205 new daily admissions as of Friday. That was down from 240 on April 16.

Of the 1,963 individuals in Illinois who were hospitalized with COVID-19 as of Sunday night, 479 patients were in intensive care unit beds and 249 were on ventilators.

The state has reached all other benchmarks to trigger a larger-scale reopening, including at least 70 percent of the state’s population aged 65 and older receiving at least one dose of a vaccine, and at least half of all residents aged 16 and older receiving at least one dose.

The state had administered a total of 9.4 million COVID-19 vaccine doses as of Monday, with 4.1 million residents, or 32 percent of the state’s population, fully vaccinated.

A total of 16,920 doses were administered statewide Sunday, bringing the seven-day rolling average for vaccines

administered to 78,440, down from a peak seven-day average of 132,979 recorded April 12.

Pritzker credited Illinois residents for continuing to follow public health guidelines as a major reason for the state’s low positivity rate.

“Nobody’s forcing anybody to do it, but this is about doing what’s best for your own family, for yourself and for your community, and I think most people in Illinois have stepped up to the plate. I’m so, so proud of our state,” Pritzker said.

Pritzker also added that preparations for some large-scale events such as the Illinois State Fair are underway, signaling the potential for a wider reopening and larger-scale events to come in the future.

“We’ve obviously been doing all the planning that’s necessary for it, you know, barring some highly unusual event occurring that would prevent a large gathering,” Pritzker said.

“(IDPH) is working with the Department of Agriculture to make sure that people will be safe, so I think we’re gonna have a lot of fun this summer,” he added.

## Illinois to lose congressional seat based on 2020 census

By TIM KIRSININKAS  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The U.S. Census Bureau announced Illinois will lose a seat in Congress based on the results of the 2020 census.

Illinois will move from 18 to 17 seats in the U.S. House, an expected result after some advocates had warned that an undercount could lead to the loss of two seats. The state has lost at least one congressional representative in eight of the last nine decades after peaking at 27 seats in 1910 and remaining there until the 1940 census.

Six other states will also lose a seat, including California, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Illinois, Mississippi and West Virginia are the only three states to lose population over the past decade, Census Bureau officials said Monday. It’s the first time the Census Bureau logged a decade-over-decade population loss in the state.

According to data released Monday, the state has a total population of just over 12.8 million people, a drop of 0.1 percent when compared to 2010.

While the population loss

was not as pronounced as some had originally anticipated, Gov. JB Pritzker said in an unrelated news conference that he was “concerned” about outmigration in the state, which he said has been taking place “for more than a decade.”

“We’ve got to turn that around,” Pritzker said. “That’s something that unfortunately before I became governor was a bit set in clay, if not stone. And now, we’re working very hard to make sure we’re going the right direction.”

Pritzker attributed the population loss primarily to college students who choose not to attend school in the state.

Under the state constitution, members of the General Assembly are tasked with drawing new legislative boundaries following the decennial census. The new legislative boundaries are then sent to the governor for approval or veto.

Census Bureau officials said that specific data used for redistricting would be provided by Sept. 30. The delay in official numbers could cause complications for Illinois’ redistricting process, which is currently underway.

Some Democratic state lawmakers have proposed

using data from the American Community Survey in place of census data to create legislative and congressional district maps by the end of June as required by the constitution.

Rep. Tim Butler, a Springfield Republican who is the minority spokesperson on the House Redistricting Committee, said that ACS data provides “a small snapshot” of population data when compared to the census, and could risk leaving populations out of consideration.

“We’ve heard witness after witness testify at our redistricting hearings that ACS data does not fully represent minority communities, that it does not fully represent rural communities,” Butler said. “As we’ve said all along throughout these hearings, ACS data is not what you need to use to draw the maps because it’s not going to give you the granular data and the correct data,” he added.

Republicans have repeatedly called for an independent, nonpartisan commission to draw new legislative

boundaries without taking partisan politics into consideration, a proposal which has not been entertained by members of the state’s Democratic supermajorities in either chamber.

“The maps need to be drawn, in my mind, without the political data put in them,” Butler said. “The most important data for the majority is going to be the political data and people’s home addresses that they include in there, and they’re going to draw the maps how they see fit probably.”

Sen. Omar Aquino, D-Chicago, who chairs the Senate Redistricting Committee, and Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, who is the committee’s vice chair, released a joint statement following the news.

“We are reviewing the information released today by the U.S. Census Bureau and remain committed to working with our partners in Washington to ensure Illinois continues to receive the federal resources and support our communities need,” the statement reads.

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## Blank check mindset

**By Scott Reeder**  
 SPRINGFIELD – Imagine a state government with the worst credit rating in the nation, borrowing money to pay off the personal debts of individuals with six-digit incomes buying homes that cost as much as \$500,000. Make much sense? Nope. But that’s exactly what the state of Illinois is doing.

Two years ago, Illinois lawmakers passed the \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan. It was a bipartisan proposal negotiated behind closed doors and designed to pay for repairing highways, building bridges and erecting public buildings. But the plan also set aside \$25 million to forgive student loan debt.

The SmartBuy program pays off as much as \$40,000 in student loans if the debtor buys a home in Illinois and holds it for three years. Another \$5,000 is available as a no-interest loan for a down payment or closing costs.

Student loan forgiveness sounds magnanimous until you figure out it really means folks who either didn’t go to college or who have already paid for college will end up footing the bill for someone else’s college education.

“The last I checked, two-thirds of Americans don’t have bachelor’s degrees. It’s not fair to expect them to pay for the college educations of those who are better educated and often better off than they are,” said Lindsey Burke, director of education policy at the Heritage Foundation.

In case you are thinking Illinois’ program targets hard-luck cases struggling to survive under crushing debt, think again.

Folks earning \$109,200 a year can qualify for loan forgiveness.

That is 65 percent higher than the median household income in Illinois of just under \$66,000.

The program is expected to pay off the debts of about 1,000 people. But former State Rep. Jeanne Ives notes that about 2 million Illinoisans have outstanding student loans.

This means that the other 1.99 million Illinois taxpayers with student loan debt are not only paying for their own college education – but someone else’s.

It’s not fair to them or the students who worked through college, earned scholarships, went into the military, chose less expensive schools or whose parents sacrificed to send them.

I reached out to Kristen Faust, executive director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority which administers the SmartBuy program. But neither she nor her staff immediately responded.

Let me acknowledge that a ridiculous amount of debt is being taken on to pay for college.

But who are the bad guys in this mix? Well, college administrators.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says on average the price of college tuition has increased 31 percent during the last decade.

But that is not the case at all schools.

For example, Purdue University hasn’t raised its tuition for 10 years. Not only has tuition remained flat, but room and board rates have dropped during that period from second highest in the Big Ten to the most affordable.

But most college presidents haven’t followed the Boilermakers’ lead.

After all, students are able to borrow and pay whatever schools charge. So, colleges maximize revenues by driving those they are supposed to serve deeper into debt.

And colleges use much of that money to create more administrative positions. Since 2001, administrative positions on college campuses have grown at a rate 50 percent faster than teaching posts, Burke said

“It’s also important to remember that colleges are competing with each other to recruit students. They feel the need to add more frills and amenities like climbing walls, lazy rivers and nicer buildings. And this too drives up costs,” Neal McCluskey, an education policy analyst at the Cato Institute, added.

Our current student loan system is like giving 18-year-olds credit cards and telling them to charge whatever they like and worry about how to pay for it later.

And until this blank check mindset is addressed, our young people will be going deeper and deeper into debt.

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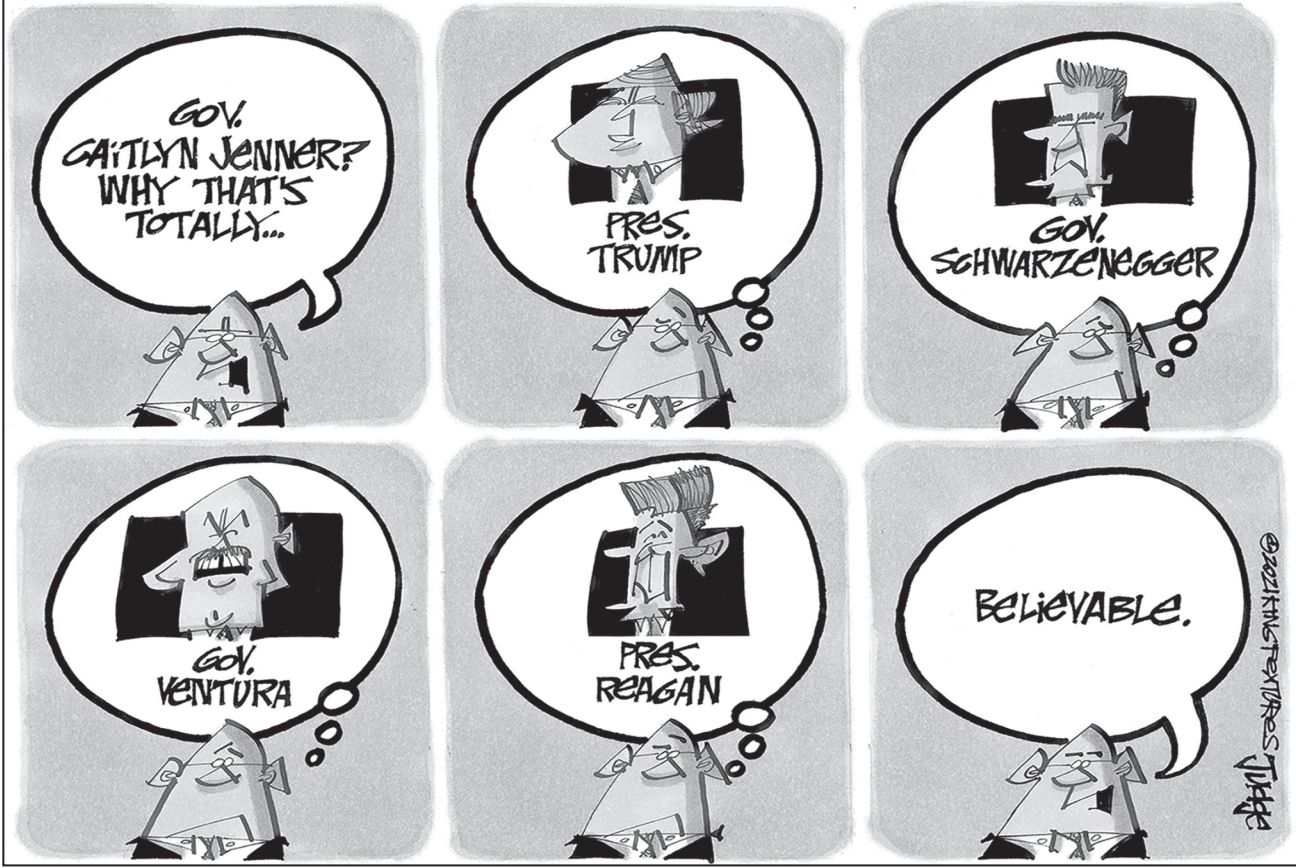
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## Memorable wind cuts swath – 1991

*(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from May 1, 1996.)*

**By Jessica Nashold**

Although no one was reported injured by the big wind five years ago, it was memorable for a number of reasons. The date was April 29, 1991.

