

Northbrook 8th graders to graduate on May 20th

MENDOTA – Northbrook Middle School will hold its eighth grade graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at the Northbrook track (formerly Mendota High School football field). The rain date is May 21.

Each graduating student will receive six tickets for family members and friends to attend. Seating will be in the bleachers and on the field and track.

Attendees are required to wear masks and practice social distancing.

“We hope to have beautiful weather and celebrate coming together again,” said Paula Daley, Northbrook principal.

The procession of graduates will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Next will be the presentation of awards – Presidential Education Awards, Reed Rydberg Memorial Award, American Legion Award and James D. Hume Citizenship Award.

After the awards, the presentation of the Class of 2021 will take place and then the granting of certificates of promotion.

The program will conclude with the recessional.



Historic window restoration being done at First Presbyterian Church

Church gets help from community members, businesses to fund project

By **BONNIE MORRIS**
Editor

MENDOTA – Scaffolding is in place and work has started on restoration of the stained glass windows at Mendota First Presbyterian Church. But to fund the costly project, as well as repairs to the building’s chimney, the church had to ask for help. Thanks to support from church members, businesses and the community, they received enough donations to fund both projects.

First Presbyterian Pastor Susan Presley said she was overwhelmed with the response they received to their request. She explained that one large donor had given them \$30,000 for the projects and asked the church to match that amount. Hoping to meet that challenge, the church sent out one letter asking for donations.

“Between the church, the community and businesses that pitched in, we exceeded our goal and raised \$60,000 in two months,” Presley said. “The response has been phenomenal. But this is a beautiful, historic church – it might be the oldest church building in continuous use in Mendota – and I think it is important to the community.”

The unique stone church was completed in December 1898, a year after the congregation’s previous wooden structure had burned to the ground in October 1897. One of the early religious groups living in Mendota, First Presbyterian Church organized in 1855 soon after the founding of the town. The following year, they built a house of worship at the corner of Fifth Street and 10th Avenue – the same location as the current church – on lots donated by T.B. Blackstone. The steeple of the original frame building



Scaffolding is in place to restore a stained glass window at First Presbyterian Church in Mendota thanks to support from church members, businesses and the community. (Photo contributed)

is said to have cost about \$3,500 and there was seating for about 350 people.

As the town grew, in 1857 the Second Presbyterian Church was organized and they built a small church on the East Side of town. But less than a decade later, they disbanded and sold their

building to the Universalist Society. The congregation, which had 19 members, then joined the First Presbyterian Church.

Soon after First Presbyterian lost their church in 1897, the congregation began planning for a new structure made of stone, most likely hoping

to avoid another tragic fire. Fire was an ongoing threat in the early days of most communities. In 1870, a fire in Mendota had wiped out most of the businesses on the south side of Washington

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Pritzker: Broader reopening of Illinois to begin this week

State still grappling with vaccine hesitancy

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker said that Illinois will enter the “bridge” phase to full

reopening on Friday, May 14.

And barring any reversal of current trends, Phase 5, or full reopening, will begin on June 11.

He also announced that residents can now obtain COVID-19 vaccines from their physicians’ offices, rather than just designated vaccine sites, as public health officials continue to confront hesitancy within many communities to accept the vaccines.

Last week’s announcement came as the state reached a new benchmark of having 55 percent of

adults age 16 and over, and 80 percent of people age 65 and over, having received at least one dose of vaccine, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. Meanwhile, the daily number of new cases, hospitalization rates and intensive care unit usage have all been falling or leveling off.

“This good news comes with a caveat,” Pritzker said. “We have all seen throughout this pandemic that this virus and its variants have proven to be unpredictable. Metrics that look strong today are far from a guarantee of how things will look a week, two weeks, a month from now. We saw that last August, and again last March.”

Under the bridge phase—a transition phase between the current Phase 4 mitigations and the virtually complete

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Pritzker

Pritzker now says budget can include added \$350 million for K-12 schools

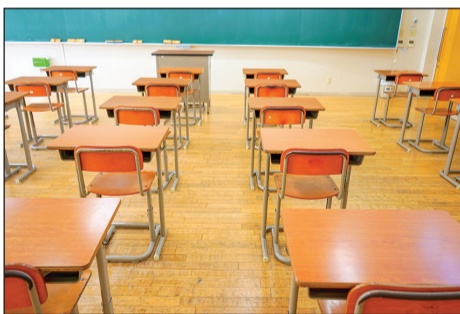
By **JERRY NOWICKI**
& **TIM KIRSININKAS**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Citing an “improved” economic outlook, Gov. JB Pritzker announced his support to increase evidence-based education funding in the state by \$350 million in fiscal year 2022, which begins July 1.

In his February budget proposal, Pritzker originally proposed flat spending for education, citing “financial uncertainty” amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

It would have been the second consecutive year in which the state failed to add \$350 million to the funding formula – a number written into state statute as a goal aimed at driving new money to the districts that are furthest from funding “adequacy.”

Adequacy is based on a number of factors, including class size and local capacity to fund a school district.



“Parents, students and educators can breathe a sigh of relief,” Pritzker said in an unrelated news conference last week. “As an education advocate myself, I am really all too happy that our improved economic and fiscal condition allows us to increase educational funding.”

