



Fifth grade students from Holy Cross School in Mendota plant a Pollinator Pocket garden near the entrance to Graves-Hume Public Library on May 14. Doing their part to help the pollinators of the world, left to right, are Kaylee MacDonald, Ashlynn Rickels, Giselle Gonzalez, Hayley Diaz and Gaby Martinez. (Reporter photo)

Holy Cross students lend support to pollinators by planting habitat garden

□ Pollinator Pocket garden at library will help insects perform their essential role

MENDOTA – In many places, essential pollination is at risk from loss of habitat, pesticides and diseases. Several groups in Mendota have found ways to help.

Graves-Hume Public Library, along with support from Friends of the Library, has started a Pollinator Pocket garden. The garden near the entrance to the library now has native plants that help support pollinators. The garden is based on the Pocket Garden idea from the University of Illinois Extension.

The fifth graders in Laura Doyle’s class at Holy Cross School in Mendota helped plant and water the garden on May 14. Anyone interested in starting their own small pollinator garden can find more information at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/pollinator-pockets>. At this website you can also see a map of Pollinator Pocket gardens throughout the state.

The Mendota Garden Club and community volunteers started a larger pollinator garden located



behind the soccer fields at Lake Kakusha. Volunteers prepared the spot and planted 79 native plants to attract pollinators. This garden is listed with the Xerces Society <https://www.xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators> where helping pollinators is encouraged through four steps:

1. Grow a variety of bee-friendly flowers that bloom from spring through fall.
2. Protect and provide bee nests and caterpillar host plants.
3. Avoid using pesticides, especially insecticides.
4. Talk to my neighbors about the importance of

pollinators and their habitat.

Environmental problems often seem to need big solutions, but a small garden, along with many other small gardens, can help give food, nest sites and habitat to essential animals – pollinators. More than two-thirds of the world’s crop species require pollination by insects. The economic value of pollinating insects in the United States alone is estimated at \$3 billion. Bees, butterflies and other pollinators are key species in all ecosystems, as animals also rely on the fruit and plants that come from pollinated plants.

Pollinator Month

June is National Pollinator Month. It’s the perfect time to learn who these pollinators are and why we should care about their well-being. Pollinators are animals that move pollen from one flower to another so that the plants can produce fruits and seeds. Most pollinators are insects, including bees, wasps, butterflies, flies, ants, and beetles.

While most of these creatures are small, they are very important. Without pollinators, we wouldn’t be able to enjoy many of the foods we eat. We’d also lose many food plants that are grown from seed, since without pollination the plants can’t produce the seeds needed to grow more plants. In fact, it’s estimated that one out of every three mouthfuls we eat depends on bee pollination. Honeybees and other insect pollinators contributed, either directly or indirectly, to almost \$30 billion in crops in 2010. Also, over 75% of all flowering plants are pollinated by insects and other animals. Pollinators are vital links in the web of life.

Meet the Pollinators

While not native to North America, honeybees are important pollinators of agricultural crops in this country. Both wild and managed honeybee colonies now play a vital role in our food pro-

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Mask mandate rescinded for fully-vaccinated

□ Pritzker follows CDC recommendations

By SARAH MANSUR

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker issued a new executive order May 17 that allows fully vaccinated residents to not wear masks inside and outdoors.

The updated rules for mask wearing are nearly identical to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s updated guidance, which was released last week.

The CDC guidance permits fully vaccinated people to not wear masks or physically distance in any non-health care setting, “except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.”



Pritzker

The CDC still recommends that fully vaccinated people wear masks in health care settings, as well as on planes, trains and other forms of public transportation.

The new executive order requires residents follow this recommendation regarding planes and public transportation. It also permits any entity to continue stricter masking requirements than are required by the state.

“Businesses are encouraged to prioritize the health and safety of their workers and customers, and may continue to require face coverings and social distancing, even for those who are fully vaccinated,” the order states.

Pritzker said it will be up to private businesses to decide if they want to require patrons to provide proof of vaccinations.

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Memorial Day program set May 31

MENDOTA – The Mendota Memorial Day program will be held Monday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. at Restland Cemetery Memorial Gardens.

The Veterans’ Memorial Council, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4079, its Auxiliary and American Legion Post 540 will be participating.



These organizations welcome everyone to this service for the purpose of honoring and remembering all veterans resting on domestic or foreign soil for their commitment and unselfish contribution to our present way of life with liberty and freedom for all.

The program is as follows:

- Opening address by master of ceremonies Bill Hunt, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Presentation of colors/raising of the flag by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- National Anthem by Mendota Alumni Band
- Invocation by Associate Pastor Jay Miller of Victory Baptist Church in Mendota, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Musical selection by Mendota Alumni Band
- Roll call of deceased Veterans since last Memorial Day by Harold Olsen
- Laying of the wreaths by VFW Post 4079 Auxiliary
- Firing of the volley by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- Taps by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- Benediction by Miller

Mendota High School loosens restrictions on graduation capacity

By BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

MENDOTA – Good news was recently announced for Illinois students graduating in the Class of 2021. Reporting at the May 17 Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education meeting, Principal Denise Aughenbaugh said the state’s transition last week to the Bridge Phase of reopening will allow 60 percent capacity seating in the stadium. Mendota High School will be able to distribute nine tickets per graduate, which is very close to the number of tickets normally issued for ceremonies held in the gym.

The outdoor graduation is scheduled for

Saturday, May 29 at 1 p.m. Aughenbaugh said there are currently about 106 graduates who wish to participate in the ceremony. Tickets will be distributed to graduates on May 21.

Superintendent Jeff Prusator said he hopes parents are happy to get the larger number of tickets and emphasized that they cannot give out any more than nine tickets per student, so please don’t ask. “Last year they only got two tickets, so we are pretty excited to be able to have so many more people attend this year,” he said.

Aughenbaugh also noted that the band will be able to play during graduation this year, which they could not do last year.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Proposed Handbook Changes

The board approved two proposed student handbook changes for the 2021-22 school year, which were presented by Assistant Principal Joe Masini. One involves a change in the wording regarding adherence to CDC and IDPH Guidelines and the second makes an addition to the advertising for the State Seal of Biliteracy.

Both Masini and Prusator pointed out that MHS students have been very cooperative in following all the CDC and IDPH safety protocols during the past year including mask wearing. Prusator also noted that the attitude

of students attending school in person has been especially good this year. “The senior class has so much input in the climate of the building and they deserve a lot of the credit for setting a good example,” he said. “They wore masks, so the younger kids did. A few kids had to be reminded to wear them properly but generally, we had very few issues.”

Aughenbaugh agreed, saying that the students wanted to be at school. “They want the interaction of being here in person,” she said. “It has been very rewarding to watch.”

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Legion members to place flags on veterans’ graves; volunteers are welcome to assist on May 25th

MENDOTA – Members of the Mendota American Legion Post 540 will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, at Restland Cemetery’s north flagpole to place small flags on veterans’ graves for Memorial Day. Volunteers are welcome to come aid in this effort.



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LOCAL AND AREA



Conkey Award winner

The 40th Annual Conkey Family Award winner was announced on May 14 in the Serenity Garden at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center as part of National Health Care Week. Connie Falcon, a respiratory therapist from cardiopulmonary services, was named this year's winner. She has been caring for patients for nearly 14 years and is described by her nominator as inspiring, "Connie leads by example and is always willing to help out another department or to take on extra shifts. She never wants to be recognized for going above and beyond," said her nominator. Left to right, are Dawn Trompeter, OSF Saint Paul President; Falcon; Heather Bomstad, Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer; and Don Damron, Vice President of Ambulatory Services. (Photo contributed)

LaSalle Co. expands COVID vaccines to youth 12-15+ years

♦ Summer clinic planned at Mendota High School

OTTAWA - The LaSalle County Health Department has expanded clinic availability to include individuals 12-15+ years of age.

Appointments are available for two Saturday clinics, which will be held at the LaSalle County Health Department in Ottawa, and for Wednesday clinics taking place at LaSalle County high schools including Mendota High School.

The health department's goal is to vaccinate students 12 years of age and older. If additional appointment space is available, other community residents who are still in need of a vaccination will be able to attend.

The health department encourages parents and students at nearby feeder schools to take advantage of this opportunity in their communities.

Currently there are available appointments that can be scheduled for

the following clinics (must be at least 12 years old and eligible per the State of Illinois):

Saturday, May 22 & Saturday, May 29 - Pfizer (Dose 1) - *LaSalle County Health Department*, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. Schedule appointment at:

<https://events.juvar.com/IL-IDPH/6d7ecddc-4b98-4123-800b-739fc166045f/>

Wednesday, June 23 - Pfizer (Dose 1) - *Mendota High School*, 2300 W. Main St., Mendota. Schedule appointment at

<https://events.juvar.com/IL-IDPH/17a80178-1fb5-42c5-bd74-bb93c6290680/>

Important Things to Remember:

- Youth under 18 years old must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.
- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere,

the health department will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.

- All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.

- Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics and appointment availability is posted on the LCHD website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic.

Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine becomes available.

For additional information, contact the LaSalle County Health Department at (815) 433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasalle-county.org.

4-H offers training class for care of show animals

OGLESBY - University of Illinois Extension invites 4-H members to participate in the upcoming YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Training. This training is for all 4-H community club members who plan to show their beef cattle,

dairy cattle, swine, goats and/or sheep at their local 4-H fair/show.

The in-person training will take place from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, June 12 at IVCC's Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Center. When registering online, go to

YQCA.org, enter IVCC for the training site and Anne Scheel for the instructor. There is a \$3 fee due at the time of registration.

If you need more information, please call University of Illinois Extension at (815) 224-0889.

Learn about 4-H at free 'Spark in the Park' event

LA SALLE - University of Illinois Extension invites area youth to participate in their upcoming "Find Your Spark in the Park" with 4-H. This summer camp hopes to spark interest in 4-H and some of the project areas it has to offer. There is no cost



to take part.

This camp is for all youth in grades 3-5 and will be held at Rotary Park in LaSalle from 9-11 a.m., June 7-11. The camp will meet at the large shelter each morning, so look for the University of Illinois orange and blue tent. Advanced registration required; please call the LaSalle Park District at (815) 223-3755.

This 4-H adventure in the park will allow youth to explore a variety of topics. Animal Science is always popular, so youth will be given the opportunity to learn about and meet live animals. To appreciate our local

environment and its species, youth will take a nature walk and explore the park with one of our Master Naturalists. They will create a unique piece of natural art to remember the experience.

No summer camp is complete without fun games. One morning will be dedicated to exercises, games, and learning about sports nutrition. Lastly, aerospace is a topic all youth like to explore. Campers will experience creating and flying a balloon rocket and learning how to make paper airplanes that catch the wind. Join this week of fun and make the first week of summer vacation a blast.

This experience will be outdoors, so all participants are asked to dress appropriately for the weather and wear gym shoes. Masks will be required. A healthy snack and drink will be provided each day.

For more information, please contact Beth Dellatori, 4-H Youth Development Educator at beth5@illinois.edu or call (815) 224-0889.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Western Technical College President's List

LACROSSE, Wis. - Morgan Phalen of Mendota was named to Western Technical College's President's List of High Distinction for the spring 2021 term.

To be included on the President's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and carry six or more credits in an associate's degree or technical diploma program.

For more information about additional Western Technical College programs and services, call (608) 785-

9200 or visit www.westerntc.edu.

Iowa Wesleyan Univ. Dean's List

MOUNT PLEASANT, Iowa - Jodie Penman of Paw Paw is among more than 200 students named to the spring 2021 dean's list at Iowa Wesleyan University. Criteria to be a part of the dean's list at IW include degree-seeking students taking 12 or more hours per semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The IW students who exemplify academic excellence represent the United States and countries abroad.