A tornado warning was issued by the National Weather Service at 7:30 p.m. But the LaSalle County Emergency Service & Disaster Agency received no advance warning from the National Weather Service, according to Emerson Tidd, coordinator.

**By the time we blew the siren it was already gone and out of here.**

The siren created a major problem as phone lines to the police station were quickly tied up by people seeking information. Police Chief Haun said the police were not even able to get a line to notify the hospital. When the wind knocked out electrical service, callers began using the city’s 911 emergency number. Said Haun –

**They were tying up lines for people who could have had a real emergency.**

Some Mendotans remained without power for three or four hours.

The apparent tornado was first seen in the neighborhood of the fairgrounds and traveled in a northeasterly direction. In addition to taking out power for about 1,500 Mendota residents, it destroyed a farm machinery storage building at the Bill Otterbach farm and a garage at the Arjes farm east of Paw Paw.

While passing near Earlville, it was observed by Wayne and Jeanie Van Horn and caught on camera by 13-year-old Charles Van Horn. The picture was published in the May 1 issue of The Reporter.

In Earlville, a piano recital was in progress at the Lutheran church. Twice it was interrupted while the audience retreated to the basement, and the recital was concluded by candle light.

The big wind was followed by a heavy rain.

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Matt Walter, a serviceman recently returned from Operation Desert Storm,

## Backtracks & Sidetracks

visited Mrs. Gervase’s fifth grade class at Northbrook. The students in that class had written him four times, enclosing pictures and poems with their letters. Walter told them he had shared their letters with others in his unit and they had adopted one of the poems as a motto. He brought photographs and other souvenirs to show the class and answered their many questions.

**All agreed they were scared for him and glad to see him back home safely.**

Many requested an autograph. Walter was scheduled to report May 10, 1991 at Fort Hood.

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John McCall, president of Knox College in Galesburg, spoke at a dinner meeting at the Civic Center attended by friends of the late Watson Bartlett, who shared stories of his life.

President McCall said Bartlett had made a significant bequest to Knox College. The trustees had subsequently determined to establish a professorship in his name.

**It will provide instruction and support for faculty and student research in plant biology, ecology and conservation.**

Two scholarships were also named in memory of Bartlett.

It was noted that although he attended Knox College for only one year, he had “spent the rest of his life teaching himself.” His collection of 850 wildflower slides and other memorabilia are now in Knox College archives, and President McCall said Mendota residents were invited to view them.

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The Christian Food Pantry was relocated to 918 N. Main St. Sister Mary Adele, who organized the project in 1987, was being transferred and Beatrice Arteaga took charge. The project

was sponsored by St. John’s Lutheran and Holy Cross Catholic churches. Sister Mary Adele recalled that on the first day of its operation, the pantry served 11 families.

**Now there are 120 families each month.**

At Thanksgiving, 180 baskets were distributed.

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Bruce Foote, formerly of Triumph and a 1973 graduate of MTHS, was elected president of the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He was Director of Financial Aid at the College of St. Francis in Joliet.

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Aggregate concrete flower containers were installed, one on each side of concrete trash containers set out in downtown Mendota the previous year. There were 14 of each size, costing \$60 and \$70 apiece. When weather permitted, the Men’s Garden Club planned to set out plants.

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Rose Simpson Myers, who had operated Myers Tumbling here from 1975-80, returned to Mendota as dance and tumbling instructor at the Peppermint Twist Dance Academy, 1109 Main St.

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Jim Dunn came to The Mendota Reporter as managing editor in September 1990. He had been with the Daily Gazette if Sterling and in May 1991 he returned to the Gazette. During his brief time at Reporter, he said he had enjoyed covering the arrival of Plano Molding, manufacture of Caboodles. He had also been following closely the effort to retain Combined Communication Services in Mendota. He had found most distressing the disappearance of Veronica Blumhorst and the devastating Trekker Chemical fire.

In a farewell column, he said he wished he might have been able to report before leaving the safe return of Veronica and also a decision on the part of CCS to remain in Mendota.

**Here’s hoping the next editor has the pleasure of covering happy endings to those stories.**

## President Joe Biden’s radical gambit

**By Rich Lowry**

There’s believing your own press releases. And then, there’s believing your own delusions of grandeur.

Joe Biden should look at the mirror every day and see a president elected on the basis of the unpopularity of his predecessor at a time when the country was slammed by a once-in-100-years pandemic.

Instead, by every account, he sees a transformative leader with a mandate to change America as rapidly and irreversibly as possible.

As the news site Axios noted, Biden wants his next 100 days to be “more audacious” than his first 100, as he seeks “to re-engineer the very fundamentals of America -- inequality, voting rights and government’s role in directing economic growth.”

Oh, is that all?

Biden’s drive to make himself the next FDR and erect a massive progressive edifice on the slightest of political foundations is monumentally arrogant and almost certainly bound to fail.

Biden is contemplating the sort of the bait-and-switch that rarely goes over well. Yes, the policy plans he ran on last year were further to the left of Barack Obama’s and of Biden’s own lengthy record as a U.S. senator. But Biden described himself as a moderate who wanted to work with Republicans and restore a sense of normality to Washington.

He said, as he put it when urging Republicans not to fill the Ruth Bader Ginsberg seat on the Supreme Court, “We need to de-escalate, not escalate.”

No one listening to that or a thousand other things Biden said during the campaign would have had him pegged as the guy who’d immediately set about making wrenching changes in the American way of life.

For a would-be FDR, Biden doesn’t seem to understand that a fundamental source of the New Dealer’s power was enormous congressional majorities.

FDR came into office in 1932 with almost a 200-seat majority in the House, 313-117, after Republicans lost more than 100 seats.

Biden came into office in 2020 with a bare 9-seat majority

in the House after Democrats surprisingly lost ground all over the country. It’s the narrowest Democratic House majority since the last two years of the administration of Rutherford B. Hayes.

In the Senate, FDR had 58 Democrats, as Republicans lost 12 seats in 1932 in one of the worst senatorial drubbings in history.

Biden has a 50-50 tie after Democrats eked out two special election victories in Georgia earlier this year, with Vice President Kamala Harris on standby to break ties.

The fate of Biden’s legislative agenda hangs by a thread, depending on whether Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, relatively moderate Democrats, support his proposals. If FDR had been equally dependent on a couple of ideologically unsympathetic Democrats from the outset of his administration, he wouldn’t be FDR.

If Biden feels emboldened by his first 100 days, he’s defining achievement downward. FDR signed into law more than a dozen major measures addressing the Great Depression during his first 100 days, while Biden got a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill -- a huge amount of spending, yes, but much of it is temporary.

Pro-Biden pundits are currently exulting that he has about a 53% approval rating, a respectable showing, if hardly a position of overwhelming strength from which to try to revolutionize the country. Importantly, FDR initially got even more powerful after 1932. Republicans dropped down to only 17 senators and 89 congressmen in 1936, whereas Biden will be lucky to hold on to his slender congressional majorities next year.

With his legislative margin of error so thin, it’s unlikely that Biden will get his way on much besides spending and taxes. Almost all of his sweeping proposals, from federalizing elections to making D.C. a state, will fall by the wayside.

More to the point, it’s wrong for Biden to attempt to force through such radical measures when his mandate for them exists only in his ridiculously inflated self-image.

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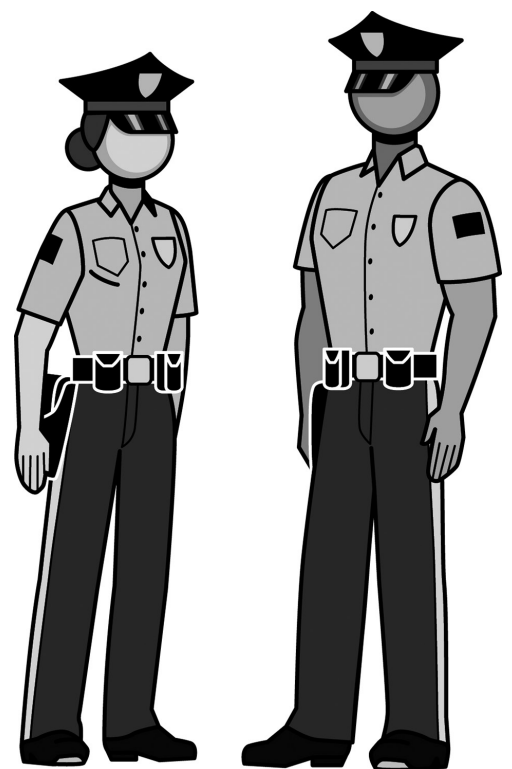
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# MOTHER'S DAY WISHES

## Lincoln School Mrs. Becker

I love when mom gives me hugs. My favorite thing about my mom is she makes bottles so I can feed my calf. She helps me with my homework. She teaches me how to feed calf. She makes me happy when I am sad. She takes me to the store. My favorite things to do with my mom are go to the store and feed a calf.

Emma Renoud

I love when my mom takes me places like a park. My favorite thing about my mom is she is nice when I ask her nicely when I want something. She helps me when I get hurt. She teaches me when I need help with my homework. She makes me pizza when I want it. She takes me to the store when we need stuff. My favorite things to do with my mom are help her make pancakes and go to the park.

Aidon Skaggs

I love when my mom makes me happy. My favorite thing about my mom is she makes me breakfast. She helps me with my homework. She

teaches me how to be a good boy. She makes me cookies. She takes me to the park. My favorite things to do with my mom are play with her and eat ice cream.

Jacob Ryan

I love when my mom hugs me. My favorite thing about my mom is when she bakes cakes for my birthday. She helps me with my homework. She teaches me how to clean my room. She makes me happy when I am sad. She takes me to the park so I can play. My favorite things to do with my mom are cuddling with her.

Lillie Doyle

I love when my mom bakes cookies. My favorite thing about my mom is to snuggle. She helps me cook some hot dogs. She teaches me to write better. She makes me sleep. She takes me to a lot of stores. My favorite things to do with my mom are to help her cook and go to the park.

Cole Dearing

I love when my mom cuddles with me in bed.

My favorite thing about my mom is she is with me when I am alone. She helps me when I'm sad. She teaches me how to tie my shoes. She makes me happy when I'm with her. She takes me out to get ice cream. My favorite things to do with my mom are to play video games with me. She plays with me and my dog and she plays with me.

Brayden Thiele

I love when my mom gets me new things and plays with me. My favorite thing about my mom is that she helps me when I need help. She helps me with my crafts and flash cards. She teaches me how to do new things. She makes me food that I like almost every day. She takes me to McDonald's every once and a while. My favorite things to do with my mom are playing outside and having a fire.

Jake Allen

I love when my mom says goodnight to me. My favorite thing about my mom is her wonderful clothes. She helps me do my math. She teaches me how to do math. She makes my favorite food pizza. She takes me to restaurants. My favorite things to do with my mom are play the game unone.