The announcement comes following the latest report from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, which cited improved revenue numbers for the

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–Gov. JB Pritzker

current fiscal year as the state works toward a full economic recovery from the pandemic.

Per that report, after revenues fell by \$2.74 billion last April, base general fund revenues in April 2021 grew \$1.779 billion, in part because April income tax payments were delayed one year ago.

“While the full story of FY 2021 revenues has yet to be written, given the onset of the pandemic, receipts clearly have performed much better than any prognosticator could have foretold one year earlier,” the COGFA report stated.

“Despite periodic upward revisions in the revenue projections throughout the course

of the fiscal year, each time those updated expectations have been met and exceeded,” the report continued.

The Illinois State Board of Education, in appropriations hearings in the House and Senate earlier this year, pushed back on the governor’s initial proposal to keep funding flat. Leaders in the General Assembly from both parties have done the same.

ISBE requested a 4.6 percent funding increase for FY 2022, including asking for an added \$362.1 million to the evidence-based

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LOCAL AND AREA

Rotary scholarships awarded to MHS seniors

MENDOTA – Mendota Rotary Club president Roger Anderson presented a check for \$500 to the recipients of the Four-Way Test Award scholarship at the Mendota High School Awards & Scholarship assembly on May 5.

The scholarships, which are to be used for educational expenses, were awarded to Jack Beetz, son of Brooke Beetz; Mary DeFore, daughter of Shaun and Julie DeFore; Leilani Landeros, daughter of Salvador and Maria Landeros; and Grace Leifheit, daughter of Jason and Juli Leifheit.

The Four-Way Test of Rotary of the things we think, say or do is:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Rotary Club of Mendota extends appreciation to the businesses who displayed their scholarship donation jars and to those who donated.



Trees donated

Randy Setchell of Ekana Nursery, right, is thanked by Blackstone School Principal Stacy Kelly for donating three trees to the school. The new trees are a replacement for three older trees that had to be removed from the Blackstone playground recently due to rotting. Kelly said the school is very appreciative of the generous donation from Ekana. (Photo contributed)

Kite Fest will fill the skies over Ottawa

OTTAWA - Larger than life kites will be flown over Ottawa on Sunday, May 23. Heritage Harbor Ottawa will be the host site for the display by the Chicago Kite Company and Rich Crum, director of hospitality for Heritage Harbor, expects the event to be a great addition. "This family event has been in the works for a long time," Crum noted. "We are very excited to host the Kite Flight for all to enjoy here at Heritage Harbor."

Those inspired by the display will be able to purchase kites, ranging in size and type, from the Chicago Kite Company. An area will also be provided for those who wish to fly their own kite and everyone is encouraged to participate,

which will add to the show.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be sure to watch for a candy drop from the kites, which will take place throughout the day. In addition, an Open Space Art Gallery will provide packaged craft projects and a kids' mural for activities so kids are sure to have a great time.

Food and craft vendors will also be available throughout the day. Anyone interested in participating may contact Donna Reynolds, vendor coordinator, at the Ottawa Visitors Center or they can



visit the event page to sign up at www.pickusottawail.com. Vendors will be accepted until May 20. "We would like to have an assortment of family oriented or kid friendly vendors as we expect many families on the 23rd," Reynolds said.

"This will be an exciting time in Ottawa," said Curt Bedei, executive director for the Ottawa Visitors Center. "Seeing these monstrous kites riding the waves in the air will be mesmerizing. We encourage everyone

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Blood drive at OSF Saint Paul

MENDOTA – ImpactLife, formerly known as Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 14 in Conference Room C at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota.

Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood. Please call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401 or online at <https://login.bloodcenter.org> to schedule (appointments required) and bring a photo ID for use in donor registration.

ImpactLife is a not-for-profit community organization providing blood services to 120 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin, including 11 of 13 OSF HealthCare facilities. For more information, see www.bloodcenter.org and find them @impactlifeblood on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram YouTube and Snapchat.

'Grow your own produce' virtual program, May 18

LASALLE - On Tuesday, May 18 at 6 p.m., the LaSalle Public Library will virtually host Natalie Martin, master gardener, when she presents the second in her "Grow Your Own..." series, which combines gardening with cooking.

In this session, Martin will walk through appetizer recipes, such as bruschetta and salsa, using produce and herbs that you can grow in your garden. She will use hands-on demonstrations, as well as discuss plant varieties

and some requirements to make an appetizer garden.

The program is free and open to the public but requires registration. Once registered, a confirmation e-mail with connection information for joining the program will be sent to participants. Register online at <https://bit.ly/3eb9eq1>.

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



Lions Club scholarship

Madison Pappas, a senior at Mendota High School, was the recipient of the \$1,000 Mendota Lions Club scholarship presented at the MHS Awards & Scholarship assembly on May 5. (Photo contributed)

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LOCAL AND AREA

Compton firefighters rush to the rescue

COMPTON - May 1 started as a normal evening for the Kofoid family. Kyle Kofoid's parents were over for a cookout. In fact, he and his dad, Steve, both members of the Compton Volunteer Fire Department, were just starting the grill.