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LOCAL AND AREA

SUBLETTE

Sublette Village Board honors outstanding citizens & former village clerk/treasurer

By TONJA GREENFIELD
Staff Writer

SUBLETTE—Two Sublette residents were named Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2021 by the Sublette Village Board.

Nick Wilson and Curtis Kessel were honored as Sublette's Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2021 during the May 10 Village of Sublette board meeting. They were each presented with a plaque to take home, and their names were placed on the Citizen of the Year plaque that will hang in the Ellice Dinges Center.

On Sunday, March 14, the Sublette Fire Department got a call for a dumpster fire at Woodhaven Lakes. While en route to the campground, the department received a call of a house fire with a burn victim in Sublette. Prior to arrival of the first engine company, Sublette residents and neighbors, Kessel and Wilson, saw a young child in a window on the second story of the house. As they approached the house, the father was exiting the residence with another child so Kessel and Wilson jumped into action. Kessel scaled the back fence and climbed to the second story window,



Outstanding Citizens

Nick Wilson, left, and Curtis Kessel, right, were honored as Sublette's Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2021 during the May 10 Village of Sublette board meeting. They were each presented with a plaque to take home. Sublette Village President John Stenzel holds the Citizen of the Year plaque that will hang in the Ellice Dinges Center with Wilson and Kessel's names on it. Wilson and Kessel helped save a young child from a burning house in Sublette on March 14. (Reporter photo by Tonja Greenfield)

grabbed the child by the ankle and lowered the child down to Wilson, saving the child's life before the window was enveloped in smoke and flames.

New trustee

Sublette Village President John Stenzel appointed Mackenzie Belan to fill the remaining two years left

on his village trustee term. Stenzel was elected to the position of Sublette Village President on April 6. The appointment was approved by the village trustees. Belan had tied with Sublette Village Trustee Larry Ellis in the April election, leading to a tie-breaker held at the county. Ellis was the winner of the

tie-breaker and began serving on the board on April 29. Belan served previously in the role of Sublette Village Clerk. (See photo page A4.)

New Treasurer

Sublette Treasurer Theresa Wilson was honored for her 40 years of service to the Village of Sublette. This was Wilson's last board meeting

as treasurer. Wilson was first elected to the position of village clerk in 1981, which began her 40 years of service to the village.

The board approved the appointment of Will Klein for a one-year term as village treasurer. He was sworn in during the meeting. (See photo page A4.)

In other board news:

- Don Dinges reported that the village is planning some upcoming events, but nothing is set in stone.

Activities included in the upcoming events are: Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 31; Annual tractor drive on the first Wednesday of August; Sublette Business Association planned weekend with village-wide garage sales; Cruise Night with date to be determined; and Car Show, which will be held after Labor Day.

- Stenzel reported that the Route 52 resurfacing has been let by the state and work would probably start in the middle of June.

- The board agreed to start accepting rentals for the Ellice Dinges Center.

- The board held a special meeting on May 17 to open bids for street projects, discuss window replacement at the Ellice Dinges Center, discuss the Village of Sublette message board placement, and discuss ordinance violations for properties and vehicles.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14 at the Ellice Dinges Center.



40 years of service

Theresa Wilson was honored by the Sublette Village Board on May 10 for her 40 years of service to the village as clerk and as treasurer. Wilson was first elected village clerk in 1981. She ended her 40 years of service as village treasurer. (Reporter photo by Tonja Greenfield)

CARL'S QUIZ

Why is the police department of London called Scotland Yard?

The answer to last week's quiz is: At the age of 63, Louis Armstrong hit #1 on the pop charts on May 9, 1964 with his hit "Hello Dolly" ending the Beatles reign in the top spot.

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

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Memorial Day Services scheduled

COMPTON – The Compton-West Brooklyn American Legion Post #657 will hold two Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 31.

The first service will begin at 10 a.m. at Melugins Grove Cemetery. The second service will begin at 11 a.m. at West Brooklyn Cemetery.

Those in attendance are encouraged to bring their torn flags for disposal.

BCGS to present May program via Zoom

PRINCETON - The Bureau County Genealogical Society's May program will feature Jacquie Schattner who will speak on the topic, "European and U.S. Newspapers and Directories—Good News."



Schattner

This virtual program will be presented on Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. The public

is invited to request a link for the program by e-mailing the Society by May 24 at bureaucounty@gmail.com.

Schattner, who lives in the Chicago suburbs, is a member of CAGNI (Computer Assisted Genealogy Group) and is a frequent speaker in Illinois. She will discuss how newspapers and directories can be the key to finding ancestors.

BCGS has also announced that they are reopening to the public now on their regular schedule of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and also on the first Saturday of each month.

Mendota Weather

May 19, 2021

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Scattered T-storms
High: 79 Low: 65

Thursday
Chance T-storms
High: 84 Low: 66

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 67

Saturday
Chance T-storms
High: 85 Low: 66

Sunday
Scattered T-storms
High: 84 Low: 67

Monday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 81 Low: 61

Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 60

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 55% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 79°, humidity of 63%. South southeast wind 10 to 18 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 90° set in 1964. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 55% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 65°. South wind 10 to 14 mph.

Regional Cities

| City | Hi/Low | Wx | Hi/Low | Wx |
|-------------|--------|----|--------|----|
| Aurora | 79/65 | t | 84/64 | t |
| Champaign | 82/64 | t | 84/64 | mc |
| Chicago | 76/65 | t | 84/67 | mc |
| Freeport | 79/64 | sh | 81/65 | t |
| Joliet | 80/65 | t | 84/64 | mc |
| Moline | 81/66 | sh | 83/68 | sh |
| Peoria | 81/65 | t | 83/66 | t |
| Rockford | 78/65 | t | 84/66 | t |
| Springfield | 82/65 | t | 84/66 | t |

Last Week's Local Almanac

| Date | Hi | Lo | Normals | Precip | Rainfall | Departure |
|-----------|----|----|---------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Monday | 61 | 42 | 67/45 | 0.05" | 0.09" | 0.09" |
| Tuesday | 59 | 42 | 68/45 | 0.00" | 0.00" | 0.00" |
| Wednesday | 63 | 39 | 68/46 | 0.00" | 0.00" | -0.85" |
| Thursday | 68 | 41 | 68/46 | 0.00" | 0.00" | 0.00" |
| Friday | 71 | 46 | 69/47 | 0.00" | 0.00" | 0.00" |
| Saturday | 58 | 53 | 69/47 | 0.04" | 0.04" | -2.4° |
| Sunday | 69 | 55 | 69/47 | 0.00" | 0.00" | 0.00" |

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset | Last |
|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| First 5/19 | 5:33 a.m. | 8:13 p.m. | 12:11 p.m. | 2:03 a.m. | 6/2 |
| Wednesday | 5:32 a.m. | 8:14 p.m. | 1:21 p.m. | 2:33 a.m. | |
| Thursday | 5:31 a.m. | 8:15 p.m. | 2:31 p.m. | 3:01 a.m. | |
| Friday | 5:30 a.m. | 8:16 p.m. | 3:44 p.m. | 3:27 a.m. | |
| Saturday | 5:30 a.m. | 8:16 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. | 3:54 a.m. | |
| Sunday | 5:29 a.m. | 8:17 p.m. | 6:18 p.m. | 4:22 a.m. | New 6/10 |
| Monday | 5:28 a.m. | 8:18 p.m. | 7:39 p.m. | 4:54 a.m. | |
| Tuesday | | | | | |

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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 79 in Philadelphia, Pa. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Sun City Center, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 93 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 83 in Forsyth, Mont. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 99 in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

What causes thunder?



Answer: Rapidly expanding gases along the lightning bolt.

Weather History

May 19, 1780 - This is the infamous "dark day" in New England tradition. At noon, it was nearly as dark as night. Chickens went to roost, and many people were fearful of divine wrath. Forest fires to the west of New England were responsible for the phenomenon.

May 20, 1988 - Thunderstorms in the south central United States produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Omaha, Neb. and wind gusts to 80 mph at Midland, Texas and Dallas. Temperatures in California soared into the 90s and above 100 degrees.

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.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
6. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
7. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
8. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
9. May God's grace shine over you for all time.
10. 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.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

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

OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Michael J. Bates

LA MOILLE - Michael James Bates, 57, of LaMoille passed away peacefully at home on May 16, 2021 after a year-long illness.

Arrangements are being handled by Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota; see their website for the Zoom link for celebration of life information.

Michael was born Nov. 26, 1963 in Camden, N.J. to Gilbert J. and Janet (Nicholas) Bates.

Survivors include his wife, Greta; two children, Christopher Scanlon and Leslie (Jacob) Weber and a grandson, Caleb, all of Tidewater, Va.; two brothers, James (Karen) of Los Angeles, Calif. and Gilbert W. of Lindenwold, N.J.; and one niece, Aimee of Roanoke, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Michael was a graduate of Overbrook High School in Pine Hill, N.J., Old Dominion University and Mississippi State University. In a career of 30 years, he taught middle school and high school science at Blair Middle School and Lake Taylor, B.T. Washington, and Maury High Schools in Norfolk, Va. After moving to Illinois in 2008, he taught at Earlville High School; Woodruff High School, Peoria; Harlem High School, Machesney Park; Prophetstown High School; Freeport High School; LaMoille High School; Sherrard High School; and RAS and Jefferson High Schools, Rockford. He also taught at Sauk Valley Community College and Illinois Valley Community College.

Memorials may be directed to Nightengales, 708 Jefferson St., Mendota, IL 61342 or Eternal Reefs, P.O. Box 3811, Sarasota, FL 34230-3811. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Free program features life of female war correspondent Dickey Chapelle

LA SALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host author John Garofolo on May 25 when he presents, "Dickey Chapelle Under Fire." The program will feature the life of Georgette "Dickey" Chapelle, who was the first American female war correspondent killed while reporting on combat operations.

Chapelle began her career during the bloody World War II battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and continued covering conflicts around the world until she was killed while on patrol with the Marines during her fourth trip to Vietnam in 1965. She was named Honorary Marine in 2017. In this program, her life and work will be explored in detail by Garofolo, author of "Dickey Chapelle Under Fire: Photographs by the First American Female War Cor-

respondent Killed in Action."

Garofolo, a veteran of the Iraqi war, recently retired from the Coast Guard at the rank of captain. A former vice president at 20th Century Fox, he has a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts, has taught at the Coast Guard Academy and also taught "War Films and Warrior Culture" at Yale.

This free program will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25 and is open to the public. Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/3nVRtP2>. Once registered, a confirmation e-mail with connection info for joining the program will be sent.

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



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Paw Paw Village Board seats new members, approves requests

PAW PAW - Karl Karlsson, Donna Chick, Anita Hopkins and Pete Bullock were seated as the newly-elected trustees during the May 12 meeting of the Paw Paw Village Board.

The Paw Paw Community Fire Protection District requested TIF funds to be used for purchase of a new fire truck. They plan to acquire a 2021 tanker/pumper to replace an aging unit with engine issues. Rather than continue to spend resources

on an old truck, the new truck will be a hybrid of a new chassis and the existing tank, radios, etc. The new truck will benefit residents of the District with a quicker, more reliable delivery of water and the ability to spray water at a considerable distance. This will allow them to safely extinguish flames at a distance in hazardous situations and also to operate with less manpower when volunteers are unavailable.

The cost of the truck

project will be approximately \$147,000. The PPCFPD is requesting \$50,000 from the Village TIF reserves to help with this expense.