Jaxx Bonnell

I love when my mom kisses me on the head when I go to school every day. My favorite thing about my mom is that she loves me to the moon and back. She helps me get ready for school every single day. She teaches me how to take a bath by myself. She makes me what I like every day. She takes me on bike rides, vacations and other fun places. My favorite things to do with my mom are going on vacations and watching movies with her.

Cruz Arteaga

favorite things to do with my grandma are make a project.

Lynny Read

I love when my mom is nice. She is so nice. I love mommy. My favorite thing about my mom is she is so nice. She is the best mom. She helps me to fold clothes and tie shoes. She teaches me to tell time and to learn time. She makes cookies to eat. I love them. She takes me to shops. My favorite things to do with my mom are to play a board game.

Alexa Loutsch

student. She makes me a good lunch for school and at home. She takes me to the park when I want to. My favorite things to do with my mom are to play games and go to the park and do stuff with me.

Camden Milus

I love when my mom helps me with my homework and cleanup. My favorite thing about my mom is she loves when I help her do work. She helps me get ready for school. She teaches me softball for softball games. She makes me a snack when I get home from school. She takes me to softball practice and games. My favorite things to do with my mom are to read with her and eat together.

Hailey McCormick

I love when my mom gets pizza from Pizza Hut. My favorite thing about my mom is she's nice. She helps me with my homework when I need help. She teaches me about math at home. She makes me dinner every night like mac and cheese. She takes me to fun places like the water park. My favorite things to do with my mom are to go to the water park and to go to the movie theater.

Jayla Francis



I love when my grandma buys me a toy. My favorite thing about my grandma is that when it's hot she'll give me a popsicle. She helps me with my homework when I need it. She teaches me how to tell time. She makes me a chocolate cookie. She takes me to the park and go down a slide. My

I love when my mom plays with me at the park and plays games with me. My favorite thing about my mom is she will give me stuff when I want it sometimes. She helps me when I get hurt and if I need help on my homework. She teaches me to be a good kid and

## Lincoln School Mrs. Sondgeroth

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom is at home. My favorite thing is to play catch with my mom. My mom helps me with math. She takes me to the park. she teaches me how to do math. She makes me happy. My favorite thing to do with my mom is to play kinetic sand.

Love,  
Kaden Young

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom makes my favorite food. My favorite thing about my mom is she loves me so much. She helps me do my homework. She teaches me to cook good things. She makes me smile and laugh. She takes me to Claire's and shopping. My favorite thing to do with my mom are crafts and make food and fun games.

Love,  
Bella S.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when you hug me. My favorite thing about you is you are kind. You help me do my homework. You teach me to be kind. You make me feel happy. You take me to the park. my favorite thing to do with you is play a board game and watch a movie.

Love,  
Eliza C.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom gets some toy. She helps me do homework. She makes me a lot of pancakes. She takes me to a hotel.

Love,  
Abi C.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom plays with me. My favorite thing about my mom is when she gives me hugs and kisses. She helps me

with my homework. She teaches me to be kind to one another. She makes me happy. She takes me to the park. My favorite things to do with my mom are playing and snuggling.

Love,  
Arieah Snyder

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when you watch movies with me, bake delicious desserts, cuddle, hug, come outside with me. I love your smile, curly hair, hugs, you help me with my homework and take me to the nail salon.

Love,  
Kate Kleckner

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when you make my favorite food. You take me to fun places. You help clean my room and you teach me to be kind. You make me happy you come on a scary water slide. Your smile makes me happy because you're happy.

Love,  
Paul P.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom hugs me tight. My favorite thing about my mom is she is so kind and she tells me story and I love her smile. She helps me with my homework. She taught me to ride a bike. She makes me feel like I am lucky to be her kid. She takes me where I want to go. My favorite things to do with my mom are snuggle until my baby brother tells me to move.

Love,  
Dia Z.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when you have fun. My favorite thing about my mom is her kindness. She helps me with my homework. She teaches me how to subtract. She makes me happy because of her smile. She takes me to my aunt's house. My favorite things to do with my mom are when I hug her.

Love,  
Isabella R.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love you because you help me on my good and bad days. My favorite thing about you is you make yummy food and you clean up my mess when I'm with my friends. You help me clean up my mess and homework. You make me be kind even to the people I don't like. You take me to the store and grandma's house. Favorite things to do go walk and playing guess who.

Love,  
#1 daughter  
Jaya A.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love my mom when she makes my favorite food. My favorite thing about my mom is her hugs. She helps me with my

homework. She teaches me to be kind. She makes me feel lucky because I'm with her. She takes me to school. My favorite things to do with my mom are to play with her and my dad with toys.

Your favorite daughter,  
Daniela A.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom says I'm the best. My favorite thing about my mom is that she is super duper nice. She helps me when I am cleaning and when she helps me when I get hurt. She teaches me how to do lots of things. She makes me happy whenever I see her. She takes me to a lot of places. My favorite things to do with my mom are game night and movie night.

Love,  
Lily Skjoldager

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom kisses and hugs me at night. My favorite thing about my mom is she is my own teacher. She helps me with my homework. She teaches me about computers. She makes me lunch. She takes me to the park. My favorite thing to do with my mom are to go outside and go on walks.

Love,  
Collin K.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom tells me to snuggle with her. My favorite thing about my mom is when she lets me sleep over at my friend's house. She helps me with my homework. She teaches me how to wash dishes. She makes me snuggle with her. She takes me to my grandma's house when my cousins are there and to the park. My favorite things to do with my mom are make

food for dinner that we get from TikTok.

Love,  
Your favorite daughter  
Kamilah Raya

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when you make my favorite spaghetti and mac-n-cheese. My favorite thing about my mom is that she tells me stuff from when I wasn't born. She helps me with my homework. She teaches me that when you are done with it, you should put stuff back. She makes me the best spaghetti ever. She takes me on vacation. My favorite thing to do with my mom is play beyblades.

Love,  
Maurizio Orozco

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when my mom plays with me and my family plays games. My favorite thing about my mom is her kisses and hugs. She helps me with remote learning. She teaches me to be kind and loving. She makes me fold clothes and do dishes. She takes me on an airplane to Texas. My favorite things to do with my mom are to fold clothes, sing and play games.

Love,  
Jaxson V.

Dear Mom,  
You are so special to me. I love when you are not at work. My favorite thing about my mom is watching a movie with her. She helps me do homework. She teaches me about how you're supposed to put things back when you are done. She makes me dinner. She takes me to the park and to go fishing. My favorite thing to do with my mom is to go outside on a walk with our dog.

Love,  
Jace Schnaiter





# MOTHER'S DAY WISHES

## Lincoln School Mrs. Estrada

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me ayuda con mi taye. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es cuando me cuida. Ella me ayuda a escribir bonito. Ella me enseña a cosinar. Ella me hace comida bien buena. Elle me lleva a Mexico. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es pasa tiempo conmigo. Naomi Arteaga

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá pasa tiempo conmigo. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es me ayuda con mi tarea y a leer. Ella me ayuda a cuidarme. Ella me enseña como ayudar gente. Ella me hace comida que mi gusta. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es hacer tarea y jugar con mi mama. Antonio Arteaga

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me cuida y me ayuda cuando la nesesito. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es que cuando yo nesesito ayuda ella siempre esta. Ella me ayuda a ser un niño mejor.

Ella me enseña cosinar y hacer tarea. Ella me hace muy feliz y contento. Elle me lleva al parque y a la libreria. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es pasar tiempo con ella y jugar con ella. Emiliano Casa-Valle

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me hace cosquillas y mi mamá le gusta murarme reir. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es porque yo y mi mamá miramos television. Ella me ayuda a limpiar mu cuarto y yo le ayudo limpiar la sala. Ella me enseña a dibujar muchas cosas. Ella me hace comida cuando digo yo y dise si. Elle me lleva a Peru cuando va me envita. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es me gusta abrazar a mi mamá. Brianna Escatel

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me hace tamales eh mi cumpleaños y pastel y arroz. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es que hace los tamales perfecto. Ella me ayuda a con mi tarea. Ella me

enseña como a cosinar. Ella me hace cafe de chocolate. Elle me lleva a la Michuqcana. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es jugar afriyera con las bicicletas. Aldo Loya

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me hace reir mucho y me lee un libra. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es me enseña cosas y a aprender cosas. Ella me ayuda con la tarea y mis problems. Ella me enseña a cosinar mucho. Ella me hace limpiar la casa mucho. Elle me lleva a la tienda, a la casa di mitia y a la escuela. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es hacer la tarea conmigo y pasa tiempo conmigo tambien. Michelle Montes

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me ayuda con mi tarea. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es cuando me calma. Ella me ayuda a con mis perros. Ella me enseña como limpiar. Ella me hace arroz. Elle me lleva a la Walmart. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es ir de compras con ella. Santiago Ocampo-Gonzalez

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me abraza. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es cuando ella me hace tamales. Ella me ayuda a mi tarea. Ella me enseña haser tratias. Ella me hace tamales. Elle me lleva al es cuela. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es ver la tele con ella. Aaron Ortega

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá se sienta a ver la television y se rie cuando ago bromas. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es que en mi mamá me compor un muñeca bien linder. Ella me ayuda a hacer tarea y hacer mi cama. Ella me enseña cosinar y amarrar mis zapatos. Ella me hace comida y me hace tamales. Elle me lleva a Mitisoda y Mishigan. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es que me ama mucho y que se pasa mucho conmigo. Arianna Quintana

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me abarzay. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es qui mi ama. Ella me ayuda a recojer. Ella me enseña a lavar los tarsters. Ella me hace coskiyas. Elle me llevaa la

## Feliz Día de las Madres

casa de mi aduela. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es jugar afuera. Alexander Rivera

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me ayuda hacer la tarea. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es qui mu ayuda manager la bicicelta. Ella me ayuda a recoger mis jugetes. Ella me enseña sopresa y muy grandes. Ella me hace comida muy ricol. Elle me lleva al parque. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es jugar con Isreal y sofi. Angel Rivera

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá me compra cosas. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es cuando me levanta para ir a la escuela. Ella me ayuda a abrochar mis zapatos. Ella me enseña como aprender. Ella me hace sopita. Elle me lleva a la tienda. Loque más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es ver television. Genises Valdez

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá camina mi perro porque yo estoy en la escuela. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es cuando mi mamá esta conmigo. Ella me ayuda a limpiar todos los dias. Ella me enseña hacer tarea y escribir. Ella me hace comida. Elle me lleva a todos lados. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es cosinar y limpiar. Camilla Valencia

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mamá cosina cesadiyas para toda mi familia. Loque más me gusta de mi mamá es su sonrisa. Ella me ayuda a escribir en cruismo. Ella me enseña el calendario para saber las semanas. Ella me hace tortiyas con carne. Elle me lleva a los tiendas. Lo que más me gusta hacer con mi mamá es ayudarle con lavar los platos y lavar la ropa susia y con hablar ingles. Angie Vaszques

## Lincoln School Mrs. Cleary

I love when my mom plays with me and cuddles with me. My favorite thing about my mom is sweet and she is nice. She helps me learn how to ride my bike. She teaches me new things. She makes me yummy food. She takes me to fun places. My favorite things to do with my mom are go on a bike ride with me. By Sophia Garcia