But at 5:46 p.m., the Compton Fire/EMS was paged to an emergency: "Female down, smoke in the house!" Although the home was in the far northern area of Compton's District, without hesitation Steve and Kyle both drove directly to the scene in rural Steward. On arrival, they first saw a kitchen with heavy, black smoke. Knowing someone was inside, they entered and found an unresponsive female on the floor. The Kofoids carried the woman out to the garage and when Compton's engine arrived, Kyle carried hose into the house and knocked back the flames. As other departments arrived, walls were torn out and the fire was extinguished.

The Paw Paw ambulance drove the patient to intercept with Mendota Advanced Life Support. If the Kofoids had not taken immediate action and left their cookout, the patient would not have survived.

Steve has been a member of the Compton Volunteer Fire Department for 34 years and Kyle has served for 20 years, first as a Cadet. "I saw my dad volunteer his time while growing up. When it was my turn, I joined the department. It just felt natural," commented Kyle. "I don't volunteer for fame. I do it hoping that if my grandma needed help, someone would volunteer their time and knowledge to help her."

The Compton Volunteer Fire Department is proud of Steve and Kyle for their quick response to this call. The Kofoids, along with nearly all fire and EMS in Lee County are volunteers, a fact not everyone in the area realizes. When a call for help goes out, these volunteers



Compton volunteer firefighters, Steve Kofoid, left, and his son, Kyle Kofoid, are recognized for their response in rescuing a woman from a house fire. (Photo contributed)

stop what they are doing to respond to a neighbor's emergency. They are true heroes. Compton and all departments in this area are very short of these helpers. If any citizens would like to be a part of a great organization, please consider joining. Just contact your local fire

department.

Compton also expressed their appreciation to Paw Paw, West Brooklyn, Mendota, Rochelle, and Ogle-Lee fire departments for their assistance. As of this writing, the patient has had the respirator removed but is still in critical condition.



Hot off the grill at MHS

Mendota High School ag teacher/FFA advisor Matt Meyer grills pork chops at MHS on May 5. Meyer and the FFA provided grilled pork chop sandwiches to the entire student body, faculty and staff. The special lunch was the FFA's way of showing appreciation to the students and staff for their amazing cooperation and caring for each other during this difficult school year. (Photo contributed)

Leland Town and County Assoc. schedules 4th of July events

Parade participants, vendors being sought

LELAND - Parade entries are invited to join Leland's 4th of July parade, which will take place on Sunday, July 4. Participants will begin lining up at 9 a.m. and the parade starts at 10 a.m. There is no parade entry fee. Please contact Mary at maryinleland@gmail.com for an entry form.

Food and other vendors start setting up at 4 p.m. behind Leland school. Music will be provided by Benny Davila of DJ Good BOY and 50/50 tickets will be sold. Fireworks will begin at dark.

Vendors are also invited to take part in the July 4 celebration from the late afternoon until dusk. The vendor table

fee is \$25; nonprofit group tables are free. Vendors will be set up behind Leland school. Please contact Kim Nilles at (815) 495-9233 or e-mail Kimnilles@aol.com with your information including name, business, e-mail and phone number.

On Saturday, July 3, the Leland Town and Country Association will have its Steak Fry from 4-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, roll, dessert and water or lemonade. The 50/50 drawing will be held at 6 p.m. To purchase 50/50 tickets, please contact Mark Nilles at (815) 228-6190.

McCauley awarded Fulbright Award to teach in Turkey

NORMAL - Alyssa McCauley of Troy Grove, a senior education major at Illinois State University, has been awarded a Fulbright Teaching Assistant Award to Turkey for the 2021-22 academic year. McCauley, a Mendota High School graduate (December 2015), is majoring in secondary education English with a minor in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).



McCauley

In a story posted by ISU, McCauley said she was shocked to receive the award. Even as she was applying for it a year earlier, she thought there was no way she would ever get it. In fact, not so many years ago, McCauley did not even envision herself attending college.

Even though she always had the

support of her family, in her younger years the school system was not a good fit for her. McCauley considered dropping out of high school but said she received positive feedback and encouragement from a teacher, which caused her perspective to shift. She began seeing herself as someone who was deserving and capable of learning and becoming.

"The reason that I went into teaching was because I wanted to be there for students too when they needed similar encouragement," she said in the article.

Rather than dropping out, McCauley graduated early from MHS and then attended community college. In looking for a four-year school to complete her degree, she wanted to go somewhere that had a good education program and heard amazing things about ISU's education program.

She has not regretted that decision and credits her ISU courses with Dr. Lisy Seloni, who taught her the value and complexities of multilingualism,

and ISU Fulbright advisor Dr. Lea Cline for helping her achieve the dream of earning a Fulbright award. Even though it is a lot of work, McCauley encourages anyone considering a Fulbright application to at least try because you never know what life has in store.

McCauley is currently a student teacher at Chicago Public Schools' Benito Juarez Community Academy. She is excited about the opportunity to spend nine months living and working in Turkey where she expects to be around people who might think differently than her. She will also be immersed in a community where English is not the dominant language, which is also likely to shift her perspective and make her a more flexible educator.

The Fulbright program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the

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CARL'S QUIZ

What unlikely challenger ended the Beatles' reign on top of U.S. pop charts on May 9, 1964?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The Frisbee was first called the 'Pluto Platter' in an effort to capitalize on America's fascination with UFOs.