A request by the District to hire a second full-time EMT was granted by the Village Board. The District will now be covered 12 hours per day, seven days per week with at least one EMT.

Two residents expressed frustration at the unsightly, unkempt properties around town. They were informed

that legal proceedings are in process.

A new deputy will be riding with the assigned Lee County Sheriff's Deputy to familiarize himself with the local area and its needs.

The Lions Club will present a fireworks display on Sunday evening of Paw Paw's Labor Day Weekend Celebration. They requested a donation from the Village to help cover the \$5,000 cost. A donation of \$2,500 was approved.

Cast announced for Stage 212's "Spoon River Anthology"

LA SALLE - Stage 212 will make their long-awaited return from standing in the wings next month with their unique outdoor production of "Spoon River Anthology."

Adapted by Charles Aidman from the 1915 literary work by Edgar Lee Masters, "Spoon River Anthology" is a collection of poems written from the points of view of deceased citizens of a fictional small town named for a river near Masters' hometown of Lewistown, Ill. It aims to demystify rural and small-town American life, and despite its inclusion of grim accounts of murder, arson, blackmail and infidelity, Spoon River is a feel-good show that encourages audiences to gather their rosebuds (or daisies) while they may.

Featured in the cast will be Caryn Brown, Nik Frig, Larry Kelsey, Kathy Missel, Bob Phillip and Jennifer Walk. The production staff includes director Zoe Peshel, producer Caryn Brown, music director Jeni Roether, sound coordinator Charles Van Horn and guitarist John Frangoulis.

"Spoon River Anthology" will be presented June 11, 12, 13, 17 and 19 (two performances) at Centennial Park, 13th and West streets, Peru. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Rain date, to be used at the discretion of Stage 212, will be June 21. Tickets will be available to the general public for \$15 each beginning June 1 and may be purchased by visiting the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or by calling (815) 224-3025 during the same hours. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting www.stage212.org. All tickets are general admission. "Spoon River Anthology" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com.

Soil temps cooler in May but rising

CHAMPAIGN - Cooler weather led to a decline in soil temperatures in the first half of May. Jennie Atkins, Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring program manager at Illinois State Water Survey said soil temperatures at 4 inches under bare soil averaged 63 degrees on May 16, 3 degrees cooler than last year and 2 degrees warmer than the long-term average. Temperatures declined the

first 10 days of May due to cooler than normal weather. On May 10, temperatures averaged only 55 degrees with lows in the 40s.

Soils have warmed since then with an 8-degree increase from May 10-16. Highs on May 16 reached into the 70s.

Soil moisture at 4 inches rose the second week of May due to rain throughout the state May 8-9. Levels declined since then to an average of 0.30 water fraction by volume (wfv) on May 16.

The largest changes occurred in northern Illinois, where moisture levels were near the soils' wilting points in early May. Soil moisture rose 26 percent on average so far in May though conditions remain dry in the region.

Moisture levels are high at depths from 20 inches to 5 feet.

SUBLETTE



Village treasurer

Sublette Village Clerk Katherine Leffelman swears in the newly-appointed village treasurer Will Klein during the board's monthly meeting on May 10. Klein replaces Theresa Wilson, who retired from the village after serving the village for 40 years. (Reporter photo by Tonja Greenfield)



Village trustee

Sublette Village Clerk Katherine Leffelman, left, swears in newly-appointed Sublette Village Trustee Mackenzie Belan during the board's monthly meeting on May 10. Belan was appointed by Sublette Village President John Stenzel and approved by the board to serve out the remaining two years of Stenzel's village trustee term. Stenzel was elected village president in April. Belan had tied with Sublette Village Trustee Larry Ellis in the April election, leading to a tie-breaker held at the county. Ellis was the winner of the tie-breaker and began serving on April 29. (Reporter photo by Tonja Greenfield)

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LOCAL AND AREA

City Council OKs two zoning variance requests

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council approved several requests at its May 17 regular meeting. Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick presented a request from Kristin Manfredini for the use of Snyder's Grove for a wedding on Oct. 2, which was agreed upon by the council. Alderman John Hessenberger discussed two zoning variance requests, both of which were approved. One was

from the homeowner at 401 Eighth St. and the other was from the homeowner at 1006 Chicago St. Mayor David Boelk presented his Fiscal Year 22 mayoral appointments and council members gave their approval. A resident living in the 1400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue spoke to the council about receiving a notice from the city that he will have to remove a tent/carpport that he erected at his residence.

The notice was for removal by May 25. There is a city ordinance against having carpports. Mayor Boelk informed the man that the city will postpone the May 25 deadline. He said the code enforcement officer will be consulted and the city will contact the man after that. The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m.

MHS

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Prom

As of May 17, the junior class had sold 75 tickets to prom, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 22 from 5 to 9 p.m. This year's theme is "Carnival" and the Post-Prom Committee has donated carnival games and prizes. A deejay will provide background music and five food trucks have been booked to provide food.

Aughenbaugh said the Grand March and Royalty Coronation will take place in front of the high school and parents can park in the front parking lot for viewing. The prom activities for students will then move to the back parking lot. "We have some unique things planned and we hope the students enjoy it," she said.

Summer School

Summer school credit retrieval will be held June 7 through July 2. A hybrid format will be used to motivate and encourage student success. Students who are working daily on Edmentum may only be required to attend two days in person and work remotely the other three days. Everyone can attend five days if they choose. If/when a student is not making adequate progress, they will also be required to attend five

days a week in-person.

Driver's Education will begin June 9 and IVCC dual credit summer speech will take place on multiple days with three sections of courses.

Aughenbaugh said the high school will be busy this summer with a lot of students in the building and noted that COVID protocols will still be in place.

Fall Athletic Bids

The board approved a request of \$8,575 for fall sports as recommended by the Athletic Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Prusator announced that the LaSalle County Health Department will hold COVID vaccine clinics at MHS this summer for students 12 and older. The clinics are scheduled for June 23 and July 31 in the gym and will also be open to the public. Time slots will first be scheduled early in the day and more times will be added as needed. Information will be sent to parents this week. "This is a great opportunity for all students to get vaccinated," he said. "We are excited and thankful that they reached out to us."

The board approved the purchase of four school busses instead of two, based on recommendation by Pru-

sator. He explained that transportation expenditures are way down this year, so it is a perfect time to buy four busses to replace some of the older ones that have serious maintenance issues. Total cost of the busses is \$279,000.

ATHLETICS

Athletic director Steve Hanson updated the board on changes and improvements being discussed within the athletic department. Hanson said the past year has been rough on the coaches and students as well as everyone else. In order to work on improving the program, coaches have volunteered to meet and share ideas for various ways improvements can be made.

Hanson also sent surveys to the student-athletes asking for their input. "I sent 110 surveys and got 56 responses," he said. "Most of the kids think it's going okay, for some really well. Generally, they are happy with the program, which is similar to the responses we got three years ago."

Hanson praised the coaches for doing a great job all year in spite of the obstacles and restrictions caused by the pandemic. "They did everything we asked of them," he said. "We want our coaches to work together as a team,

not just within their own sport. And they had some good ideas of what we need to do to improve our program."

Among the topics to be presented to students will be maintaining eligibility, physical preparation and communication. In addition, a youth program will reach out to youth coaches and young athletes so they know what to expect before they get to high school.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

A seventh board member, Sarah Coss was sworn in during the meeting. Coss was selected to fill the remaining open seat following the April 6 election.

PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board accepted the resignations of Cody Zinke, assistant football coach and Todd Doyle as summer school administrator. They also accepted the retirement notice of Brenda Westphal, cafeteria worker.

Steve Wasmer was hired as assistant boys' basketball coach and Brock Zinke was hired as summer school administrator. David Dye and Alexis Finley were hired as summer maintenance workers.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held at the high school on Monday, June 21 at 6 p.m.

Garden

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duction. Native bees are also important pollinators. There are over 4,000 species of native bees in the U.S. found in all habitats, and over 200 species have been found in Illinois. Important pollinators of apple trees, bumblebees also help pollinate crops such as blueberries, tomatoes, and squash, as well as many wildflowers. Bumblebees are very efficient pollinators because they work long hours, flying all summer long from early in the morning until late in the day. Butterflies, moths, flies, and beetles pollinate flowers, which are also very important to many animals and humans.

Cause for Concern

Now here's the scary part: honeybees and native bees are in trouble. Populations of both are in sharp decline due to pesticide use, disease and parasite problems, and loss of food and nesting habitat. More than one-quarter of the bumblebee species are threatened or have disappeared. Many kinds of butterflies and other wild pollinators are also in jeopardy. This is why it's so important to learn about and do all we can to protect all kinds of pollinators. Plants need pollinators – and we need plants.

Planting to Help Pollinators

A great way for gardeners to help pollinators is by planting pollinator-friendly gardens and landscapes. Include a wide variety of flowering plants for blooms from spring to fall to provide nectar and pollen to feed on all season long. In addition to flowering plants, many flowering trees and shrubs are important sources of food for pollinators, especially early in the season. Place flowering plants in drifts, groups of at least three plants. Planting in clumps of one species makes it easier for pollinators to locate plants.

Mask

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"We are relying on people to do the right thing," he said. "We are relying upon people to recognize that they don't want to go infect other unvaccinated people and they don't themselves want to get sick and so it's important for people to protect themselves and I think there's real motivation for people to go get that. We're not going to stop people and, you know, start checking a vaccine passport as part of some state mandate."

The mask mandate in Illinois took effect last May when Pritzker issued an executive order requiring anyone older than 2 years of age "to cover their nose and mouth with a face-covering when in a public place and unable to maintain a six-foot social distance."

A spokesperson for the secretary of state said the office is awaiting further direction from the governor and the Illinois Department of Public Health about mask rules for the state Capitol Complex.

"Once we do, we will review the information and then will proceed accordingly. We will also consult with the Illinois General Assembly," spokesperson Henry Haupt said in an email.

The governor's new order rolling back the mask mandate came as the state is reporting 37.7 percent of the population, or more than 4.8 million people, are fully vaccinated.

About 57 percent of Illinoisans between ages 16 and 64 have received at least one dose of the vaccine, as have 81.3 percent of those 65 years of age or older.

The number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations reported are decreasing, as the state moved into the "bridge" phase on May 14, increasing capacity limits for various indoor and outdoor venues.

If COVID metrics remain stable, the state is set to fully reopen without limitations on capacity on June 11.

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State launches \$6 million tourism campaign

By TIM KIRSININKAS
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker announced a new \$6 million tourism advertising campaign aimed at attracting visitors to the state and sparking economic activity following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The multimedia campaign, featured around the theme "Time for Me to Drive," showcases various destinations in all parts of the state and aims to reflect Illinois as a top destination for road trips.

According to a news release, the campaign reflects increasing consumer trends to take shorter trips by car to destinations closer to home following the pandemic. The campaign is the first to be released by the state since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic last year.

"More and more travelers are ready to get back out there. Recent surveys show that half of Americans plan to travel this summer, and half of them intend to drive," Pritzker said, at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield. "So, whether you want to ease your way back into travel or are raring to go, taking the great American road trip is a great way to enjoy yourself and to stay safe."

Pritzker said the new campaign introduces tourists to "an Illinois they may not have seen before," including destinations such as state parks, the Shawnee National Forest and the Garden of the Gods.

The campaign also promotes the cities of Chicago, Springfield and Galena as potential road trip destinations. Sylvia Garcia, acting director of the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, said prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois saw over 120 million visitors annually who collectively spent more than \$40 billion in the state.

Garcia said those numbers were "cut in half" as a result of the pandemic last year.

"(The) Time for Me to Drive campaign is not only

a milestone in bringing tourism back for this summer, it's also part of our ongoing work towards a strong recovery for the tourism industry over the long term," Garcia said.