I love when my mom turns on her favorite TV show because it is interesting to me. My favorite thing about my mom is that she is polite and sweet and she makes me proud of her. She helps me do my hair and my homework. She teaches me to be good and polite and to be a lady. She makes me smile and happy and sometimes sleepy well doing my homework. She takes me to McDonald's and WalMart to buy my favorite toy. My favorite

things to do with my mom are to eat ice cream and watch a movie. Hayle Luebbing

I love when my mom takes me to fun places. My favorite thing about my mom is loving her. She helps me a lot. She teaches me good things. She makes me a good person. My favorite things to do with my mom are playing games with her and spending time with her. Kayne Schneider

I love when my mom gives me hugs. My favorite thing about my mom is her hugs. She helps me with remote learning. She teaches me how to cook. She makes me cookies. She takes me to Culvers to get ice cream. My favorite things to do with my mom are watch TV, lay down. Brad Betz

I love when my mom

gives me love and kiss to. My favorite thing about my mom is she is nice to me. She helps me with school and home work. She teaches me bed stories and gives me kiss. She takes me to the park to. My favorite things to do with my mom are pating with my mom! Lily Krisels

I love when my mom plays with me. My favorite thing about my mom is when she hugs me for 5 or 6 seconds. She helps me with homework and with things that I don't know. She teaches me to be a good boy. She makes me happy when she plays with me sometimes because she works too hard in my house because she does dishes, cooks food, organizes clothes. She takes me to my grandma. My grandma and grandpa also live in Mexico. My favorite things to do with my mom are playing and helping her with dishes and learning stuff with my mom. Jesse Lopez

I love when my mom lets me go to my cousin. My favorite thing about my mom is she is so kind when I want to buy something she buys it for me. She helps me with learning and she helps me with

my room. She teaches me when I had e learning she teaches me stuff I do not know. She makes me food for my dad and my sister, me. She takes me to sxhool and she picks up me from school. My favorite things to do with my mom are my mom and me like to go out to eat at a restaurant. Armani Quintana



I love when my mom watches tv with me. My favorite thing about my mom is she doesn't bother me. She helps me get in zoom classes. She makes me clean. She doesn't takes me anywhere. My favorite things to do with my mom are watch tv. Leroy Price

I love when my mom cooks food and makes me happy. My favorite thing about my mom is I love my moms styles I love her hair. She helps me do my homework. She teaches me how to do my homework. She makes me food and she make be clean

my room. She takes me to Wisconsin Dells for vacation. My favorite things to do with my mom are go on bike rides with her. Jaylyn Piskie

I love when my mom snuggles me on the week-ends and sleeps with me all night. My favorite thing about my mom is that she lets me eat dinner in the living room. She helps me get to school. She teaches me how to sleep because one day I couldn't sleep because I was sick because my tonsils were sticking together which is why I was sick. She makes me happy because she is sweet. She takes me to the cottage, that means camper. My favorite things to do with my mom are musical chairs, boy vs girl challenge, but we are not done yet. Adam Cox

I love when my mom cuddles me. My favorite thing about my mom is she takes care of me. She helps me when I need to do homework and when I can't sleep she sings "Sunshine" to me. She teaches me how to cook noodles and mac and cheese and not to steal. She makes me dinner and my lunch. She takes me to the store so I could buy a toy. Guess what? It's not just any store, everything in the store is a dollar! My favorite things to do with

my mom are watch movies with her and like cooking dinner with her at night. Sam George

I love when my mom makes me mac and cheese and Ramen noodles. My favorite thing about my mom is she got me a puppy. She helps me with homework and spelling and taking stuff out of the electric grill. She teaches me about history. She makes me learn about history. She takes me home. My favorite things to do with my mom are watch tv and ride my bike and also play catch and play clue. Trenton Cantrell

I love when my mom Isabel's write me. My favorite thing about my mom is she plays catch with me. She helps me learn. She teaches me how to be strong. She makes me food for dinner. Sebastian Harzheim

She takes me to Wendys for food. My favorite things to do with my mom are go outside with her. Sebastian Harzheim

I love when my mom we have family with. My favorite thing about my mom is that she has caorm. She helps me write. She teaches me how to play sorry. She makes me food. She takes me to dollar general. My favorite things to do with my mom are that we got to the park. Mia Gutierrez

Annabelle,  
I was in Jerry's Flower Barn today and WOW has he got a lot of new and different vignettes with Spring to Summer colorful door swags. Mother's Day is coming and I felt it would be a different gift for Mom. Jerry also has indoor doorknob bell decorations - different and colorful - and an excellent gift from the grandkids. Mom would also appreciate a new door design. Let me know and I'll go and pick one out before they are picked over. Jerry and Sue make all their designs and they are beautiful and stunning as always.

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## Lincoln School Mrs. Buettner

I love my mom because she is fun. She lets me go next door. She buys toys for me. Love, Mayson Desirena

I love my mom because she is my mom. She cooks

for me and buys cereal. Love, Jaylah Sotelo

I love my mom because she lets me eat chips and play video games. Love, Ayden Stallings



# MOTHER'S DAY WISHES

## Lincoln School Mrs. Blue

Dear Mom,  
I love when you take care of me when I'm sick. My favorite thing about you is you make me laugh. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to do my homework. Love you mom. Happy Mother's Day.  
Julian A.

Dear Mom,  
I love you because you are there for me. My favorite thing about you is you are kind. My favorite thing to do with you is to spend time with you. I am glad you are my mom.  
Olympia B.

Dear Mom,  
Mom, you are awesome and polite. Mom, I love you with all my heart. I love my mom. Happy Mother's Day.  
Zach G.

Dear Mom,  
I love when you see me after coming down the slide. You make me dinner and lunch. I love you mom and I am happy you are my mom. You take me to the

park. My favorite things to do with you are to take care of me. You teach me how to feel better. Happy Mother's Day.  
Karessa B.

Dear Grandma,  
I love you so much when you play uno with me. I love when you pick me up in school. I like when you take me to the park. I love you so much.  
Love,  
Lyncoln

Dear Mom,  
Happy Mother's Day. I love you so much. You are the best mom ever. You are so kind. When dad is gone you let me sleep in your bed. We spend lots of time together. You let me buy new toys. I'm lucky I have an awesome mom.  
Love,  
Emma D.

Dear Mom,  
I love when you woke with you mom. My favorite thing about you is watching a movie with me. You teach me. You make me pizza. You take me to

the rodeo. I love you mom.  
Mason F.

Dear Mom,  
I love when you read me a story. My favorite thing about you are always there for me. You teach me how to cook cookies. You make me happy when I am sad. You take me to my grandma. My favorite thing to do with you are you play with and you love me. I love you.  
Shelby F.

Dear Mom,  
I love when you are funny. My favorite thing about you is you love me. You make me feel better when I am sick. You teach me to be nicer. You make my favorite dinner. You take me to the bounce house. My favorite things to do with you are play with you, do jokes to each other, love each other. You are the best. Love you.  
Elijah G.

I love my mom because she takes me to the park. I love you mom.  
Kaden H.

Dear Mom,  
I love when you help me figure stuff out. You take me to the beach. You make me chicken. My favorite things to do with you are

decorating trees and hunting eggs. You are very nice and pretty. No one is better than you. I love you. You love me. You are the best mom ever and I will give you a dandelion. Happy Mother's Day.  
Corbin

Dear Mom,  
I love when my mom is so kind. My favorite thing about my mom is she gives me a lot of hugs. She helps me when I need it. She teaches me how to be a big girl. She makes me happy. She takes me to Florida. My favorite things to do with my mom are snuggling and have time together. I love you so much.  
Brooklyn Mauch

Dear Mom,  
You and I love to go fishing a lot. Me and you love to go out to a restaurant and eat too. Happy Mother's Day.  
Chloe N.

Dear Mom,  
I love you like cake and you're sweet. You're important and dad. Stars of glitter and smores of delight, rainbows, glitter. Love you, love all of you. Hope you enjoy reading this. Happy Mother's Day.  
By Mara

Dear Mommy,  
I love when you make breakfast for dinner. My favorite thing about you is you are always there for me. You help me ride my bike. You teach me how to swim. You make me dinner. You take me to my babysitter. My favorite things to do with you is being with you. I will never forget you. I love you.  
Jocelyn Oman



Dear Mom,  
I love when you watch me walk to school. My favorite thing about you is you play games with me. You help me with my math homework. You take me to the store. You make me clean my room. My favorite thing to do with is to go to the outlets in Wisconsin. Happy Mother's Day.

er's Day mom. I love you.  
Nadia R.

Dear Mom,  
I love when you tuck me in and when you play with me and when we go for a walk and you taught me how to ride a bike and you make good chicken nuggets. Happy Mother's Day.  
Chance R.

Dear Mom,  
I love when you tuck me in at night. My favorite thing about you is you are a good cook. You help me with my homework. You teach how to do my math best. You make me laugh when I am sad. You take me on walks. My favorite things to do with you is to play board games. I love you.  
Kayli S.

Dear Mom,  
I love when you take care of me. My favorite thing about you is you spend time with me. You help me when I get hurt. You teach me by helping me on homework. You make me do chores. You take me to the store. My favorite things to do with you are go the park and watch movies together.  
Love,  
Zach S.

## Holy Cross School

Dear Mom,  
I love you because you cook, you help me with homework, fish, play and shop. I also like it when we go on ranger rider. Thank you for helping me when I'm sick.  
Love,  
Mason

Dear Mom,  
I love you mom because you cook food. You also help me with my homework. I also like it when you help me make my bed and clean my room. You take care of me and also you love me very, very, very much. You take me places that are fun and cool. You are the best mom ever.  
Love,  
Brady

Dear Mom,  
I love you because you help me clean my room. Thank you for helping me with my homework. I like it when you play uno with me. Thank you for being the best mom ever. Super fun to hang out with too.  
Love,  
Eliana

Dear Mom,  
I love you because you take care of me, you cook and you are very kind. Mom, thank you for reading Spanish books to me and to my brother. Thank you for being with me at home, thank you for being the best mom I could ever have. Happy Mother's Day and have a good day.  
Love,  
Samantha Escatel

Dear Mom,  
I love you so much. You cook for me and love me. You are the best.  
From Henry

Dear Mom,  
I love you mom because you're cool, you help me

do my homework and help me when I'm sad. Things I like to do with my mom are jump on our trampoline, go for bike rides and to go to Mama and Pi's. Three things my mom does for me are do the dishes, fold the laundry and make the beds.  
Love,  
Paul



Dear Mom,  
I love mom because you take care of me. Thank you for playing with me. Thank you for helping me with my homework and tucking me in to bed. Thank you for helping me take out groceries and put new flowers.  
Love,  
Nolan

Dear Mom,  
I love you mom because you cook, you help me do homework and sometimes you play with me. I like it when you read with me. I also like it when you clean my clothes and when I am sick you help me to feel better, you help me do the dishes and you tell me how to speak.  
Love,  
Mingxi

Dear Mom,  
I love you because you help me when I am sick. You help me get ready for

school. You buy me toys. Thank you for helping me clean my room. You help me pack my lunch. You buy me school supplies. You also buy me masks.  
Love,  
Sofia

Dear Mom,  
I love you mom because you are nice, kind, you love me, care for me and you're funny. I like it when we go on walks together. I like watching movies with you. You are a very good cook and I like to bake with you. You taught me how to tell time. We like to go shopping together.  
Love,  
Macy

Dear Mom,  
I love you mom because you cook, you help me do my homework and help me do the dishes. Thank you for doing my laundry. Thank you for helping me clean my room. Thank you for being the best mom in the world.  
Love,  
Marley

Dear Mom,  
I love you because you cook, you help me get to school and you keep me safe. Thank you for the new house, the new room and the food you give me, Josh and Haden. I like to have dinner with you and read books with you. I also like to go swimming with you.  
Love,  
Brooklyn

Dear Mom,  
I love you mom because you are nice, you cook very good food and you are helpful. Thank you for doing all the things with me. You help me with my homework, you help me with practicing softball and you help me when I'm sick. Thank you for everything that you do for me.  
Love,  
Ally

Dear Mom,  
I love you because you cook, you help me when I need help. Thank you

mom for being protective of me. Thank you for listening to me. Thank you for being there for me.