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

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Mendota Weather

May 12, 2021

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 64 Low: 41

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 66 Low: 45

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 68 Low: 50

Saturday
Few Showers
High: 67 Low: 51

Sunday
Few Showers
High: 72 Low: 57

Monday
Scattered Rain
High: 73 Low: 56

Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 61

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 64°, humidity of 32%. Northeast wind 3 to 9 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 89° set in 1987. Expect mostly clear skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 41°. East northeast wind 2 to 6 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 30° set in 1981. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 66°, humidity of 32%.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	64/40	s	66/43	pc
Champaign	63/41	s	66/43	pc
Chicago	58/42	s	62/47	pc
Freeport	64/39	s	65/42	pc
Joliet	64/40	s	67/43	pc
Moline	65/43	pc	67/46	pc
Peoria	64/41	s	66/45	pc
Rockford	65/40	s	67/43	pc
Springfield	63/43	s	65/44	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	72	60	65/43	0.30"	2.15"
Tuesday	58	47	66/43	0.00"	1.02"
Wednesday	63	43	66/43	0.00"	+1.13"
Thursday	59	48	66/44	0.00"	Average temp..... 53.4°
Friday	62	44	66/44	0.00"	Average normal..... 54.9°
Saturday	58	37	67/44	0.27"	Departure..... -1.5°
Sunday	58	39	67/45	1.58"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

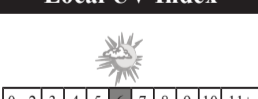
Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 5/19	5:39 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	6:13 a.m.	9:10 p.m.
Wednesday	5:38 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	10:10 p.m.
Thursday	5:37 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	7:23 a.m.	11:08 p.m.
Friday	5:36 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	8:08 a.m.	Next Day
Saturday	5:35 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	9:01 a.m.	12:01 a.m.
Sunday	5:35 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	12:47 a.m.
Full 5/26	5:34 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	11:04 a.m.	1:28 a.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 65 in New York City, N.Y. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Lehigh Acres, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 90 in Roma, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 83 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 101 in Bullhead City, Ariz.

Local UV Index



UV Index

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

How fast does the average hurricane move?

Answer: Hurricanes usually travel between 15 to 20 miles per hour.

Weather History

May 12, 1971 - Dust storms suddenly reduced visibilities to near zero on Interstate Highway 10 near Casa Grande, Ariz. Chain reaction accidents involving cars and trucks resulted, killing seven people.

May 13, 1930 - A man was killed when caught in an open field during a hailstorm northwest of Lubbock, Texas. It was the first and perhaps the only authentic death by hail in United States weather records.

In Loving MEMORY

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

JANE DOE

MAY 1, 1950 - APRIL 23, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Frances J. Brown

MENDOTA - Frances J. Brown, 93, of Mendota, formerly of Peoria, passed away May 6, 2021 with her daughter by her side at Heritage Health Mendota.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private family graveside service will take place at Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria with Rev. Ryan Anderson officiating. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Fran was born Oct. 16, 1927 in Peoria to Radi and Betty (Ebert) Russeff. She married Robert L. Brown on Feb. 9, 1947. He preceded her in death in 2011.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Leann (Neal) O'Brien of Mendota; son, Steven (Peggy) Brown of Fond du Lac, Wis.; two grandsons, Clint (Stacie) O'Brien and Lucas (Dr. Maritza Estrada) O'Brien, both of Mendota; one great-granddaughter, Amelia Brown; three sisters, Betty Davis of Peoria, Phyl Beebe of Aurora and Char Williamson of Dunlap; one granddaughter-in-law, Johanna Christiansen of Peoria; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an infant daughter, Sheri Lynn; and one grandson, Cory Brown.

Fran graduated from Peoria High School in 1945. She was a faithful member of First English Lutheran Church of Peoria.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services (M.A.S.S.) or St. Jude Children's Research.

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



Melvin E. Stewart

SUBLETTE - Melvin E. Stewart, 82, of Sublette died May 6, 2021 at Heritage Health in Mendota.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 14 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown. Burial of cremains will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday at the church. Arrangements are being handled by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

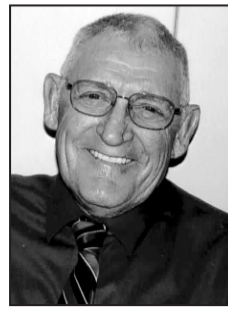
Melvin was born Nov. 22, 1938 in Van Orin to Harold and Irene (Schultz) Stewart. He married Howardene M. Leffelmann on Jan. 4, 1958 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown.

Survivors include his wife; five children, Martin (Nancy Webster) Stewart of Dixon, Joseph (Diane) Stewart of Amboy, and Thomas (Jennifer) Stewart, Robert (Jackie) Stewart and Sabrina (Shawn Benac) Stewart, all of Sublette; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Linda Hillison.

Melvin was a life long farmer in the Sublette and Maytown area and had also worked at the Sublette Meat Center and was the custodian at the Lee County 4-H Center for 15 years. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown, the Holy Name Society and served on the Amboy School Board for seven years.

Memorials have been established to OSF Hospice and the Sublette Fire Department. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.



Joyce A. Adney

MENDOTA - Joyce Ann Adney, 85, of Mendota, passed away May 7, 2021 at Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest with her husband. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, May 14 at the funeral home. Masks are required and social distancing encouraged.