The advertising campaign includes television, radio, digital and print spots. Garcia said the campaign would primarily be shown in the seven states surrounding Illinois and 18 total markets.

Michael Jacobson, president and CEO of the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association, said promoting tourism in the state "puts people back to work" and will be important to the state's economic recovery following the pandemic.

"What people rarely re-

alize is that an investment in tourism promotion is an investment in economic development," Jacobson said.

"Promoting tourism helps our economy by getting visitors to stay in our hotels, to eat in our restaurants, shop in our retail stores, buy fuel in our gas stations, and enjoy our amazing attractions," he added.

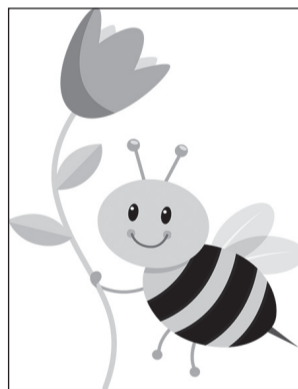
Jacobson said 20,000 hotel workers are still out of work following pandemic-related closures and shutdowns, and that promoting tourism would be key to increasing tax revenue in the state.

Jayne DeLuce, president and CEO of the Illinois Council of Convention and Visitor Bureaus, said the return on investment for destination promotion drives \$11 in tax revenue for every promotional dollar spent.

"Beyond creating price-less memories, these road

trip experiences create an immediate infusion of cash in the tourism economy, which has been so decimated by the pandemic," DeLuce said.

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Especially now, we can't thank our teachers enough

By Roger Eddy

Every year, we take time to celebrate School Principals' Day on May 1 and National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4. The Appreciation Day for teachers has now turned into National Teacher Appreciation Week, and this year was celebrated May 2-8. Back in the early 1950s, the idea of honoring our teachers originally came from Eleanor Roosevelt, former first lady of the United States and wife of President Franklin Roosevelt. In 1980, the idea took on increased publicity and grew from that time into a rather significant day and week, when we routinely and officially give kudos to these people who have dedicated their lives to educating our young people.

This year, the official day and week for showing appreciation to our teachers has come and gone, but it occurred to me that a day or week is not enough time for us to collectively thank teachers and administrators for the work they performed this particular year. This year was in no way routine. Our efforts to appreciate these folks should also not be routine.

It all really started at the end of the 2019-20 school year, which turned out to be a dress rehearsal for the start of the 2020-21 school year. Teachers were forced into developing and employing remote learning techniques with no warning, from March 2020 until the end of the school year. Technology was often spotty, at best, and in some remote areas not possible. Not to worry, school buses were used as mobile hot spots and homework wagons and meals were delivered to students. Even in those districts rich with technological hardware and software, the techniques of teaching remotely for long periods of time had to be mastered. Zoom became a common part of the teaching vernacular.

Spring sports were canceled, some highlights of the year like prom were eliminated, and graduations were held mostly remotely or with major changes made to allow for social distancing and other necessary precautions. Lock downs replaced annual field trips, and parents were often forced to become supervisors of "at home" learning. Many people learned just how difficult teaching can be.

During the summer of 2020, there was even more work done in an attempt to start the school year with a combination of remote and in-person learning. Various approaches were used as creative learning techniques emerged. Some schools remained remote, some used a hybrid model and when in-person was possible, students and teachers got used to using face masks and social distancing as an entirely different environment emerged. No matter the approach used, these efforts were often met with criticism, which became the true definition of a "no-win situation."

Through it all, our administrators, teachers, and support staff personnel worked hard to do the best they could to provide our children with an education. The teachers I have spoken with have had the most difficulty with the lack of contact with "their kids." Teaching is more than a profession; it is a calling. The best of the best become so invested in the success of their students that they lose sleep and suffer from anxiety worrying about how those they feel responsible for are doing. It is much more difficult to know how students are doing when the contact is hybrid or remote. Students count on teachers for a multitude of reasons beyond being educated.

This year, if you have not yet thanked a teacher or others who have worked so hard to provide your children with an education, don't let the fact that Teacher or Principal Appreciation Day has passed, stop you. This has been an unusual year, let's extend the timeline and continue to thank teachers at least a bit longer!

(Roger Eddy is a retired member of the Illinois House serving the 109th Legislative District from 2003 to 2012. While currently a member of the Illinois State Board of Education, all comments are as an individual and not as a member of the State Board of Education.)

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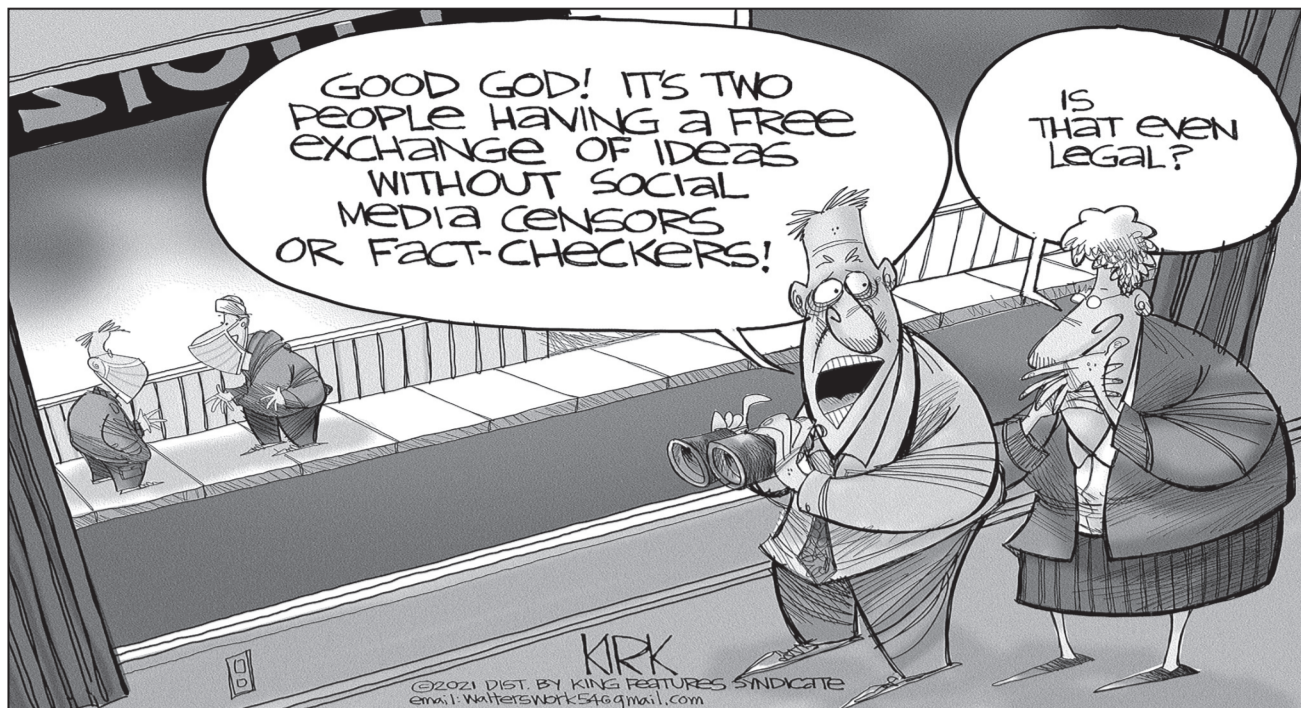
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Arctic explorer visits Mendota – 1926

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from May 23, 2001.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 75 years ago that members of the Izaak Walton League met in the city council chambers to hear Dr. John W. Ruskin tell of his experiences as a member of arctic expeditions. Impressed by what they heard, the league sponsored an illustrated lecture by Ruskin on May 26, 1926, in the Elks Auditorium.

Dr. Ruskin had been on expeditions in 1908-09, 1910, 1914, 1916 and 1922-23. Although he was officially the surgeon on these ventures, he always recorded scenery and wildlife with his camera.

At the time of his appearance in Mendota, he was raising funds for yet another expedition. He expected to sail from New York City in June, on the Neptune II, captained by Robert Bartlett. The Neptune II carried three engines, radio equipment and two Fokker planes. The mission on this trip would be to fly from the west coast to the east coast of Greenland, a feat not yet accomplished. Ruskin hoped to take a half-dozen Eskimo dogs about in case of a forced landing during the flight.

In a talk to the Kiwanis Club, Ruskin said his father had left him a half-million dollars to finance his explorations and he had already devoted another half-million to his work. But more was needed.

Admission to the lectures at the Elks was 50 cents for adults, 15 cents for children at the afternoon showing and 25 cents in the evening. Described as "the most wonderful pictures ever seen in Mendota," advance advertising added—

See the ice fields over which Amundsen and Byrd flew last week.

Gaps between cement roads leading to Mendota and the paved streets were finally attended to in May 1926. H. Zolper & Sons secured the contract to pave the gaps. One was an extension of West Washington Street, the other was north on 13th Avenue.

He is advertising for eight or 10 teams to assist in this work.

The Board of Supervisors in McHenry County was informed by the Attorney General that it did not have the power to prohibit Sunday night dancing in establishments to which it had issued permits.

Five Mendota boys were among a dozen from LaSalle County chosen to attend a Citizens' Military Training

Backtracks & Sidetracks

camp at Fort Sheridan. The camp, to begin Aug. 3, 1926, would last for 30 days. The Mendotans were Kenneth A. Krenz, Arthur J. McMahon, Arthur L. Morrison and Stanley T. Smith. R.E. Beebe, superintendent of Mendota schools, was the LaSalle County chairman for the CMTC program.

A man en route to a job with a gang laying new steel rails for the Burlington in Iowa was removed from the train in Mendota.

It was apparent he had been drinking.

Since pulling out of Aurora, he had been rolling in the aisle of the smoking car. He was carried to the Mendota baggage room on a stretcher, where he proceeded to disrobe. Dr. Harris was summoned, and after a brief stay in Harris Hospital, the man was transferred to jail, where he went to sleep.

By noon the next day he was able to go on his way.

McDonald & Neilson, proprietors of the United Cigar Store, announced installation of a soda fountain.

It has electrical refrigeration.

It had recently been advertised that electric refrigeration could be installed "in an existing ice box or with its own cabinet."

Gladys Schlesinger, who had accompanied her father to the field where he was planting corn, spotted a sheet of paper caught by a dangling string in a woven wire fence. It proved to be a letterhead from the Curtis Baby Ruth Candy Co., with an offer to provide the finder with a box of 24 Baby Ruth candy bars. It had been launched by a balloon.

Gladys naturally was tickled.

She will send the letter to the company telling how she happened to find it. In return, she will receive 24 Baby Ruth candy bars.

The Boy Builders, sponsored by the Mendota Masons, honored their mothers on May 13, 1926, at a Mothers' Night banquet attended by 100. Grand Master Builder Millard and Deputy Master Builder Williams, both from Chicago, were present. Two new Boy Builders were admitted to membership in the

Mendota chapter that night – Ray Zorn and Wayne Rex.

Earl F. Lewis, cashier at the Farmers & Merchants Bank, was congratulated on the 7-pound walleye pike he had pulled from the canal near Princeton.

It was on display.

A special "fruit train" on the Burlington, hauling cherries from California to Chicago, passed through Mendota. One shipment set a record when it traveled 175 miles, between Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Chicago in 176 minutes.

Time needed to take on water and coal was deducted from actual time.

The Mendota Township High School band gave a concert at the County Farm in Ottawa. The Mendota Kiwanis Club had arranged this appearance and Kiwanis members provided rides to Ottawa for the band boys.