Thank you for letting me do to my friends.  
Love,  
Jaxson



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## BLESSED EVENTS

**WENZEL** – Bryce Wenzel and Carly Dean, boy, April 4, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

**VOGL** – Mr. and Mrs. Keith Vogl (Emily Schwingle) of LaSalle, girl, April 4, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

**KASPERSKI** – Mr. and Mrs. Clay Kasperski (Ashton Shaw) of Hennepin, boy, April 10, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

**DEPAUW** – Chad DePauw and Nicole Walker of Princeton, girl, April 26, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

## IN MEMORIAM

**In Loving Memory of BOB (BOMPS) KNOPP who went to heaven May 8, 2002.**

To see your face and watch your smile, to sit with and talk awhile, to be together in the same old way would be our greatest wish today. The tears in our eyes we can wipe away, but the ache in our hearts will always stay. Life goes on we know that's true, but nothing is the same since we lost you. Those special memories of you will always bring a smile if only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do, you always meant so very much and always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart until we meet again. Of all the many blessings however great or small to have had you in our lives was the greatest one of all.

**Deeply loved and missed forever, Cheryl, Merrill, Matt, Maurine, Mason, Morgan, Michelle, Tony, Ava, Addisyn, Mike & Amanda**

## Public Nuisance Ordinance

**MENDOTA** – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances.

It is against city ordinance to have accumulations of trash, building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin.

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

## POLICE BLOTTER

### BATTERY

Shirley Monarrez, 70, of 1639 William Way, Mendota, was charged with battery at 5:17 p.m. April 28 after police officers conducted an investigation after receiving a report of a disturbance at 1641 William Way at 5:56 p.m. April 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### JUVENILE ARRESTED

A 14-year-old juvenile was arrested at 11:05 p.m. April 30 for a violation of a court order after police officers conducted an investigation after receiving a report of a juvenile matter complainant. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Juvenile Detention Center to appear before a judge.

### NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Rodney C. Rowe, 18, of Sauk Village, was charged with driving with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Washington Street and Pennsylvania Avenue at 10:50 p.m. May 1. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### WARRANT ARREST

Asia L. Cordova, 25, of 907 Monroe St., Mendota, was arrested at 12:53 a.m. May 2 on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear/traffic offense. The subject posted bond and was released with a Lee County court date.

## IVCC names VP of business services & finance

**OGLESBY** – Streator Township High School Supt. Matt Seaton has been appointed Illinois Valley Community College's Vice President for Business Services and Finance, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran announced.

The board of trustees made the appointment at its May 3 reorganizational meeting. Seaton will start at IVCC June 17. Current V.P. of Business Services Cheryl Roelfsema will retire July 31 after 13 years in the position.

Corcoran said, "I am very much looking forward to working with Dr. Seaton and know that he will do a great job for the college."

His leadership team's track record for success at Streator Township High School speaks for itself and he will quickly find a talented group of dedicated professionals ready to work with him at IVCC."

When Seaton was hired at Streator in May 2014, the school's deficit was \$1.3 million. By June 2016 it was \$42,000 and surplus budgets have been adopted each year since. In addition, STHS will complete a three-phase, \$12 million construction plan this summer.

Seaton worked previously in southeastern Illinois as Red Hill Superintendent from 2009 to 2014

and as Red Hill principal from 2007 to 2009. He was director of music at Mount Carmel High School from 2002 to 2007.

He earned bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees in education from Eastern Illinois University and the Doctor of Education from Illinois State University in 2019.

A native of Mount Carmel, Seaton was the student trustee and Student Senate President while earning an

associate's degree at Wash Valley College.

Seaton and his wife Jill, an employee of the Streator YMCA, have six children.

"We are really looking forward to this. IVCC is an excellent fit for us," Seaton said. "I am so excited about the opportunity to work with the faculty, staff and board of trustees. Dr. Corcoran has been so welcoming. I have a great feeling about this."

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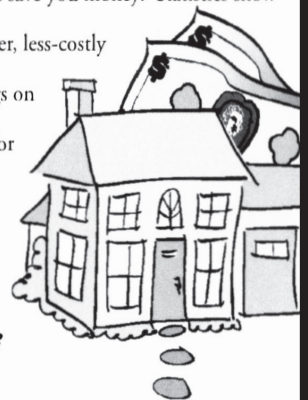
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# SPORTS



## Heading to Kansas

Ty Connelly, a senior at Mendota High School, signs a letter of intent to attend Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, Kan., to participate in cross country and wrestling. Looking on are his parents, Cheryl and Michael. In back are MHS cross country coach Kevin Wohrley, left, and wrestling coach Dale Meyers. (Photo contributed)

## MHS girls blanked in 3 BNC contests

The Mendota Lady Trojans traveled to Byron for a Big Northern Conference soccer matchup and the host team claimed a 4-0 victory. Eli Avila was in goal for Mendota and had seven saves.

\*\*\* Mendota played on its home turf for the first time this season and Oregon came away with a 1-0 victory. The Lady Trojans created multiple chances to score in the second half, but just

weren't able to find the back of the net. Avila had 13 saves in goal. \*\*\* Dixon blanked Mendota, 10-0, on April 29 at Dixon. Avila had 11 goal saves for the Lady Trojans.

## Rock Falls outslugs MHS in softball season opener

ROCK FALLS – Mendota and Rock Falls slugged it out for seven innings before the host Lady Rockets prevailed, 13-12, in the softball season-opener for the Lady Trojans on April 28. Rock Falls jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the opening frame and held a seemingly comfortable 11-2 advantage after four innings before Mendota came storming back. The Lady Trojans plated six runs in the top of the fifth to make it 11-8, but Rock Falls responded with a pair of tallies in the bottom of the inning. After both teams went scoreless in the sixth,

Mendota pushed across four runs in the top of the seventh, but it was one run too short. Both teams were in mid-season form with the bats as the Lady Trojans collected 10 hits and Rock Falls banged out 17. Katie Jenner had two doubles and scored three runs for Mendota, while Lauren Martin, Paige Manning and Felicia Artega had two singles apiece. Emma Schultz added a double for the Lady Trojans. Manning (LP) got the start in the circle and pitched into the fifth inning before being relieved by Mary DeFore.

## Indian Creek, Earlville dominate Little 10 all-soccer selections

EARLVILLE – The Little Ten Conference soccer coaches have recognized the following players as all-conference selections for the 2021 (spring) season. **Indian Creek:** Conference Champions, Conference Tournament Runner-up – \*\*Drew Gaston (Sr...F)—28 goals and 10 assists in 14 games; Three-Time Unanimous Selection; \*\*Cameron Russell (Sr...MF)—11 goals and 9 assists in 11 games; Three-Time Unanimous Selection; \*\*Brennen McNally (Sr...F)—5 goals and 11 assists in 14 games; Repeat Unanimous Selection; \*\*Davis Stryker (Sr...D)—Top defender for defense that earned 5 shutouts in 14 games, also had 3 goals and 4 assists; Repeat Unanimous Selection; Logan Bend (Sr...GK)—5 shutouts, 80 saves and 1.734 GAA in 14 games **Earlville:** Conference Runner-up, Conference Tournament Champions – \*\*Devyn Kennedy (Sr...F/MF)—20 goals and 9 assists in 9 games vs conference opponents; Three-Time Unanimous Selection; \*\*Jeremy Gomez (SR...MF)—5 goals and 6 assists in 9 games vs conference opponents; \*\*Bryar Keller

(Jr...MF)—7 goals in 8 games vs conference opponents from outside mid position; \*\*Garrett Cook (So...GK)—3 shutouts, 45 saves, .833 save % and 1.0 GAA in 9 games vs conference opponents; \*\*Diego Vazquez (So...F/MF)—15 goals and 8 assists in 9 games vs conference opponents **Somonauk-Leland Coop:** Conference 3rd Place – \*\*Julio Salgado (Sr...MF)—5 goals in 9 games from left midfield position; \*\*Carter Andrews (Jr...F)—9 goals and 3 assists in 9 games; \*\*Lance Grandgeorge (Fr...MF)—10 goals and 9 assists in 9 games **Hinckley-Big Rock:** \*\*Connor Bullard (Sr...F)—16 goals and 2 assists; \*\*Riley Hogan (Sr...MF/D)—12 goals and 3 assists **Newark-Seneca Coop:** \*\*Carson Collet (Sr...MF)—8 goals and 4 assists; Repeat Unanimous Selection **Serena:** Conference Tournament 3rd Place – \*\*Conner Holdiman (Sr...MF)—team leader in assists and second in scoring; Repeat Unanimous Selection **DePue-Hall Coop:** \*\*Jackson Heiden (Sr...MF)—3 goals and 3 assists (\*\*Denotes unanimous selection)

## Planning some early-season boating? Review the safety requirements now

SPRINGFIELD—Boaters are heading out on the water on pleasant spring days, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation Police are reminding boat owners and operators to check their watercraft and their safety checklist to avoid encountering problems on Illinois lakes and rivers this boating season. “No matter when you are on the water this season, make the safety of you, your passengers, and other boaters your most important consideration,” said IDNR Office of Law Enforcement Director Timothy Tyler. “Review a boating safety checklist, and make sure your boat is tuned up and ready for the season before you back down the boat ramp or push off from the dock.”

- Some items on the Illinois boater safety checklist:
- Coast Guard-approved life jackets/personal floatation devices (PFDs) for everyone onboard - and all persons under age 13 must wear a PFD while a vessel is underway;
  - If the boat is 16 ft. or longer, it must have a throwable floatation device (ring, cushion with straps) available;
  - Working fire extinguisher properly charged;
  - Working horn and a whistle;
  - Navigation lights must function properly;
  - Fresh flares (whether required or not); and
  - Current proof of registration/copy of registration application (if required).