Joyce was born Feb. 13, 1936 in Strawberry Point, Iowa to Roy and Inid (Rowell) Brown. She married Donald Dea Adney on Feb. 13, 1955 in California. He preceded her in death on April 29, 2006.

Survivors include her son Erik (Sue) Adney; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Janet; and eight nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

In 1954, Joyce took a room in a home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, belonging to Velora, the mother of her soon-to-be-husband, Donald Adney. She and Don met in December of 1954 when he came home on military leave. She married the love of her life on Feb. 13, 1955 and began her life as a military wife. She spoke frequently of their adventures in Hawaii, her favorite of all their base homes, primarily because it was then that they were blessed with their pride and joy. Their son, Erik was her greatest accomplishment and god's greatest gift, she would say. After 11-plus years in the Marines, Don finally settled his family in Mendota, where they spent most of their lives. Joyce always had a welcoming smile and stories to share with all those who would pop in for a visit. She would share her love of plants, family and her many years working at Conco. And Joyce was fortunate to have three wonderful friends and caregivers later in life.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota VFW Post 4079 or the American Legion.

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



Group 'Hike the Canal' outing planned

BUREAU COUNTY - The Friends of the Canal will hold their monthly Hike the Canal outing on Sunday, May 16. This hike, which is 4.9 miles in length, has been named the "Indigo Bunting" and goes from Bridge 47 to Lock 33.

Hikers will meet at Bridge 45 access at 1:30 p.m. and follow the leader to Lock 33. From there, participants will be shuttled to Bridge 47 where the hike begins. Bridge 45 is located on Routes 40 across from the Days Inn in Rock Falls.

There is no fee to participate in the hikes. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and bring a friend, but please remember to dress

weather appropriately.

The monthly hikes were developed by the Friends of the Hennepin Canal as an opportunity for everyone to get to know the Canal personally by hiking it from the Illinois River to the Mississippi (including the Feeder Canal) in small legs. Participants need not be members of the Friends to join any of the hikes.

For more information, contact Ed Herrmann by e-mail at hikes@friends-hennepin-canal.org, call him at (815) 664-2403 or log on to their website at www.friends-hennepin-canal.org.

The next hike is planned for June 13.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Local student honored at WIU

MACOMB/MOLINE - Daniela McConville of Earlville has been recognized by Western Illinois University for outstanding academic achievement. McConville, an agriculture major, will graduate this spring with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude.

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In 2019, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 78% of bicycle deaths occurred in urban areas, and 33% of bicycle deaths occurred in June, July and August.

White reminds Illinoisans that his office issues Bicycle Rules of the Road to ensure safe bike travel. To download a copy, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Kite

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to make a weekend out of it and explore Ottawa's downtown, murals, tours, trails and attractions."

COVID policies will be in place during the event. Attendees are asked to practice social distancing and wear masks when near large groups.

Bicycle safety encouraged as May marks Bicycle Safety Month

♦ Helmet use and obeying Bicycle Rules of the Road is important as summer approaches

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White encourages children to practice safe bike riding and to remember to follow the Bicycle Rules of the Road as May marks Bicycle Safety Month. White also reminds motorists to be aware of sharing the roads with bicyclists, especially children.

"As summer approaches, I encourage families to enjoy riding their bicycles safely when sharing the road with vehicles," said White. "Although bike riding is fun, it



can also be dangerous. It is important to wear helmets properly, obey traffic signs and signals, and supervise children as they ride bikes. By following the Bicycle Rules of the Road which include safety guidelines

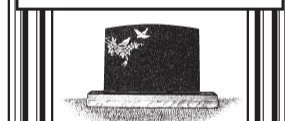
for bike riding, we hope that bicyclists have a safe and enjoyable ride this summer."

Head injuries are the most serious type of injury and most common cause of death for bicyclists. Bicycle helmets have been proven to reduce the risk of head and brain injury when a crash occurs by as much as 85%.

In 2020, 28 cyclists were killed in Illinois, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

In 2019, of the 846 cyclists killed nationwide, children under 14 years old accounted for 5% of bicyclist fatalities, according to the most updated information from the National Highway

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Golf ball washer at Mendota Golf Club
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M.A.S.S. offers outreach assistance for the elderly

EARLVILLE - Beverly Dunfrund, outreach specialist for Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS), will be at the Earlville Library District in Earlville from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19.

In the morning, she will be at the Adams Township Building in Leland from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Dunfrund will assist any persons over the age of 60, as well as individuals who

are under age 60 and have a disability, in obtaining access to services available in this area, applying for programs or simply answering their questions.

Feel free to drop in any time during those hours. No appointments are necessary.

Anyone with further questions should contact the MASS office at (815) 539-9673, (815) 539-7700, or toll free 1-800-535-5970.

Award

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United States and the people of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host

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Left to right, IVCC board chair Everett Solon, NuEra's Principle Officer Keith McGinnis, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran and board member Jane Goetz accept a check for \$100,000 for the college's cannabis production program. (Photo contributed)

IVCC receives large donation for cannabis production program

OGLESBY – Cannabis firm NuEra recently donated \$100,000 to Illinois Valley Community College's cannabis production certificate program.

NuEra's Principle Officer Keith McGinnis of Ottawa made the gift to IVCC President Jerry Corcoran, board member Jane Goetz and board chair Everett Solon at IVCC's Ottawa Center recently.