The Men's Federated Bible Classes of Mendota met at the Methodist church on May 14, 1926. Speaker of the evening was F.G. Taylor, superintendent of Earlville schools. He urged the men to always work for the best interests of young people.

They are the greatest asset a community has.

A banquet was served by the Methodist ladies at a cost of 50 cents per plate. The ladies received a standing ovation for the excellence of the meal served.

A popular destination for Sunday drives in 1926 was the Black Hawk monument in Oregon. One Sunday in May, the following MTHS students motored their way for a picnic: William Wenninger, Webster Gilman, Oliver Finkenbinder, Arthur Bush, Perry Lewis, Cathryn Frey, Gwendolyn Gibbs, Marjorie Kohl and Elaine Neilson. They were accompanied by two faculty members: Roger Goodwin and Evelyn Hartquist.

CB&Q carpenters put a new roof on the interlocking switch tower near the Sixth Street crossing because of fire damage. The new roof was fireproof instead of "the old style wood shingles."

The F&F Shop at 704 Main St., operated by the Misses Fink and Ferguson, advertised the superiority of their new permanent wave machines. "No gas or electric heating, no interfering wires, no overheating or possibility of accidents."

SAFE

President Biden's child care folly

By Rich Lowry

Joe Biden has a New Deal for America's kids.

He wants to spend more than \$225 billion on child care for infants and toddlers, and \$200 billion for free, universal preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds.

This is being hailed as a social revolution that will finally bring the United States in line with other advanced democracies.

In reality, it's a program that shows a pronounced class bias. And since it is heedless of the experience of other such mass programs in the United States and around the world, the Biden approach is also likely to fail to achieve its goals.

It's just not true, as the Biden program assumes, that parents of young children are eager to shuttle them off to industrialized daycare or pre-K programs.

An extensive survey for the populist thinktank American Compass found a stark class divide in how couples think about child care. The survey asked couples if they preferred to have one parent working full time while the other parent provides child care in the home, or to have both parents working and using child care full time. One parent working was the preference of strong majorities of working-class (68%) and lower-class couples (58%), with a plurality of middle-class couples (38%) agreeing. Only a plurality of upper-class couples preferred the child care option (44%).

So, Biden is talking about using taxpayer dollars to create as a default an arrangement that most parents would rather avoid.

Then, there are outcomes. In a paper earlier this year for the Manhattan Institute, researcher Max Eden reviewed the literature.

The programs that have produced the most remarkable positive outcomes over the years tend to be small, expensive, and very difficult to replicate.

On the other side of the ledger, there's the Quebec Family Policy. The Canada province developed a crash program in the late 1990s that rapidly expanded child care with generally deleterious effects. Researchers found increased behavioral, social, and health problems for the kids, and interestingly, worse outcomes for parents, too. The results were, in the words of one authoritative study, "striking in their consistent indication of a substantial negative impact of universal child care on children in two-parent families."

The exception in Quebec, per another study, was children from single-parent families, where positive results were "particularly large for individuals at the very bottom of the distribution."

The Quebec outcomes, as Eden notes, accord with what's been found elsewhere -- child care is best for disadvantaged children and worst for children from two-parent families.

As for pre-K, the largest study of Head Start, the federal program for low-income children, found any early benefits faded by the third grade. Other research has been more encouraging. But a rigorous, randomized control study of low-income kids in an extensive pre-K program in Tennessee showed initial gains washed away and then, over time, participants had worse academic and behavioral outcomes.

All of this would suggest taking a cautious approach focused on the least-advantaged kids rather than moving full-speed ahead on a massive federal expenditure to get as many kids into daycare and pre-K as possible, probably through the existing structure of public schools.

But, in a desperate rush to spend another \$4 trillion, Joe Biden wants his New Deal for kids -- whether it's good for them or not.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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IVCC Board elects Solon as new chair



IVCC Theatre Department to perform live in-person musical on May 21-23

Audience members should bring their own lawn chairs as well as any beverages, wine, or even light picnics as the gates open one hour prior to show time at 6:30 p.m. Guests need to follow the guidelines posted on the ticket site regarding mitigation.

The board also approved the appointment of Matt Seaton as Vice President for Business Services and Finance to replace the retiring Roelfsema. His first day is June 17.



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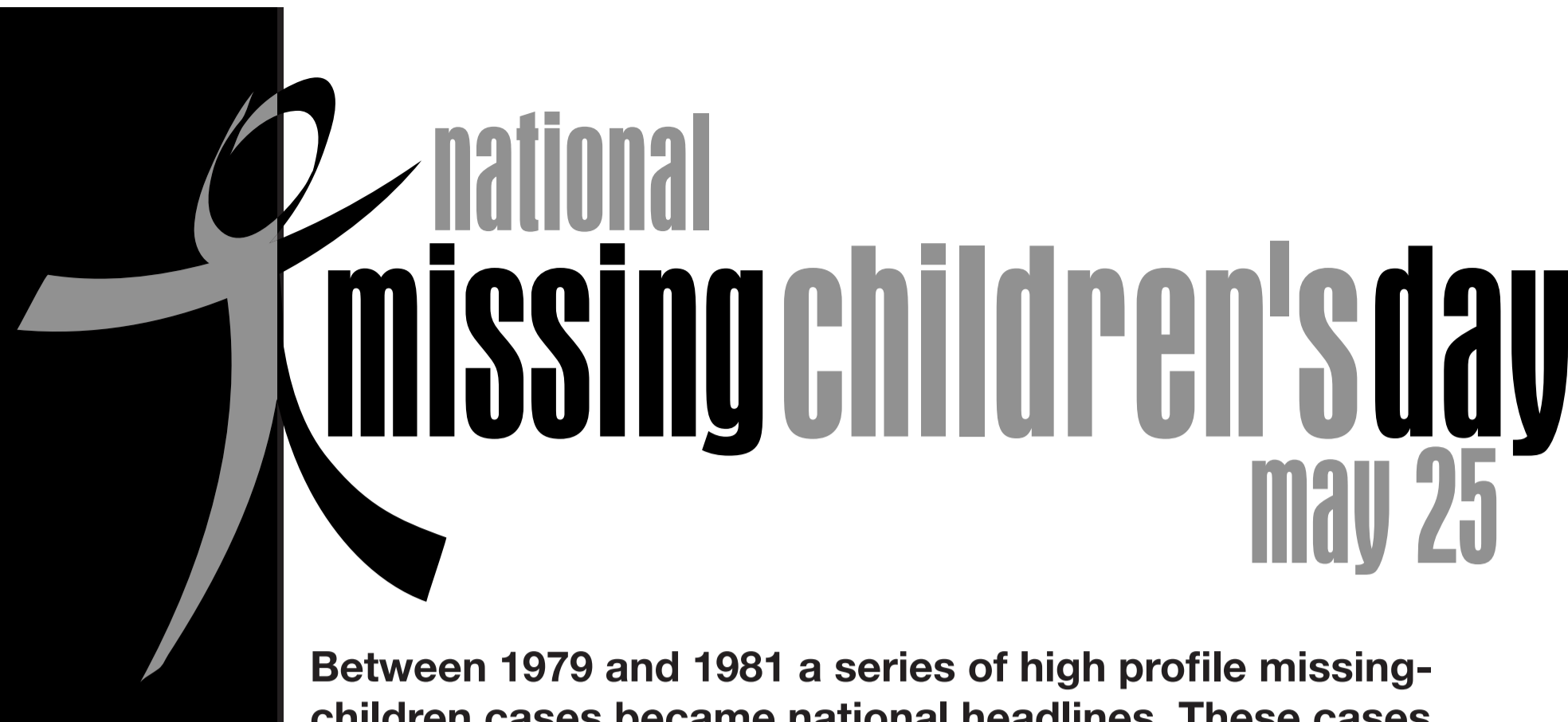
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Between 1979 and 1981 a series of high profile missing-children cases became national headlines. These cases contributed to the shock of the nation's consciousness bringing attention to the seriousness of child victimization and forever changing the response by law-enforcement agencies to reports of missing children.

The tragedies of these children and others exposed a fundamental flaw. There was no coordinated effort between federal, state, and local law enforcement; no national response system in place; and no central resource to help searching families. When it came to handling missing-children cases, the United States was a nation of 50 states often acting like 50 separate countries.

In 1983 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25 National Missing Children's Day. Each administration since has honored this annual reminder to the nation to renew efforts to reunite missing children with their families and make child protection a national priority. National Missing Children's Day is a reminder to all parents and guardians of the need for high-quality photographs of their children for use in case of an emergency, and for the need for everyone to pay close attention to the posters and photographs of missing children.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Is Gwyneth Paltrow really done with acting? Or is she going to belike Demi Moore only to return a few years later after retiring? -- **B.P.**



Paltrow

A: Gwyneth Paltrow grew up in the movie industry. Her mother, Blythe Danner, is a successful movie actress ("Meet the Parents"), and her father, the late Bruce Paltrow, was a prominent producer ("St. Elsewhere"). Gwyneth has had an even bigger career than her parents, earning an Academy Award for "Shakespeare in Love" and then becoming a part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe as Pepper Potts in "Iron Man" and its sequels. In 2008, she launched GOOP, her online wellness and lifestyle company. Over the years, as she raised her two children, her focus has shifted away from acting and toward the GOOP brand. She almost abandoned her acting career after winning her Oscar at age 26. She told "Good Morning America" years later that she "didn't love acting that much" and

felt that she had reached her peak and didn't know where to set her next goal.

Her most recent, post-Marvel credit was the limited series "The Politician," a comedy-drama on Netflix. Her husband, Brad Falchuk, is one of the creators of the "American Horror Story" franchise, so perhaps she'll pop up on that series someday, but she seems pretty content building her lifestyle empire and being a self-described homebody. ***

Q: We have been watching the "NCIS" series and its spinoffs set in different cities. Which location is going to be next? My interest dropped in watching the original "NCIS" when Abby, the lab tech, was pulled from the series. She definitely was an added attraction to that program, and the two blondes didn't help a bit. -- **N.M.**

A: Pauley Perrette's Abby, with her pigtails and bangs, was a fan favorite of the original "NCIS" series on CBS. Star Mark Harmon has been with the hit show since it began in 2003. It's spawned two franchises, "NCIS: Los Angeles" and "NCIS: New Orleans," which is ending after seven seasons.

However, like "Law & Order" and "CSI," "NCIS" continues to spawn new franchises. Next up is "NCIS: Hawaii." It's the first "NCIS" show to star a female lead. Former entertainment correspondent turned actress Vanessa Lachey has won that role. "NCIS: Hawaii" is expected to be part of CBS's fall lineup. ***

Q: I love "When Calls the Heart" on the Hallmark Channel. When will the new season begin? -- **S.S.**

A: "When Calls the Heart" debuted on Hallmark in 2014 and has steadily become a big hit for the network. Some people might only know it as the show that Lori Loughlin was on before she went to federal prison for the college admissions scandal, but it has a big following besides the tabloids. Former "General Hospital" star Jack Wagner and Erin Krakow are among the show's stars. Look for the ninth season to debut sometime in 2022.