## Little 10 coaches select top volleyball players for spring

EARLVILLE – The Little Ten Conference volleyball coaches have recognized the following players as all-conference selections for the 2021 (spring) season. **Newark:** Conference Champs, Conference Tournament champs – \*\*Madi Malone (Sr...OH)—164 kills, 58 digs, 99% serving with 16 aces in 12 matches; Four-Time Unanimous Selection; \*\*Megan Williams (Jr...OH)—140 kills, 26 blocks, 91.7% serving with 27 aces in 19 matches; Three-Time Unanimous Selection; \*\*Taylor Christian (Sr...S)—405 assists, 62 digs, 97% serving with 24 aces in 19 matches; Repeat Unanimous Selection; Cassidy Adams (Sr...L)—169 digs, 92% serving with 19 aces in 19 matches; KJ Friestad (Jr...MB)—56 kills, 15



blocks, 92% serving in 19 matches **Indian Creek:** Conference runner-up, Conference Tournament Runner-Up – \*\*Audrey Witte (So...OH)—67 kills, 74 digs, 20 aces in 17 matches; Repeat Unanimous Selection; Trysta Foster (Sr...OH)—106 kills, 55 digs, 93% serving with 27 aces in 17 matches; Three-Time Selection; Kaitlyn Frazier (Jr...L/DS)—77 digs, 92.66% serving with 17 aces in 17 matches **Earlville:** Conference 3rd Place, Conference Tournament 3rd Place – \*\*Brynn Guelde (Jr...OH)—92 kills, 69 digs, 88.8% serving with 18 aces in 18 matches; Emma Benson (Jr...S)—253 assists, 90 digs, 30 aces in 18 matches **Somonauk:** Katelynn Tripp (Sr...OH)—53 kills, 64 digs in 18 matches; Repeat Selection **Serena:** Paige Sexton (So...OH)—89 kills, 31 digs, 17 aces, 14 blocks; Repeat Selection (\*\*Denotes unanimous selection)

## 3 Spikers earn all-BNC honors

□ Fitzgerald a 1st-teamer, Massey on 2nd, O'Donnell HM

MENDOTA—Three Mendota Spikers were honored for their volleyball play this season by being recognized by the Big Northern Conference with all-conference honors. Heading the list of all-BNC performers was senior Jaelyn Fitzgerald, who was chosen to the first team. Senior Ella Massey landed on the second team, while senior Jenna O'Donnell was an honorable mention selection. **FIRST TEAM** Claire Bickett, Fr., Rock Falls; Jenae Bothe, Jr., Ore-

gon; Jaelyn Fitzgerald, Sr., Mendota; Hannah Langton, Fr., Genoa-Kingston; Izzie McKinley, Jr., Byron; Lily Mueller, So., Genoa-Kingston; Mallory Pinske, Jr., Rock Falls; Kayla Spangler, So., Rockford Lutheran; Lauren Spangler, Sr., Rockford Lutheran **SECOND TEAM** Mallory Coley, Jr., Dixon; Cara Goff, Jr., Rock Falls; Ella Martin, Sr., Oregon; Ella Massey, Sr., Mendota; Addyson Myers, Jr., Byron; Jaycie Sheean, Jr., Rockford Lutheran; Hayley Starkey, Sr., Winnebago; Kennedy

Swenson, So., Stillman Valley; Kylie Wilhelmi, Jr., Rockford Lutheran **HONORABLE MENTION** Addie Blais, So., Rockford Christian; Jadyne Bothe, Sr., Oregon; Maia Carlson, So., Byron; Leilani Guzman, Sr., North Boone; Alivia Keegan, Fr., Genoa-Kingston; Addyson Kinn, Sr., Dixon; Bianca Namuyomba, Sr., Winnebago; Jenna O'Donnell, Sr., Mendota; Madeline Smith, So., Stillman Valley; Denali Stonitsch, Fr., Rock Falls; Liz Ullrich, Sr., Rockford Lutheran

## Trojans lose two by 10-run rule

Rock Falls took advantage of wildness by Mendota pitchers to down the Trojans, 11-1, in a game called after five innings by the 10-run rule on April 28 at the MHS field. It was the season-opener for Mendota. While three Mendota pitchers only allowed two hits, the Rockets benefited from 15 walks and two hit batsmen by those hurlers, as well as four errors committed by the Trojan defense. Rock Falls took a 1-0 lead in the first and then added five more runs in the second, four in the third and one in the fourth. Mendota's only tally came in the fourth on an RBI single by Connor Engel, one of two hits he collected in the game. John Gonzalez also had a pair of singles for the Trojans. Krew Bond got the start on the mound for Mendota and took the loss. He gave way to Ted Landgraf in the second. Dominik Stamberger pitched a scoreless two innings for the Trojans. \*\*\*

The Trojans were beaten by the 10-run rule again, this time by Dixon, 15-5, on April 30 at Dixon. The Dukes scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth to end the contest early. Dixon held a 5-0 lead after two innings before Mendota got on the board with a pair of runs in the third. The Dukes added three more in the fourth and the Trojans put up a single tally in the fifth and two in the sixth. Like the opener against Rock Falls, the pitching and defense hampered the Trojans. Mendota pitchers walked 10 batters and hit two, while the defense committed eight errors. Gonzalez was the starting pitcher for MHS and went three innings. He allowed seven hits and four earned runs in taking the loss. Dylan Tornow, Derek Nanez and Emilio Perez followed on the hill. The Trojans scratched out five hits, getting two singles and two RBI from Andres Castaneda and a single and a double from Bond. Of Dixon's eight hits, seven were doubles and one was a triple.



Coast Guard-approved life jackets/personal floatation devices (PFDs) are required for everyone onboard - and all persons under age 13 must wear a PFD while a vessel is underway.

Illinois must do – for their safety and the safety of others,” Director Tyler said. “Our officers aggressively enforce the law against operating a boat under the influence. Our message to boat operators is simple: You booze, you lose.” For more details on boating in Illinois, check out the Handbook of Illinois Boating Laws and Responsibilities: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/boating/Documents/BoatDigest.pdf>

## BOWLING

### Thursday Elks Youth League

Standings as of April 22 – 1. Team 3 38-14; 2. Team 5 36-16; 3. Team 2 34-18; 4. Team 4 24-28; 5. Team 1 21-31 **High team game (scratch)** – Team 5 864, Team 4 598, Team 2 482 **High team game (hdcp)** – Team 2 1072, Team 5 1039, Team 3 1004 **High team series (scratch)** – Team 5 2534, Team 4 1766, Team 2 1313 **High team series (hdcp)** – Team 2 3083, Team 5 3059, Team 4 2975 **Boys high game (scratch)** – Landon Bauer 213, Aiden Kent-Tucker 208, Kasen Novak 201 **Boys high game (hdcp)** – Oliver Turner 268, Aiden Kent-Tucker 253, Kayne Schneider 239 **Boys high series (scratch)** – Landon Bauer 610, Aiden Kent-Tucker 520, Kasen Novak 499 **Boys high series (hdcp)** – Oliver Turner 723, Aiden Kent-Tucker 655, Alex Holland 651 **Girls high game (scratch)** – Lauren Holland 166, Gracie Smith 80, Sofia Lemus 34 **Girls high game (hdcp)** – Lauren Holland 228, Gracie Smith 223, Sofia Lemus 181 **Girls high series (scratch)** – Lauren Holland 427, Gracie Smith 178, Sofia Lemus 55 **Girls high series (hdcp)** – Lauren Holland 613, Gracie Smith 607, Sofia Lemus 349



# NATIONAL PET WEEK

## Birds of a feather flock together: Understanding the social behaviors of birds

Pet owners often form close bonds with their animal companions. Owners of feathered friends might be pleased to learn that this relationship is reciprocal, as birds can form strong bonds with their owners and other non-human members of their household.

Debra Turner, aviary manager of the Schubot Center for Avian Health at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says different species of birds exhibit different social behaviors.

“Parrots, chickens, canaries, and pigeons are all very flock oriented. Raptors, like hawks and owls, are not as social or flock oriented,” added Dr. Sharman Hoppes, a professor emerita affiliated with the Schubot Center.

Since most birds are prey animals, they tend to be more alert and nervous around new people and elements in their environment. However, Hoppes says pet birds hand-raised by humans will often become imprinted on their owner and behave differently.

“Birds see their owners as part of the flock. This can lead to a very close bonding relationship that is fun and entertaining in homes,” Hoppes said. “But in some cases, birds may see their owner as a mate; this stimulates abnormal reproductive behavior affecting nesting, chronic egg-laying, and territorial behaviors.

“In some cases, an unhealthy relationship with the owner can lead to health issues such as cloacal prolapse and hypocalcemia from laying too many eggs,” she said.

Another issue that may arise from the bond between bird and owner is they may become protective of and bite individuals

who get too close to their imprinted human. They may also become protective of their cage or defensive if they feel threatened, also leading to biting.

Flock-oriented birds have evolved to live with other members of their species and form social relationships with other birds. If only one bird is adopted, being alone all day in a cage may become stressful.

“Luckily, our birds will often see people and other pets such as dogs and cats as part of their flock, so having other animals in the home and lots of activities for them (such as enrichment, toys, foraging for food) will help keep them busy when alone,” said Hoppes.



### More than one?

While the bond between an animal and their human is important, considering the relationships between pets is also an important part of making sure your home is a happy and healthy environment. Some bird species are often adopted and kept in groups.

Hoppes said we must remember birds are flock animals when adopting. “A bird in the

wild would never be alone, so being alone all day in a cage can be stressful,” she noted.

Turner says when adopting multiple birds, owners should be mindful of the relationships between their birds to ensure a safe environment. “Subtle signs of a not overly happy pair of birds might be each sitting on opposite ends of a perch or the dominant bird not letting the other bird perch at the same height,” she explained. “The dominant bird may not let the other bird approach the food dish and in the worst-case, outright physically attack the other bird. Some birds might not ever get along and two cages would be the best option for them. They could come out for playtime, but each would have their own ‘home’ to return to.”

When introducing a second bird, the new bird should receive a health exam from a veterinarian before entering the house or room where your current bird resides. The veterinarian will test for diseases like Chlamydia, which also affects humans; Psittacine Beak and Feather; or Avian bornavirus.

“Once the new bird arrives, house the bird in a separate cage and adjust proximity to the current bird to start acclimation,” Turner said. “Over time, the pair will become used to each other and eventually may be housed together. The inside of a pet birdcage is a microenvironment that is very near and dear to a bird, who could display possessive nature toward their home space. When introducing two birds together, a new cage, or an old cage that has been thoroughly cleaned with perching and toys repositioned, would be helpful to reduce the possessive tendencies of one bird against the new bird entering the space.”



Although birds may form positive social relationships with the other animal members of their household, it is important to remember that birds are prey animals and should not be left alone when out of their cage around even the most well-meaning dog or cat. Mediating interactions between pets reduces the risk of either animal getting hurt.

Turner also says owners should position their bird’s enclosure out of reach from exploring dogs and cats. This can help reduce stress for your bird and prevent an accidentally tipped cage. As with any other pet, she said birds are highly intelligent creatures who need stimulation and enrichment, for their mental and physical well-being.

“In the right home, a bird can be your best friend and one of your longest relationships, but they are a very high-maintenance pet to keep healthy and happy,” Hoppes added. “Before you get a bird, you should do research on the type of bird and their specific needs and have a relationship with a veterinarian comfortable caring for your bird.”

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.