"This remarkably generous gift facilitated by Keith will aid significantly in our agriculture department's build-out of this program," Corcoran said, adding "It will provide the resources it needs to flourish."

NuEra, headquartered in Wheaton, operates a cultivation center in Hillcrest, with medical dispensaries in Chicago, East Peoria and Urbana. NuEra also services

the adult use cannabis market in East Peoria, Pekin, Champaign, Urbana and two facilities in Chicago.

A pioneer in the Illinois cannabis market, the company formerly known as NuMed was one of the first licensed operators in Illinois' medical pilot program and has been serving the medical cannabis community since 2016.

Last fall, IVCC's agriculture program partnered with Mid-American Growers (MAG) of Granville in developing the two-semester cannabis certificate. In addition to on-campus classes, students are working paid internships at MAG and Green Thumb Industries in Oglesby.

For information, contact ag instructor Kathryn Sebruck at Kathryn_Seebruck@ivcc.edu.

IVCC offering numerous summer youth day camps

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education Center is offering more than 50 day camps for youth ages 6-14 this summer, including 15 in-person camps.

Camp themes are STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) camps, including programs devoted to video game design and online technology offered through the Black Rocket company.

In-person classes include acrylic painting, robot building, cake decorating, macramé, coding, animation, art and video game design.

Curbside art kits allow young artists to complete a painting project at home following a video tutorial.

More than two dozen online STEAM camps through Black Rocket will cover topics ranging from JavaScript programming, Minecraft animation, creating video games, YouTube content creation, app design, young inventors and young authors.

Online camp runs 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for five consecutive days, with separate sessions for campers ages 8-to-11 and 11-to-14. Full Black Rocket camp descriptions and online registration information can be found at <https://www.blackrocket.com/online/ivc>. Young authors will receive a soft cover book they created themselves.

For in-person offerings, campers will have individual workstations, physical distancing will be implemented, face masks will be required, daily temperature checks will be administered along with a health screening questionnaire.

IVCC's safety protocols and policies follow local county rules and incorporate the latest recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health & Center for Disease Control. Policies and procedures are subject to change prior to the start of camp as guidance evolves to fit the current situation. Registered families will receive updated communications prior to the start of camp.

CEC Program Manager Kim Koehler said, "Our camps will look a little different this summer with smaller class sizes and other precautions in place, but we look forward to offering some amazing learning opportunities."

For a full list of classes visit www.ivcc.edu/communityeducation/summer-camp.php. To register or for information, call (815) 224-0447 or visit www.ivcc.edu/onlineceec.

Church

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"Between the church, the community and businesses that pitched in, we exceeded our goal and raised \$60,000 in two months. The response has been phenomenal."

—Rev. Susan Presley

Street, which prompted the formation of a fire company. Fire extinguishers were purchased and the city bought a hand-operated pump set on a truck. Water mains were laid and deep wells drilled but despite the efforts, they were not able to prevent a second huge fire the next year. The 1871 blaze began in a furniture store on Washington Street and within an hour, eight buildings were gone. Much early history was erased by uncontrollable fires including Mendota's Union Depot in 1885 and then the Presbyterian Church a decade later.

With the stained glass windows at First Presbyterian now well over 100 years old, Presley said it was important to have them restored and protected for the future. Over the years some of the leading had cracked and some of the windows had gotten bowed. In addition, the protective plexiglass coverings on the windows needed to be replaced. Presley noted that the largest window, which is 20 feet high, was originally installed in memory of a young woman who died in 1886.

Once funding was in place, the church turned to Willet Hauser of Minnesota to do the restoration work, which is expected to take about two weeks to complete. Presley explained that Willet Hauser is the main company that does restoration on large stained glass windows and the company had previously done some work at First Presbyterian in the 1960s.

The chimney repairs will be done by a local business, Mauch Carpentry, which had the lowest bid.

Presley expressed her appreciation to all of the church members, community members and businesses who helped with donations. "Even if the donation was a small amount, they all helped us to reach our goal," she said. "This is a historic building and we look forward to having the church around for generations to come."

Reopening

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reopening of Phase 5 – certain capacity limits will be eased at various kinds of events. Restaurants, for example, will be allowed to increase from 25 to 30 percent of capacity, as long as people maintain six feet of distance from one another, while offices, personal care facilities and retail service counters can increase from 50 to 60 percent of capacity.

When the state reaches Phase 5, Pritzker said, virtually all mitigation restrictions will be lifted, although the state will still follow guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding wearing masks in large, crowded situations and maintaining safe social distancing.

Although Illinois has succeeded in getting a large percentage of its adult population vaccinated, IDPH reports that the daily rate of vaccinations has been declining as large segments of the population have been reluctant to receive their shots.

As of May 6, the seven-day rolling average of daily doses administered stood at 70,063, down from

a peak of nearly 133,000 per day in mid-April. But with the supply of vaccines now large enough to provide vaccines to anyone who wants one, Pritzker said he hoped that making them available through physicians' offices will make it more convenient for more people.

"This is about making it as easy as possible for those who have not yet gotten vaccinated to protect themselves from COVID-19," he said.