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 -- Julian Fellowes, creator/writer/executive producer of "Downton Abbey" (series and film), has a Christmas present for us ... "Downton Abbey 2," which opens Dec. 22. In addition to the original cast returning, Fellowes has added Hugh Dancy ("Hannibal," "Late Night," "The Good Fight" and "Homeland"), with his real-life wife, Claire Danes ("Homeland"). Also, Laura Haddock ("Guardians of the Galaxy 1&2" and "Transformers: The Last Knight"), as well as Dominic West (Showtime's "The Affair," HBO's "The Wire," "Les Misérables" and the "Tomb Raider" remake, with Oscar-winner Alicia Vikander). West has already filmed his portrayal of Prince Charles in seasons 3&4 of "The Crown," which won't drop until 2022-23. The first "Downton" movie grossed \$230 million. ***



D. West

Kermit the Frog's father Here's one suggestion:

(and original voice) is getting the full biopic treatment from Disney. The Jim Henson Company has joined forces with Disney to tell the story of the creator of "The Muppets," "Fraggle Rock," many of the characters of "Sesame Street," as well as the films "The Labyrinth" and "The Dark Crystal," and of course, that superstar herself, Miss Piggy! Henson developed his Muppets while in high school, founded The Jim Henson Company in 1958 and developed many of the "Sesame Street" characters in 1969, which led to "The Muppet Show" in 1976.

The film will follow him as he tries to convince unimaginative network executives that adults, as well as children, would flock to see Muppets come to life. Henson left us in 1990 at 53 due to bacterial pneumonia, leaving behind a huge legacy and five children. After the success of the Mr. Rogers biopic, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," starring Tom Hanks as Fred Rogers, the door opened for this one. Now the search is on for a star to play Henson. ***

How about Jeff Dunham? Dunham began doing ventriloquism in 1970 at age 8, made his TV debut in 1976 in a Datsun car ad while still in high school. By 1983, he was making \$70,000 a year with his "dummies" and opened for superstars Bob Hope and George Burns. He finally broke through with a 1990 appearance on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson. In 2003, his first Comedy Central special scored well, but execs wouldn't pony up for another special. So in 2005, Dunham paid to tape his own special, "Arguing With Myself," then sold it to Comedy Central, pulling in 2 million viewers and selling 2 million DVDs.

Today, Dunham is the highest paid stand-up comedian and is so popular that he plays amphitheatres and stadiums, because theatres are too small. His net worth is estimated at \$140 million, but he'll have to work harder to catch Jerry Seinfeld, whose net worth is \$950 million. Still, \$140 million for playing with dolls is something to laugh at! (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

The catalog of films available to watch on any given platform is immense. Some days I feel like I spend more time with the TV guide and movie menu than I do actually watching a movie. When you just aren't sure what to watch, you can draw inspiration to guide you to a new discovery. For example, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and there is a wonderful selection of films starring or directed by entertainers from this background. Here are a few to get you started: "Crazy Rich Asians" -- A regular gal, Rachel Chu (Constance Wu), joins her seemingly normal longtime boyfriend on a trip to his best friend's wedding -- and back home to meet his family. Henry Gouling plays Nick Young, the boyfriend in question -- considerate, elegant, with a six-pack that won't stop. What Rachel doesn't know is that Nick's

family is, well, crazy rich, and the couple is greeted with nonstop elaborate displays of ostentatiousness as soon as they hit Singapore. Michelle Yeoh plays Nick's disapproving mother, and comedy relief comes from Rachel's college friend Peik Lin, played by a hilarious Awkwafina, along with Ken Jeong, as Peik Lin's dad. An absolute must-see!

"The Farewell" (PG) -- Awkwafina heads this touching family drama as Billi, a young Chinese woman whose adored grandmother is discovered to have cancer. The family decides not to tell her, and instead gathers the relatives together for an improvised wedding celebration as cover. Billi struggles with both the family's decision and to fit in with the old ways of doing things, all the while savoring sweet moments with family.

"Always Be My Maybe" -- Ali Wong and Randall Park play two childhood friends --

one now a highly successful chef, the other lives with his dad and performs locally in a band. After a brief fling, they part ways, but are reconnected when Ali comes home to San Francisco. It's a sweet story of ambition, finding oneself and reconnecting with what's truly important in life.

"Better Luck Tomorrow" -- A groundbreaking film from director Justin Lin, who later went on to acclaim directing several "Fast and Furious" films, "Better Luck Tomorrow" follows a group of high-achievement Asian-American students whose relentless pursuit of academic achievement and the excruciating expectations placed on them lead to an increasing level of involvement in petty crime, drugs, larceny and eventually felony. Stars Parry Shen, Jason Tobin, Sung Kang, Roger Fan and John Cho. (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Are you one of those folks who paces while talking on the phone? Psychologists believe this may be a kind of coping mechanism to make up for lack of body language and nonverbal cues that normally accompany conversation. * A chef traditionally wears white because the chef of the first prime minister of France (1815) believed it was the most hygienic of all colors. * The shape of the Coca-Cola bottle is patterned after a cacao seed pod.

* In 1995, Chris "Fenderman" Black got hitched to his Fender Stratocaster guitar that he'd purchased 35 years earlier, after his real wife quipped that he spent so much time with it, he should marry it. * Early Hoover vacuum cleaners were hard to sell because potential customers refused to believe they could have that much dirt in their carpets. * Plane exhaust kills more people than plane crashes. Approximately 10,000 people die annually from toxic airplane pollutants.

* Argentine goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea would crouch down and covertly urinate on the field before every penalty shootout for good luck. He started the ritual during the 1990 World Cup quarterfinals and continued it for the rest of his career.

* "Hurkle-durkle" is an old Scottish word meaning to lie in bed after it's time to get up and get going.

* A New Jersey man bought a \$5 bottle of orange juice, which his wife deemed too expensive and sent him back to return. He bought two Powerball lottery tickets with the refund and ended up winning the jackpot worth \$315.3 million. ***

Thought for the Day: "I think that you have to believe in your destiny, that you will succeed; you will meet a lot of rejection and it is not always a straight path, there will be detours -- so enjoy the view." -- Michael York

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• Trivia Test •

1. MOVIES: How long was the shortest Academy Awards ceremony?
2. TELEVISION: Which U.S. state was the setting for the 1980s "Newhart" TV sitcom?
3. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition known medically as ankylosis?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which European nation colonized Haiti?
5. HISTORY: What was the Monroe Doctrine, a policy stated by President James Monroe in 1823?
6. ADVERTISING: Horatio Magellan Crunch is the mascot for which cereal brand?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is bannock?
8. BIBLE: What is the Pentateuch?
9. SCIENCE: How do mosses reproduce?
10. INVENTIONS: When did

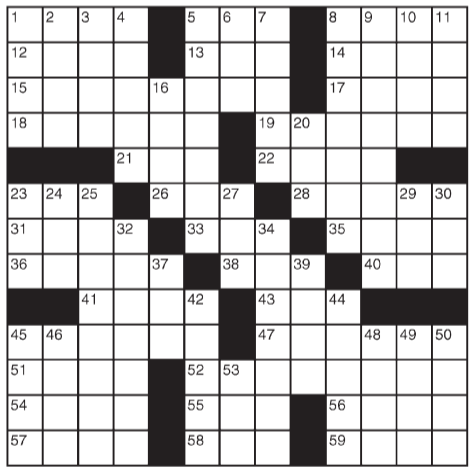
the first patented drive-in movie theater open?

- Answers
1. The first Academy Awards ceremony in 1929 lasted 15 minutes.
 2. Vermont
 3. Stiff joint
 4. France
 5. The U.S. opposed further European colonization of the Americas, but wouldn't interfere with existing colonies or meddle in the affairs of European countries.
 6. Cap'n Crunch
 7. Flat, quick bread of Scottish origin
 8. The first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy
 9. Spores
 10. 1933 in Camden, New Jersey
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- 19 Aquarium favorites
- 21 Weir
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- 23 Fan's cry
- 26 '60s war zone
- 28 Entrap
- 31 Coup d' --
- 33 "The Voice" network
- 35 "My Way" composer
- 36 Event location
- 38 "Eureka!"
- 40 Speck
- 41 Zwei follower
- 43 Literary rep
- 45 Move fast
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- 55 Leading lady?
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- 57 "A Room of



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- 58 Sailor
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 - 10 Activist Parks
 - 11 Tolkien creatures
 - 16 Muscat's land
 - 20 Overhead trains
 - 23 Speed (up)
 - 24 Devoured
 - 25 Good-looking
 - 27 CEO's deg.
 - 29 "Top Hat" studio
 - 30 Chow down
 - 32 Swimming reptiles
 - 34 Smooth talker
 - 37 Shoe width
 - 39 Malaria symptom
 - 42 Map within a map
 - 44 London newspaper
 - 45 Hawaiian city
 - 46 Tennis score
 - 48 Asta's feeder
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by Linda Thistle

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POLICE BLOTTER

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Megan N. Vickrey, 25, of 304 Fourth St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Washington Street at 6:35 p.m. May 13. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI
Nicholas T. Dalki, 24, of 1107 14th Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop at First Avenue and 12th Street at 7:53 p.m. May 13. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
LaSummer C. Jones, 24, of 701 Meadowview Drive, Apt. 202, Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Indiana Avenue and Monroe Street at 12:27 a.m. May 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WEEKLY RECORD

LaSalle County (marriage licenses)
Christopher Ryan of Earlville and Rachel Niedjelski of Ottawa; issued May 4, 2021.
Andrew Valenzuela and Justine Coleman, both of Earlville; issued May 4, 2021.
Taylor Ikens and Carly Dodd, both of Amboy; issued May 7, 2021.

IVCC News Briefs

IVCC offers Teen Career Camps

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education Center offers Teen Career Exploration Camps for ages 13 to 17 in June and July.

Taught by IVCC faculty, camps expose students to careers in various fields through interactive discussion and hands-on simulation. Skills needed to succeed on the job and in life will be incorporated into each camp.

Camps cover careers in health, manufacturing, automotive and welding.

"GRIP" camp, June 14-17, focuses on STEM careers including electronics, computer-aided drafting, automotive and industrial maintenance.

"SPARK!" meets June 28-July 1 and covers basic MIG welding, workplace safety, basic manufacturing processes and basic print-reading skills.

"SCRUBS!", July 12-15, introduces students to careers in dental health, emergency medical services, medical assisting and nursing.

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OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Automotive Technology Department is offering Automotive Air Conditioning and Heating (ATO 2250) from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 24 to June 15.

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tions about the class, call instructor Art Koudelka at (815) 224-0220 or email art_koudelka@ivcc.edu.

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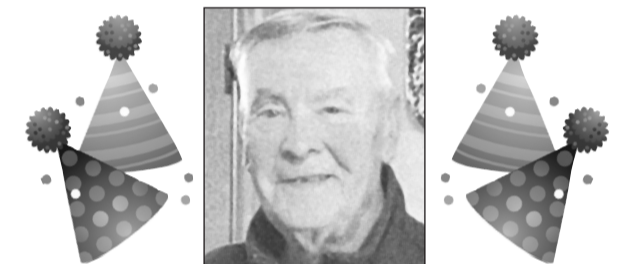
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SPORTS

MHS hires alumnus to boys' basketball staff

MENDOTA – Mendota High School will have another former player on its boys' basketball coaching staff after Steve Wasmer was hired as an assistant coach by the Board of Education at its May 17 meeting.

Wasmer will be the assistant coach under head coach Steve Hanson for the 2021-22 season. There is a possibility that Wasmer could transition into the head coaching position the year after.

Wasmer is a Mendota native and a 1998 graduate of MHS. He played basketball all four years in high school. Wasmer is currently an eighth-grade math teacher at Peru Parkside and has six years' experience of coaching the eighth-grade boys' and girls' teams at Parkside.



Wasmer

Wasmer was in high school during some of Mendota's best years on the basketball court in the 1990s, and he remembers the excitement the Trojans gave the fans every time they took the floor.

"The position is really attractive to me, because I can remember when Mendota basketball was a force," said Wasmer. "The stands were filled on Friday nights, and it was exciting. I want to bring that excitement back."