## Cognitive decline in aging dogs: What to know

Just as humans may develop neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzheimer’s as they grow older, our aging canine friends also can develop dementia.

In dogs, dementia is also referred to as canine cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CCDS), a complex of behavioral and neurological symptoms the prevalence of which increases with age.

Dr. Brian Gray Barnett, a veterinary research fellow in the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences and member of the Dog Aging Project research team, says as the level of veterinary care we provide canine companions improves, the number of dogs affected by CCDS rises as well. This is because the biggest risk factor for developing CCDS is age, with onset usually occurring between 12 and 15 years old.

“One study found that 28% of 11- to 12-year-old dogs and 68% of 15- to 16-year-old dogs have CCDS,” said Barnett. “A similar study found that 22.5% of dogs over the age of 9 years show impairment.”

CCDS can present in many ways, so it is important for owners to familiarize themselves with all possible signs. Many symptoms of CCDS may also indicate other conditions, so owners should seek veterinary advice to rule out other diseases before concluding that their dog is affected by CCDS.

Barnett says owners can use the acronym DISHAL to remember specific signs to look out for. This stands for disorientation, interactions, sleep-wake cycle changes, house soiling, activity changes, and learning difficulties/memory loss:

- Disorientation: May include staring blankly at walls or floors, getting trapped in corners or behind furniture, going to the wrong side of the door, etc.
- Interactions: May in-



clude abnormal interactions with familiar people or pets. This could be witnessed as aggression, irritability or a change in frequency of social interaction.

- Sleep-wake cycle changes: May include increased sleeping during the day and/or increased difficulty sleeping through the night.

- House soiling: May include urinating or defecating in areas previously kept clean, decreased signaling to the owner when they need to go out, or eliminating inside directly after coming in from outside.

- Activity changes: May include decreased activity, increased time spent resting, and increased repetitive activity such as pacing, wandering aimlessly and walking in circles. Changes in activity may be triggered by anxiety associated with certain people, places or situations.

- Learning difficulties/memory loss: May include being slow to or unable to learn new tasks or tricks or difficulty performing previously learned tasks or tricks.

“While any of these signs could be seen as a first sign of CCDS, one study found

that disturbances in the sleep-wake cycle were more prevalent in the early stages of CCDS than altered interactions and disorientation,” Barnett said.

Barnett stresses that each dog is different and may have a different progression of symptoms. The first symptoms will typically be milder and worsen as the disease progresses. If an owner suspects that their dog is presenting any of these symptoms, they should bring their concerns to the attention of a veterinarian.

“Their veterinarian will have the best plan to identify the underlying cause of the behavioral changes and find the best intervention,” he said. “This can include treating a contributing medical condition, maintaining a consistent routine, reducing environmental stress factors, introducing enrichment activities, changing diet, and recommending specific supplements and medications when appropriate.”

CCDS is unfortunately a progressive disease with no effective treatment yet developed to significantly reverse its effects. As such, the current standard of care

aims to delay progression.

Luckily, veterinary researchers, such as those working with the Dog Aging Project, are hard at work studying the aging mechanisms of our furry friends with the goal of understanding the underlying cause of CCDS to develop better strategies for diagnosis and treatment.

The Dog Aging Project, a multi-institutional endeavor funded by the National Institute on Aging, is the most ambitious canine science initiative in the world.

Led by researchers at Texas A&M and the University of Washington, the Dog Aging Project team will follow tens of thousands of companion dogs for 10 years in order to identify factors that maximize healthy longevity and help future generations of dogs live the best lives possible.

CCDS is one of many conditions that will be helped by this research.

“We are learning more and more about the changes that happen in the nervous system in dogs with CCDS,” Barnett said. “Further understanding not only might allow us to better diagnose and treat CCDS, but we may be able to apply these findings to Alzheimer’s disease in humans.”

The Dog Aging Project is an innovative initiative that brings together a community of dogs, owners, veterinarians, researchers, and volunteers to carry out the most ambitious canine science project in the world. The work is centered on two fundamental goals: understanding how genes, lifestyle, and environment influence aging and intervening to increase healthspan, the period of life spent free from disease.

Dogs of all ages, from around the U.S., purebred and mixed breed dogs, are invited to join the Dog Aging Project. Nominate your dog at [dogagingproject.org](http://dogagingproject.org).

## Feline facts to purr over before adopting

Shelters often are the first stop for people who want to adopt pets. Although shelters do their best to get animals into loving homes, the Humane Society says about three million cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters each year. Sadly, 80 percent of those animals are healthy, treatable and adoptable.

Learning what makes cats tick and their needs can help people decide if cats are right for them. It also helps to know the feline behaviors that can be problematic or require correction in a home.

The following facts about cats are courtesy of MSN, Fact Retriever and Purina food company.

- Cats are very good at hearing sounds and their eyesight is also exceptional. Cats have 32 ear muscles that allow for “directional hearing.” Humans only have six ear muscles. Cats also can rotate their ears 180 degrees.

- Developmentally, the first year of a cat’s life is equal to the first 15 years of a human’s. After its second year, a cat is the equivalent of 25 in human years.

- Domesticated cats can spend about 70 percent of the day sleeping. Another 15 percent is spent grooming.

- Cats have something called a “righting reflex.” The eyes and balance organs in the inner ear tell cats where they are in space so they can land on their feet helping them survive falls, some from more than 32 stories.

- The meow is not something cats innately produce to interact with other cats. Rather, cats began to meow to communicate with humans.

- Spayed and neutered cats live longer than non-fixed cats, likely because they do not get lost or injured trying to mate.

- Declawing cats is illegal in many countries but not the U.S. Cats scratch at items, so they need scratching posts and other outlets for this.

- Cats will rub against people not only to be affectionate but also to mark territory with scent glands around their faces.

- Cat litters can be between one and nine kittens, so it is important to neuter them to prevent overpopulation.

- Cats can often jump up to five times as high as their own heights.

- Even though cats have been depicted as drinking milk, dairy can give them an upset stomach and gas. Provide water instead.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

**By Dana Jackson**  
**Q:** Is it true that actress Jessica Chastain will be playing both Tammy Wynette and Tammy Faye Bakker? -- **C.P.**  
**A:** Jessica Chastain made her professional acting debut in 2004 with a guest-star appearance on the hit medical drama "ER." She's so good, it's shocking that she hasn't won an Oscar. She's come awfully close with back-to-back Academy Award nominations for her roles in "The Help" and "Zero Dark Thirty."



J. Chastain

Chastain will play the mascara-caked, publicly humiliated pastor's wife Tammy Faye Bakker in the upcoming biopic film "The Eyes of Tammy Faye." Andrew Garfield ("The Amazing Spider-Man") will play her televangelist husband Jim Bakker, while Vincent D'Onofrio ("Full Metal Jacket") takes on the role of Jerry Falwell. Chastain, who is also one of the film's producers, credits Tammy Faye as "a woman ahead of her time."

In addition to what will surely be another chance at Oscar with the above proj-

ect, Chastain also could be a contender for an Emmy by playing another Tammy -- country music legend Tammy Wynette. "George & Tammy" is in preproduction for future streaming on Spectrum as a limited series. It's based on a book written by George Jones and Wynette's daughter, Georgette. According to Deadline.com, "George & Tammy" was originally pitched as a feature film seven years ago, but was later re-envisioned as a series. It hasn't been announced yet who will play George, but regardless, I predict the 2022 awards season will be very kind to Chastain.

**Q:** When is the new Alec Baldwin and Kelsey Grammer sitcom coming out? I heard that the people who wrote "Modern Family" are behind it, so it's got to be good. -- **C.J.**

**A:** Back in November, the dream duo of Baldwin and Grammer were picked to star in a new ABC comedy about two ex-roommates who reconnect after their egos drove them apart in their 20s. Unfortunately, ABC was reportedly so unimpressed after watching the pilot episode that it passed on the sitcom. Perhaps it will find a home on another network

someday, but for now it's a dead project.

**Q:** I read that there's going to be a sequel to the sitcom "How I Met Your Mother" starring Hilary Duff. I thought she was bringing back her Lizzie McGuire character in a reboot of that show. Is she doing both? -- **R.R.**

**A:** The return of "Lizzie McGuire" was canceled before it ever really got started on Disney+. The streaming service didn't have the same creative vision for the show as Duff did, so they parted ways. Duff was hopeful that Hulu would pick up the more adult version of "Lizzie McGuire," but that never materialized.

Hulu had another idea, however, casting her as the lead in "How I Met Your Father," a modern spinoff of the long-running CBS sitcom "HIMYM," which starred Josh Radnor and Cobie Smulders. Hulu has already ordered 10 episodes, so Duff should feel pretty confident after the big letdown that was her original baby.

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

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## Hollywood

**By Tony Rizzo**  
**HOLLYWOOD --** Here we go again! Remember when HBO Max considered dropping "Gone With the Wind" from its playlist because a film director of color objected to the depiction of slaves in that classic film? Now an article in The National Review called TCM Movies "an enemy of film watchers because they've succumbed to political fashion because of films that were made before 'wokeness.'" This process reexamines the vagaries of art with disapproval. They're looking for flaws, errors and offenses." The internet has given voice to people who have a right to opine but not to demand censorship. Such as the those who suggested "Grease" be banned because it was "sexist, homophobic and slut shaming."

TCM hosts often appear before or after films with comments about the making of the film or its stars, but they also can go too far. Many were shocked to hear three of the hosts complaining about how "My Fair Lady" ended. One of the female hosts sug-

gested Eliza Doolittle wasn't forceful enough with Henry Higgins, and she seemed dissatisfied not knowing if they married and lived happily ever after. "My Fair Lady" was released in 1965, won 10 Academy Awards, including best picture, actor and director. George Bernard Shaw, the author of "Pygmalion," the play from which the mega-hit Broadway show and film were based, was adamant that "Eliza emancipate herself and not relapse, she must retain her pride and triumph to the end."

Today's "cancel culture" is purporting to judge great films made before our so-called wokeness, films that depict THEIR times, but with the morals and ways of our times. To presume to whitewash these visions of life in those period pieces is absurd. "Gone With the Wind" told a story about the Civil War based on a novel, not a textbook. "My Fair Lady" was Shaw's vision of his times,



H. Mirren

not a true story. "Grease" is what it is ... a writer's view of teenagers in 1959. We need to do something to stop this "cancel culture" before all the great films and books have been picked apart ... as in Ray Bradbury's brilliant "Fahrenheit 451," which was about burning books because the government wanted to keep people illiterate!

Would you rewrite your own family history because you don't like how it unfolded, and edit out the parts you don't like?

Speaking of classics, Oscar-winning actress Helen Mirren (for "The Queen"), now 75, hits big screens June 25 in "F9," followed by "White Bird: A Wonder Story," with Gillian Anderson, before taking on Golda Meir in "Golda." Nobody has played the former Israeli prime minister since Ingrid Bergman won an Emmy for "A Woman Named Golda" (1982). Meir lived to be 80, leaving "lots of wiggle room" for Mirren.