Still, there remain pockets of society that remain hesitant, whether that be for cultural, political or religious reasons, and the Pritzker administration is continuing its public relations campaign to reach out to those communities.

Joining Pritzker at the news conference was Dr. Rodney Alford, an African American pediatric and internal medicine specialist at Iroquois Memorial Hospital and a trustee of the Illinois State Medical Society.

"I myself belong to that community that has vaccine hesitancy," he said. "I belong to the Black and brown community. I belong to the conservative Christian community. I belong

to the urban community. I now live in a rural community. But I am not hesitant to live without fear. I am truly free."

Jobless claims drop

Illinois also continued to see a drop in the number of new unemployment claims over the past week, although the total number of people unemployed remained at historically high levels.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security reported 15,134 new jobless claims were filed during the week that ended Saturday, May 1. That was down from 17,141 from the prior week, but it was considerably less than the 74,476 workers who filed initial claims during the same week a year ago.

Meanwhile, U.S. Department of Labor reported a total of just under 250,000 Illinois workers were receiving continuing regular unemployment benefits at the end of April.

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Schools

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funding formula and \$50 million in added early childhood education grants.

Their request would put their state general revenue funding – which is the state's main discretionary spending account – at about \$9.3 billion.

Pritzker did not give details on the proposed ISBE budget, aside from giving his support to the \$350 million in added funding.

Per the budgeting process, both Houses of the General Assembly must approve a spending plan, then Pritzker would have the opportunity to sign or veto it.

House Majority Leader Greg Harris, D-Chicago, in a news conference that occurred in Springfield at the same time Pritzker's was going on in Chicago, said lawmakers are well into the process of planning a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He said he was optimistic about the latest COGFA report, but the state's financial picture is still somewhat bleak.

"Revenue has continued to perform very, very well,"

Harris said. "The economy of the state of Illinois has been performing better than we had expected. And to be honest, we initially planned for this year very conservatively, not knowing what COVID would bring."

Federal stimulus packages, including the recent American Rescue Plan signed by President Joe Biden, have aided the state's recovery, Harris said.

"It's given families some disposable income, that has allowed them to go out and spend, you know, to support their families," he said. "And that has in turn, raised our income taxes and our sales taxes in the state."

Lawmakers will have to project whether the rosy revenue projections for the end of this fiscal year will carry on into the next fiscal year.

"We're seeing some very good numbers in the state," he said. "That being said, we still are looking at next year, a budget deficit of about \$1.4 billion that we'll have to solve for, and some new revenue could certainly help that. But it's not going to solve the entire problem."

One key part of the governor's proposal to balance the budget is to make several changes to the corporate tax structure – changes he calls closing corporate tax "loopholes," which Republicans call important business "incentives."

While Pritzker signed off on a number of those corporate tax cuts or credits in his first year, Harris said budgets are "dynamic things," and changing revenue pictures mean cutting expenditures.

"But the most important thing is we've got to protect the state budget, we've got to protect our core functions," he said. "We're happy to sit down and negotiate with the Republicans and the Democrats in the Senate, and if it's a will of folks to keep those in, I think that's what all of us would be willing to do."

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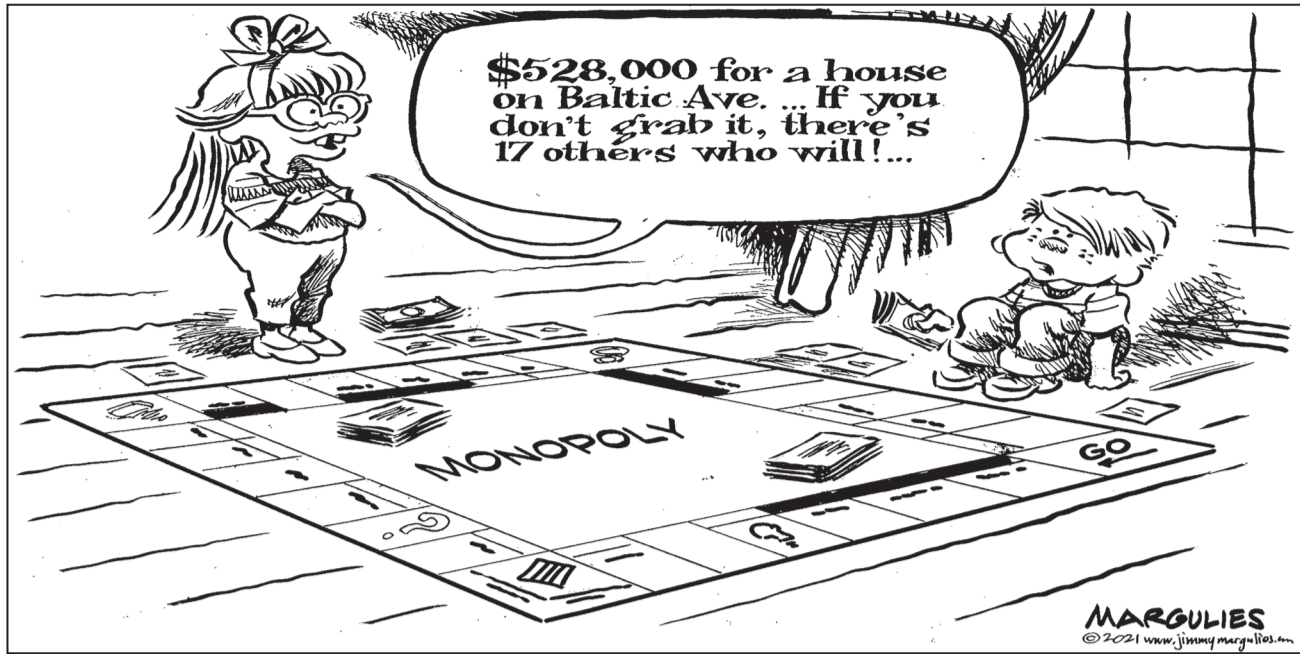
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Pritzker is backtracking