"It's been a bit of a rough stretch, but there's no doubt in my mind we can have good basketball teams every year in this town. I want to drive around and see kids shooting outside. I have a great opportunity to work with Coach Hanson, who I respect immensely. He really knows the game and I'm excited to learn from him."

Wasmer said his philosophy is pretty simple – he wants the guys on his team to outwork the other guys.

"Control the things you can control and good things happen," he said. "Work hard and play great defense and you will, at a minimum, stay in games. Jay Bilas had a great quote in his Toughness book – 'Hard work is the price of admission for the opportunity to reach sustained excellence.' I love that statement."

"We will also be prepared. When I played, Killer (Mike Kilmartin) and my dad always had us prepared. There wasn't a single time that I thought the opposing coach had their team more prepared than us, whether it was attention to detail in practice or an incredibly detailed scouting report. When your coaches care that much and work that hard it is much easier for the players to give their best effort day in and day out. My goal is to help our teams to be that prepared as well."

Lady Trojans rally past North Boone

DeFore hits, pitches MHS over Hall

Mendota rallied late in the game to take out North Boone, 3-1, in a Big North-eastern Conference varsity girls' softball game on May 11 at the MHS field.

North Boone broke a scoreless tie with an unearned run in the fourth and the game remained 1-0 until the bottom of the sixth when Mendota finally broke through. Up until that point, the Lady Trojans had no hits and had only one baserunner.



DeFore

Lauren Martin started the rally with a one-out walk and a stolen base. After a flyout, Katie Jenner delivered Mendota's first hit, an RBI double to tie the game. Paige Manning reached on an error as Jenner produced a run-scoring single to make it 3-1.

Manning, who started in the circle, ran into some trouble in the top of the seventh, but she managed to wiggle out of the jam to secure the victory. She allowed just three hits in the complete-game performance, striking out seven and walking two.

Superb pitching and plenty of hitting was a good combination for the Lady Trojans as they walloped Hall, 11-0, on May 12 at Spring Valley. The game was halted after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

Mendota's offense went right to work in the top of the first when it batted around and scored five runs. Emma Schultz and Ryleigh Sondgeroth each had RBI singles in the frame.

The Lady Trojans put three more runs on the board in the second when Jenner and DeFore singled ahead of a three-run homer by Jenna O'Donnell.

DeFore stroked a two-run

single in the third and Mendota added one more run in the fifth.

In the circle, DeFore was masterful over five innings, allowing just a fourth-inning single. She struck out four and walked one.

Mendota tried to rally late in the game, but came up short to Oregon, 6-3, in a BNC contest on May 13 at Oregon.

The Hawks scored two runs each in the first, third and fifth innings to take a 6-0 lead.

The Lady Trojans had just two hits through five innings before they put some hits together in the sixth and benefited from walks to score three runs. Paige Manning singled to drive in the first run. Sondgeroth walked with the bases loaded to plate another and Lauren Martin delivered an RBI single – her third straight hit – to cut the Oregon lead in half.

Manning pitched all six innings to take the loss. She gave up six hits, four earned runs, struck out seven and walked three.

The Lady Trojans were forced to play come-from-behind again against Genoa-Kingston, but fell by a 6-5 count on May 17 at Genoa.

A five-run third inning propelled G-K to a 6-1 lead. Mendota scored in the third on an RBI single by Manning and then tallied three in the fourth to make it 6-4. Driving in runs were Jenner with a double, DeFore with a single and O'Donnell with a triple.

After the third, DeFore blanked the Lady Cogs the rest of the way, but Mendota could only push across one more run.

Jenner led Mendota's 11-hit attack with three hits, while Manning and Martin had two apiece.

G-K managed 12 hits off of DeFore, but only one of its six runs was earned. She fanned three and walked three.

Soccer team ties Oregon, loses two close games

The Mendota Lady Trojan girls' soccer team suffered a 3-1 setback to Rockford Christian on May 11 at the MHS field.

Daisy Arteaga tallied the lone goal for the Lady

Trojans.

Mendota and Oregon finished in a 3-3 tie on May 13 at Oregon.

Isabella Tolentino scored a pair of goals for Mendo-

ta, while Nataliya Stewart booted home the other goal. Assists went to Arteaga and Tanya Rosas.

The Lady Trojans dropped a 2-1 overtime decision to

North Boone on May 17 at the MHS field.

Stewart scored Mendota's goal off an assist by Arteaga.

The Lady Trojans have a 3-6-1 record.



The popularity of water sports underscores the importance of revisiting the various ways to stay safe when out on the water.

Simple safety tips for water sports enthusiasts

Bodies of water like lakes, rivers and oceans often elicit fond memories of fun times spent under the sun. Safety should always be a priority when spending time on the water, especially when participating in water sports, including swimming and water skiing.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 40 people die by drowning every hour of every day, which equates to around 372,000 deaths each year. Many of those deaths, the vast majority of which occur in low- or middle-income countries, are preventable, and safety is at the core of drowning prevention. Though drowning incidents are not as prevalent in the United States and Canada as they are elsewhere in the world, the popularity of water sports in both countries underscores the importance of revisiting the various ways to stay safe when out on the water.

- Take water sports lessons. The carefree nature of spring and summer can make it easy for water sports enthusiasts to forgo lessons before trying their hands at water skiing and

wakeboarding. But such lessons can teach people techniques that can keep them safe on the water. Courses teach everything from how to get up and out of the water to how to properly handle a tow rope. They also can teach boaters how to navigate waters while towing skiers, tubers and wakeboarders.

- Learn hand signals and go over them before getting in the water. The National Safety Council emphasizes the importance of basic hand signals, which can be used to help boaters communicate with the people they're towing. Hand signals are vital because water sports tend to be noisy, so non-verbal communication may be the only way boaters can communicate with the people they're towing. Signals can be used to communicate anything from directions of turns to speed requests to the condition of the person being towed. A list of hand signals can be found at www.boaterexam.com/safety/safety-common-hand-signals.aspx.
- Inspect tow lines. The NSC advises inspecting tow lines prior to beginning.

Such inspections can confirm that tow lines are not caught in the propeller or wrapped around anyone before the activity begins.

- Wait for the propeller to stop before getting back on the boat. People being towed should always wait for propellers to stop before climbing back into the boat. It doesn't take long for propellers to stop, and those extra few seconds can dramatically reduce risks for accidents or injuries.

- Avoid water sports at night. Visibility is compromised once the sun goes down. That can make it hard for boaters to see any obstacles that might appear in the water, and it also makes it very difficult for them to communicate with the people they're towing. As a result of such difficulties, the NSC urges water sports enthusiasts to only engage in such activities during daylight hours.

Water sports make summer even more fun. Safety should always be the utmost priority for anyone involved in such activities.

Snowmobile trail grants available

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is accepting applications for grants through the Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund (STEF) and Local Government Snowmobile (SNOW) grant programs now through June 1, 2021.

The Illinois STEF and SNOW grant programs are offered annually through the IDNR.

The primary purpose of the Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund Grant Program is to provide financial aid to eligible private, not-for-profit snowmobile clubs for the purpose of assisting such organizations to construct, maintain and rehabilitate snowmobile trails and facilities on public lands, designated roadways, or private land opened to such use in the state. The STEF grant program provides financial assistance to eligible local snowmobile clubs and organizations to help them construct, maintain, and rehabilitate snowmobile trails and facilities on public lands and designated road right-of-ways or on private lands open to public snowmobile use. The following types of projects are among those eligible for STEF funding: trail clearing, signs and fencing, lease of equipment necessary for facility construction, and warming shelters/restrooms.

Applications must be submitted to the IDNR by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2021. The Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Pages/default.aspx>

IDNR Conservation Police step up patrols for National Safe Boating Week

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation Police have stepped up patrols and are reminding boaters to play it safe while enjoying their time on the water as part of National Safe Boating Week, May 22-28.

"While we look forward to observing Memorial Day and the start of the summer outdoor recreation season, our busy boating season in Illinois is already underway, and we want boaters to be safe on the water throughout the year," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "IDNR Conservation Police will be out on the water with you, reminding boat operators to be safe and sober, and reminding everyone aboard the boat to keep safety in mind."

A year ago, IDNR Conservation Police investigated 81 boating accidents involving 36 injuries and 21 fatalities. Nationally, the U.S. Coast Guard notes that drowning was the reported cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities in 2019, and that 86 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

Top boating safety reminders:

- Wear a life jacket. Wearing a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) is one of the simple things you can do whether you're solo in a kayak, paddling with the family in a canoe, or operating a larger boat on a busy lake or river. PFDs are required on jet skis and wave runners. PFDs for



everyone aboard the boat are required, and kids under 13 must wear a life jacket whenever a boat is underway.

- Motor boat operators should make sure all the required equipment is aboard, including a properly charged fire extinguisher, working horn and whistle, working navigation lights, and flares.

- A new federal law requires engine cut-off switches (ECOS) and links or lanyards that shut the boat motor off if the boat operator is displaced from the helm, preventing runaway boats from causing damage or injuries.
- Stay sober. Just like driving a car or truck, you

can't operate a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Conservation Police arrested more than 100 boaters on charges of operating under the influence (OUI) last year.

"The best way for boaters to enjoy their time on the water this summer is to follow the rules," said IDNR Law Enforcement Director Timothy Tyler. "Our Conservation Police Officers will be diligent in enforcing the law when it comes to sober boating. Anyone operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be subject to arrest. The message for boat operators is simple – and bears repeating: If you booze, you lose."

Boat operators must also follow the laws regarding

careless or reckless operation, overloading a boat, observing restricted areas and no-wake zones, and adhering to other navigation rules, Tyler added.

The Handbook of Illinois Boating Laws and Responsibilities has details on what boaters can and cannot do in Illinois. The handbook is available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/boating/Documents/BoatDigest.pdf>

The annual Illinois Recreational Boating Report for Federal Fiscal Year 2020, with information on boating accidents, enforcement and safety, is available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/safety/Documents/BoatingAccidentReport2020.pdf>

LOCAL AND AREA

Former LaSalle home administrators misled Pritzker administration, officials claim

By SARAH MANSUR
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SPRINGFIELD — Top officials from Gov. JB Pritzker's administration claimed last week that they were misled by leadership at the state Department of Veterans' Affairs regarding a deadly COVID-19 outbreak at the state-run LaSalle Veterans' Home.

Deputy Gov. Sol Flores and Illinois Department of Public Health Director Ngozi Ezike said, as a result of this misinformation, they were unaware of the breakdown in basic infection control protocols at LaSalle that led to a November COVID-19 outbreak that killed 36 veterans.

During the nearly four-hour House Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on May

13, Flores blamed senior officials at IDVA and the home for the staff's failure to follow state and federal health guidelines.

"IDVA was supposed to be following all protocols laid out in the IDPH and (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines specific to long-term care facilities," Flores, who oversees human services agencies for the governor's office, told the committee. "We were told that that was happening by the home administrator (Angela Mehlbrech), and the staff that was on the ground."

Mehlbrech was fired in December, and former IDVA Director Linda Chapa LaVia, as well as her chief of staff, Tony Kolbeck, have since resigned.

When asked what has

changed at the home to ensure the administration is not receiving misinformation, Flores cited new leadership at the home. She said the administration is also asking for more detailed reports from staff at the home.

"Now that visitation is allowed, I intend to go with (IDVA Acting) Director (Terry) Prince and visit more of the homes," Flores said, noting she has not yet visited the LaSalle home in person.

Ezike said medical and infection control professionals at IDPH were in frequent contact with the Kolbeck and others at the home throughout the outbreak to educate and recommend strategies.