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## Couch Theater

**By Amy Anderson**  
From a Cinderella story ("Ever After," with Drew Barrymore as cute as a button) to ruthless, empire-building strategy that plays out over years ("Game of Thrones," anyone?), people just love royalty. However, there's one family that seems to captivate Western attention again and again: the throne keepers of Merry Old England.

In any grocery store aisle you'll see magazines filled with stories of William and Kate, Harry and Meghan, and a solitary Queen Elizabeth mourning the recent loss of husband Prince Phillip. Some 750 million people tuned in to watch Lady Diana wed Prince Charles. And that was 1981! Here is a royal flush of films to satiate your need for nobility.

"Elizabeth" -- The most fascinating of the English queens, Elizabeth I (Cate Blanchette), rises to the throne upon the death of her half sister Mary. The prevailing advice is for Elizabeth to marry in order to solidify her claim of

the crown. She instead carries on an affair with an English lord (Joseph Fiennes). But her court is awash in conspiracy and intrigue, so with the help of her ruthless adviser Frances Walsingham (Geoffrey Rush), Elizabeth establishes her place as the "Virgin Queen," who needs no man.

"Mary, Queen of Scots" -- A liberal dose of history and two fantastically intriguing characters converge in this film that chronicles two strong women's struggle to find respect in 16th-century England and Scotland. Margot Robbie is Queen Elizabeth I, unable to conceive and so with a tenuous command of the English crown. Saoirse Ronan is Mary, the Catholic queen returned from France to take her place on the Scottish throne.

"Victoria & Abdul" -- Dame Judy Dench dons the crown as Queen Victoria. Ali Fazal plays Abdul Karim, a Muslim clerk from India dispatched to the court of Victoria to present her an honor: a gold coin printed with her likeness. Abdul is

a welcome change from the suffocating pleasing of the courtiers, and Victoria adopts him as a friend, a friendship not without adversity.

"The King's Speech" -- Colin Firth (himself a bit of dreamy English star royalty) takes the central role as Prince Albert, future king of England, George VI. He suffers from a debilitating stutter for which he employs an Australian speech therapist (Geoffrey Rush). The film -- a Best Picture Oscar winner -- follows their long relationship, from the days before his older brother abdicates the throne through the preparation to deliver his most monumental of speeches: Britain's declaration of war on Nazi Germany.

"The Queen" -- In a sublime performance, Helen Mirren captures Queen Elizabeth II in the days surrounding and following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in a car accident in Paris.

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## Strange But True

**By Lucie Winborne**

\* Are you a fan of hot peppers? One you might want to avoid is the Dragon's Breath chili pepper, which could kill you by causing a type of anaphylactic shock, burning and even closing your airway. But Mike Smith, its inventor, never intended it to be eaten: It was actually developed for use as a topical numbing agent for people who are allergic to regular anesthetics.

\* Only two countries use the color purple in their national flags -- Dominica and Nicaragua.

\* Steven Spielberg's adaptation of Peter Benchley's "Jaws" made a lot of folks afraid to go back in the water, but perhaps what they should have been more concerned about is the fact that the sea is also home to nearly 200,000 different kinds of viruses!

\* It is illegal to enter the House of Parliament while wearing a suit of armor.

\* The first person to be charged with driving too fast was Walter Arnold, of the English village Paddock Wood in Kent. On Jan. 28, 1896, he clocked in at four times the speed limit in his Benz -- or a whopping 8 mph. A constable chased him down on a bicycle and issued Arnold a ticket.

\* Just as earth has earthquakes, the moon has -- you guessed it -- moonquakes. While less common and less intense than the shakes we know and dread, they're believed to result from tidal stresses connected to the distance between the two bodies.

\* The Elysia cf. marginata, a type of sea slug, can not only survive decapitation, but grow an entire new body afterward.

\* Pineapple works as a natural meat tenderizer. It's packed with the enzyme bromelain, which breaks down protein chains.

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Thought for Today: "Towering genius disdains a beaten path. It seeks regions hitherto unexplored." -- Abraham Lincoln

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**King's Crossword**  
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## • Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: Once known as the Gilbert Islands, what is the current name of the island nation?
2. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product's slogan is, "It gives you wings"?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to die in office?
4. MOVIES: What was the town's name in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life"?
5. ANATOMY: In what part of the human body is the ulna located?
6. TELEVISION: Which 1960s sitcom featured the catchphrase, "Sorry about that, chief"?
7. HISTORY: In which century did England's War of the Roses take place?
8. LITERATURE: The setting of which children's book is a place called Puddleby-on-the-Marsh?
9. MATH: What Arabic number is represented by the Roman numerals DCIX?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does a cytologist study?

- Answers
1. Kiribati
  2. Red Bull
  3. William Henry Harrison
  4. Bedford Falls
  5. Forearm
  6. "Get Smart"
  7. 15th
  8. "The Story of Dr. Dolittle"
  9. 609
  10. Cells

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Put two and two together?
- 4 Recede
- 7 Crib cry
- 11 Weaving frame
- 13 Standard
- 14 Author Hunter
- 15 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 16 "The Greatest"
- 17 Donate
- 18 Line dance
- 20 Wife of Jacob
- 22 Moreover
- 24 Like bell-bottoms
- 28 Fragrant flower
- 32 Ouzo flavor
- 33 Sparkling Italian wine
- 34 Nile biter
- 36 Complain
- 37 Daily trio
- 39 Flying horse
- 41 Soup grain
- 43 — of 1812
- 44 Victor's cry
- 46 Small boat
- 50 TV clown
- 53 Tool set
- 55 Traditional tales
- 56 Ms. Brockovich
- 57 Scratch (out)
- 58 List-ending abbr.

**DOWN**

- 1 Mr. Guinness
- 2 Nitwit
- 3 Slay
- 4 Ecol. watchdog
- 5 Event for Cinderella
- 6 Fleeting
- 7 The Duchess of Sussex who once starred in "Suits"
- 8 Bird (Pref.)
- 9 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 10 Chemical suffix
- 12 Multi-state lottery with a huge jackpot
- 19 Blackbird
- 21 In the style of
- 23 "CSI" evidence
- 25 Ocho —, Jamaica
- 26 Isaac's eldest
- 27 Cozy rooms
- 28 Doorframe
- 29 Cruising
- 30 Flag feature
- 31 Mentalist's gift
- 35 Church seat
- 38 Stitch
- 40 Helium, for one
- 42 Oxen harnesses
- 45 Goddess of victory
- 47 Tiny bit
- 48 Drescher or Tarkenton
- 49 Fedora fabric
- 50 Wager
- 51 Man-mouse link
- 52 Energy
- 54 — -Mex cuisine

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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God-given confidence is actually the grace of God. We usually hear grace defined as God's undeserved favor or God doing something for

you that you don't deserve. But it's really more than that.

It was life-changing for me to learn that grace is also God's power, freely given to me, to enable me to do with ease what I could never do on my own with any amount of struggle or effort.

Think about this for a minute. Everyone who accepts Christ as their Savior is taught that we're saved by grace through faith. Ephesians 2:8 (ESV) says, "For by grace you have been saved

through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

But the same way we are saved is the way we are supposed to live. In other words, once we are born again, God wants us to do everything in life by grace through faith.

This has been one of the greatest revelations of my life. I remember how exciting it was to realize that God is not just there to help us when we have an emergency. God wants to be involved in every single thing we do on a day-to-day basis.

There's nothing you're involved in that God doesn't care about, and He wants you to pray and ask Him to help you with every detail of your life. He doesn't want you to live striving in your own effort to do anything. God wants to be your close, personal, intimate friend.

I was a Christian for years before I learned how to access God's grace—His power—to live my everyday life. First, I had to get an understanding that once I was saved, God didn't expect me to live right by my own strength.

Just as I couldn't "earn" salvation through my own works or effort, I also couldn't really change my heart or behavior in my own strength. Jesus says in John 15:4 (NIV), "No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.



Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

Every day we need to come to God and tell Him, "God, I can do nothing without You. Nothing in my life is going to work without You. Apart from You, there is nothing good in me. My confidence is in You. I need You all the time. I believe You and trust You, Lord."

When we humble ourselves before God and ask Him for help, we can access His grace through faith.

To help you do that, I want to share three things that commonly short-circuit our faith, cutting off our access to God's power: complaining, self-pity and pride.

• Complaining is a negative attitude that keeps us from being thankful for all God has done, what He's doing, and what He will do. It is a sin we need to repent of, and then be determined to thank God in all things, at all times. His grace and blessings always outweigh the things we think are wrong in our life.

• Self-pity is simply a "poor me" attitude. It is a form of idolatry because it causes you to focus on yourself

and think, "What about me?" But we can't be pitiful and powerful at the same time, so let's decide to give up all self-pity.

• Pride takes credit for what God has done and steals His glory. It makes us independent of God, and we can't bear good fruit apart from Christ.

Before I learned how to live my life by God's grace, I was a mess. I was a nagging wife, manipulative and controlling. And I wasn't satisfied living like that. Then God helped me by opening my eyes to see that I couldn't really change until I started taking His Word seriously, trusting Him to change me.

When I made a firm decision to pray and study the Word in areas I was weak until the truth made me strong, then God's grace gave me the power I needed to overcome the things that were wrong. And I keep going forward in my journey with God the same way today.

God has all the power you need to do anything you need to do. He loves you and wants to give you His power to live your everyday life with

joy. Lean on Him with absolute trust in His wisdom and goodness, and you'll live with God-given confidence!

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No. 0406 (April 28, May 5, 12, 2021)

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Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Gas Service Schedule Ill. C. C. No. 2

To the Gas Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois: Ameren Illinois (or Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on April 8, 2021, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC or Commission) evidence (direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues and costs under the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rider with costs incurred in connection with the cost of gas from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The evidence is applicable to Rate Zone I (formerly the AmerenCIPS service territory), Rate Zone II (formerly the

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ESTATE )  
OF: )  
KENNETH J. )  
HENKEL, ) deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of KENNETH J. HENKEL of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 14, 2021 to Ronald Henkel of 502 13th Avenue, Mendota, IL 61342, whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the Office of the LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 31, 2021. 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 the 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 ten days after it has been filed. No. 0408 (April 28, May 5, May 12)

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

By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and 770 ILCS 103/1-15 et. seq. establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on May 25, 2021, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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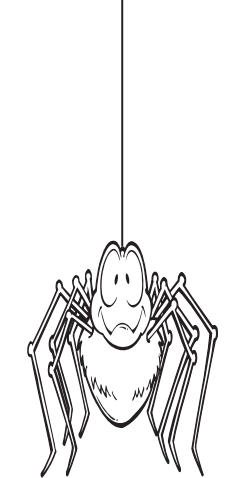
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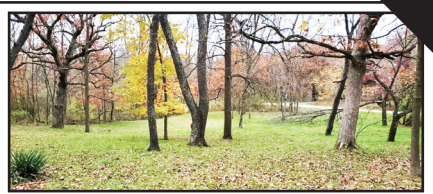
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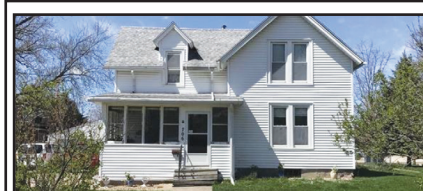
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