"Through these calls and through the information we were hearing at the time, we believed that the home was

following all the recommended protocols and the appropriate steps were being taken to address the cases," Ezike said.

The hearing comes two weeks after the release of an investigative report into the response by officials from the home and IDVA.

The investigation revealed a response to the outbreak at the LaSalle home that was "inefficient, reactive, and, at times, chaotic," according to the 50-page report from the Illinois Department of Human Services' Office of the Inspector General.

The report found the home and agency lacked any outbreak plans and had insufficient COVID-19 policies. In addition, the report found the home and agency failed to communicate, train, and educate staff members concerning COVID-19 policies, and it found repeated non-compliance with personal protective equipment protocols among staff.

It described former IDVA Director Linda Chapa LaVia as having "abdicated" her authority to Kolbeck. It also found that no one at IDVA visited the LaSalle facility, either in person or virtually, from March 2020 until December 2020.

The scope of the investigation was limited to examining policies and protocols in the home, as well as assessing IDVA's response to the outbreak and compliance with state and federal regulations.

The investigators only requested documents from IDVA, but not from the governor's office or IDPH, according to Peter Neumer, acting inspector general at the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Neumer testified before the same committee earlier last week, noting his team did

not interview anyone with the governor's office, although it did interview three IDPH officials who have medical experience or backgrounds in infectious disease.

The inspector general's report found that IDVA failed to implement recommendations made in 2019 after an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease at the state-run veterans home at Quincy that killed 13 veterans. Those recommendations called on IDVA to create uniform infection control policies across all four state-run homes.

Acting IDVA Director Prince, who also testified at the committee hearing, said uniform policies were implemented at all four state-run veterans homes in late April.

The senior home administrator position at LaSalle, which has remained vacant since 2019, would have been responsible for carrying out these recommendations, according to the report. Since the position had not been filled, the recommendations were not implemented by the time the pandemic hit.

Prince said this position is still vacant but his department is currently interviewing candidates.

Pritzker, at an unrelated news conference, also assigned blame to IDVA leadership when asked about the failure to carry out recommendations.

"I'm upset and extraordinarily disappointed that leadership at the Department of Veterans' Affairs did not make the corrections suggested in that report that should have been made," he said.

Request for AG criminal investigation, civil lawsuits
House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, sent a formal request on May 11 to Attor-

ney General Kwame Raoul asking him to open a criminal investigation into the COVID-19-related deaths at the LaSalle home.

"Caring for our aged veterans in our state facilities should always rise to the highest level of care," Durkin's wrote in the letter. "That standard of care for our heroic veterans at the LaSalle Veterans' Home was not met as evidenced by the report."

Such an investigation would not be unprecedented.

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

A spokesperson for Raoul's office said Durkin's request is being reviewed.

The state is also facing more than a dozen lawsuits filed on behalf of veterans who contracted COVID-19 at LaSalle. The lawsuits accuse the facility of providing negligent health care that violated state law.

Lawyers with the Chicago-based Levin & Perconti firm have argued in the lawsuits that the LaSalle facility did not provide health care services consistent with guidance issued by the state and federal health authorities, did not adequately supply or properly use personal protective equipment, and did not take the necessary steps to provide medical care to patients with COVID-19 or prevent further transmission of the virus.

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Life in Christ is absolutely amazing when you learn to live by faith. And Romans 1:17 says that those who are believers in Him “shall live by faith” (NKJV). It’s the key to experiencing the abundant life Jesus died to give us, a life we can enjoy, “and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]” (John 10:10 AMP).

The question is, how do we live by faith? What does it look like, practically speaking, to release, or use, our faith in our everyday lives?

Faith That Brings the Dead to Life

In John chapter 11, we read about the time when

Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary, were good friends to Jesus, and He’d had been to their home multiple times.

But when Lazarus was sick and his sisters sent word to Him saying “he whom You love is sick” (John 11:3 NKJV), Jesus didn’t come right away to heal Him. His immediate response was, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (v. 4).

Jesus wanted them to trust Him and believe that no matter how bad the situation was, He could still do something to make

it right. But that’s not the reaction He received.

When Mary, Lazarus’ sister, came out to meet Him, she said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died” (John 11:32 NKJV). The Bible says that Jesus was “deeply moved within [to the point of anger]” when He approached Lazarus’ tomb (John 11:38 AMP). He was visibly disturbed.

Think for a moment how Jesus must have felt. He knows what has happened and has come to fix the problem, but no one really understands what He’s capable of doing. He’s surrounded by unbelief. And in the midst of the confusion, Jesus says to the people, “Take away the stone” (v. 39).

It’s interesting that Jesus was getting ready to raise a man from the dead but He told them to roll away the stone. He wanted to see their faith in Him through their obedience.

Faith That Speaks Louder Than Words

Romans 12:3 says God “has dealt to each one a measure of faith” (NKJV). So you have faith...but are you using it? It’s so important for us to use our faith because that’s how we grow stronger in our relationship with God and trust Him more in every situation in our lives.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) says, “Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently



seek Him.” God rewards our faith when He sees it in action.

Using your faith simply means that you do what you can do—what God shows you to do—and you trust Him to do what you cannot do. For example, if you’re praying for your spouse to become a believer in Christ, then don’t go to lunch with your friends and complain about how he or she will never change.

When you release your faith, you take some kind of action that shows you believe God will do what He says He will do. You line up your attitudes and actions with God’s promises for you, according to His Word, and hold on to those truths when life gets tough. That’s what Jesus was asking the people to do when He told them to roll away the stone from Lazarus’ grave.

It’s Not Too Hard

So many times when God asks us to do something for Him, we look at the situation and say, “There’s no way I can ever do that. It’s just too hard!”

Maybe you need to forgive people who have hurt you. Maybe you’re asking God for a new house and He’s telling you to clean up the one you’ve got. Maybe you’re facing a mountain of debt, yet you’re still using credit cards everywhere you go.

When challenges are greater than our ability to resolve them on our own, we often say things like, “I can’t do it, God. It’s just too hard.” But that’s a lie the devil wants you to believe.

The truth is, God is never going to ask you to do something without giving you the ability to do it. Whatever the direction is, He’ll give you the strength, understanding, support, resources—anything you need—to do your part when you simply step out in obedience to follow His lead.

In these times, remember Philippians 4:13, which says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” In other words, you can do whatever you need to do in life through Christ.

You can roll away the stone that stands between you and your miracle!

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s three-teaching CD series Unleashing the Power of Faith. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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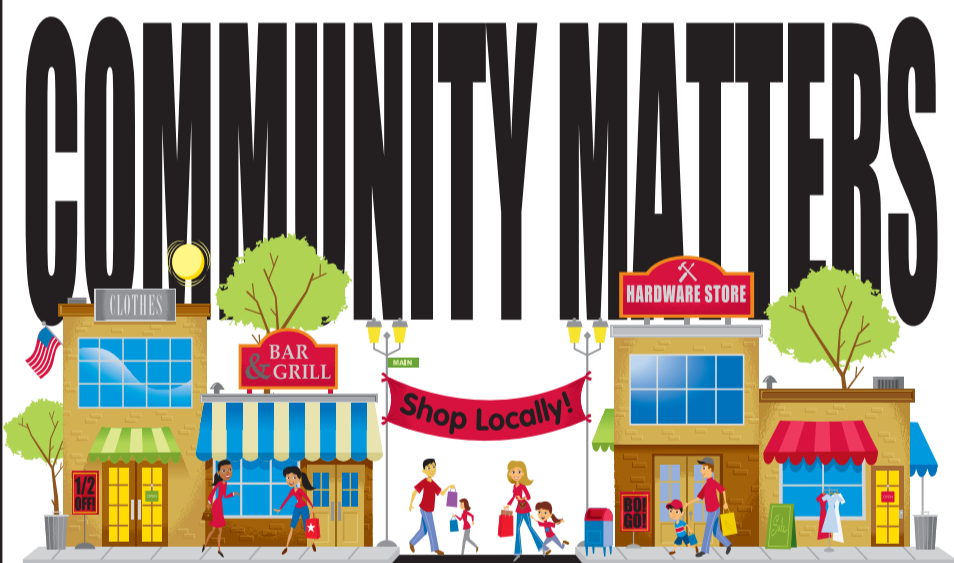
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By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and 770 ILCS 103/1-15 et. seq. establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held 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.

Each timeshare estate is a 1.923% and/or 0.9615% undivided interest (each, a "Unit") as tenant-in-common at Fox River Resort, a vacation ownership project in LaSalle County, Illinois, as per the recorded plat(s) thereof and according to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants and Conditions recorded under File No. R2000 31258 and any Supplemental Declarations recorded

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

Fox River Resort Club, An Illinois Not-for-profit Corporation, whose Attorney is MICHAEL G. BOKUS, 609 Eighth Avenue, Its: Agent No. 0501 (May 5, May 12, May 19)

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 28, 2021 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Jason's Towing & Recovery, LLC located at 4053 E. 2603rd Road Sheridan, IL 60551. Dated: April 29, 2021. Jason Orbe Applicant. Legal No. 0502 (May 2, 12, 19)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
THIRTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BUREAU COUNTY,
PRINCETON, IL
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P 43
OF)
SEAN W.)
STILTNER,)
DECEASED.)**

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Sean W. Stiltner, of Princeton, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May

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Dated: May 11, 2021
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No. 0503 (May 19, 26, June 2)

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ESTATE)
OF)Case
MARJORIE)No.
B.)2021
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CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARJORIE B. CARROLL. Letters of Office were issued on May 11, 2021 to MATTHEW B. CARROLL, 1405 Walnut Ave., Mendota, IL 61342, as Executor, whose Attorney is MICHAEL G. BOKUS, 609 Eighth Avenue, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or with the representative, or both, before the date stated in this notice, which date shall be not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and that any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representatives and to his Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Date of first publication: May 19, 2021, A.D. Claim Deadline: November 18, 2021, A.D. CIRCUIT CLERK LASALLE COUNTY OTTAWA, ILLINOIS Attorney at Law 609 Eighth Avenue Mendota, IL 61342 Phone: 815/ 539-5002 FAX: 815/ 538-5771 ARDC No. 6285775

No. 0504 (May 19)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OPHIR TOWNSHIP ROAD AND BRIDGE BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road purposes, Ophir Township, LaSalle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022 is available for public inspection at the Triumph Community Building, 3907 E. 752nd Road Triumph Illinois. A public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday June 14, 2021 at the Triumph Community Building. Bill Pakenham. Ophir Township Clerk. No. 0505 (May 19)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OPHIR TOWNSHIP TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Town purposes, Ophir Township, LaSalle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022 is available for public inspection at the Triumph Community Building, 3907 E. 752nd Road Triumph Illinois. A public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday June 14th, 2021 at the Triumph Community Building. Bill Pakenham. Ophir Township Clerk. No. 0506 (May 19)

NOTICE

Ophir Township regular monthly meeting dates for fiscal 2021-2022 will be held on the second Monday of the month, April through October at 7:00 p.m. and November through March at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Ophir Community Building at 3907 E. 752nd Road in Triumph. Bill Pakenham. Ophir Township Clerk. No. 0507 (May 19)

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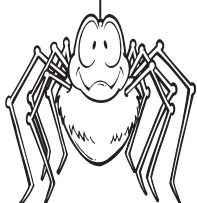
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MLS#11021753
202 15th St Mendota
\$169,900

Very nice and comfortable 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch. Move in condition. You will not be disappointed. Home is sold as is however newer furnace, water heater, roof and sump pump. All appliances stay. Including freezer and fridge in basement. Perennials in the nicely landscaped lot. Call for all the amenities.



MLS# 11038258
1314 Monroe St. Mendota
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