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD -- Politicians lie to get elected. That's hardly startling. And in a state like Illinois, with its long and sordid history of corruption, that observation is about as newsworthy as: "the pyramids are old and big."

Still, one can't help but be disappointed when politicians back away from their word.

A case in point is Gov. JB Pritzker who ran for office on a platform of reforming the state's redistricting process.

During the last gubernatorial election, Springfield reporter Rich Miller surveyed every candidate seeking their party's respective nomination.

He asked each candidate if they would veto any redistricting measure not created by an independent commission.

Here is how Pritzker responded:

"Yes, I will pledge to veto. We should amend the constitution to create an independent commission to draw legislative maps, but in the meantime, I would urge Democrats and Republicans to agree to an independent commission to handle creating a new legislative map. That designated body should reflect the gender, racial, and geographic diversity of the state and look to preserve the Voting Rights Act decisions to ensure racial and language minorities are fully represented in the electoral process."

This wasn't one of those off-the-cuff remarks. Pritzker responded in writing to the question after having some time to think about it.

But today he is backtracking from that commitment.

Here is what he is saying now:

"Well, as I said, I will veto an unfair map. I have also said that in order for us to have an independent commission, we needed to have a constitutional amendment, something that would actually change the way the process operates today in the Constitution. That did not happen. So now, as we reach the end of this session and I look to the legislature for their proposal for a redistricting map, I'll be looking to it for its fairness. And that's something that's vitally important for our state, as an effect on the next 10 years and representation throughout the state."

Baloney.

The governor's original pledge wasn't predicated on a constitutional amendment. An independent commission can be formed by legislation or even a joint resolution.

And, hey, he sure hasn't been banging the drum for a constitutional amendment since he entered office. The voters were hoodwinked.

Instead, Pritzker is kowtowing to Democratic leaders in the Legislature. The current process allows lawmakers to choose their voters rather than voters choosing their lawmakers.

"I don't think he realized, when he made the statement, just how important this is to legislators," said longtime statehouse observer Mike Lawrence. "He wants to get his proposals through the legislature and that isn't going to happen if he angers them by vetoing their map."

Illinoisans became far too familiar with this sort of mendacity under governors Bruce Rauner and Rod Blagojevich. It's disappointing that Pritzker has joined their ranks.

Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh did not respond to requests seeking an explanation for the governor's change of heart.

Politicians distort and stretch their districts into strange shapes for two reasons: To get more seats for their political party and to get re-elected without having to run a substantial campaign.

Potential candidates don't run because they look at how a district has been drawn and know they can't possibly win.

Just consider: a 2014 study by Ballotpedia found that only 40 percent of Illinois lawmakers even had an opponent in the preceding election.

By comparison, during the same election cycle 100 percent of Michigan legislators had contested races. And California and Minnesota had competitive races in more than 90 percent of their legislative districts.

Worse yet, in at least half of the "contested" legislative races in Illinois, the incumbent only faces nominal opposition.

As for Pritzker's pledge to veto any "unfair" map approved by lawmakers, Lawrence said the odds of a partisan body such as the General Assembly approving a neutral, fair map are "slim to none."

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin was more blunt: "It will happen when hell freezes over."

That said, I have no doubt that if the Republicans controlled the process in Springfield they would be behaving in the same manner that Pritzker and Democrats in the legislature are.

Voters deserve to have choices when they vote and a governor who keeps his commitments.

(Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist. He works as a freelance reporter in the Springfield area. Scottreeder1965@gmail.com)

Black brothers choose Mendota – 1900

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from May 17, 2000.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was just about this time of year 100 years ago that Mendota was gearing up for action in the 20th century.

High on the agenda was formation of the Mendota Industrial Association. Headed by a group of businessmen, it circulated information on Mendota's suitability as a factory site.

There were a few responses in early 1900. One from a feather-duster factory was considered briefly, but failed to attract financial support from the community. Then, on May 18, 1900, *The Sun & Mendota Bulletin* carried a small front-page item that proved to be of historic significance.

The item reported a meeting two days earlier between representatives of a manufacturer of mortising and sandpapering machines and officers of the Mendota Industrial Association. They met in the second-story club rooms of the Mendota Commercial Club on Main Street.

A brief account of the meeting indicated that owners of the company were four brothers named Black. They held patents on the machines they manufactured and were interested in a country location with room for expansion. Under the headline:

LAST CHANCE FOR A FACTORY

It was explained that the Black Brothers' product was superior "to any others made." Orders had been received from Berlin. After assessing what Mendota had to offer, they proposed renting the Donohue & Madden foundry. If citizens of Mendota would invest in capital stock in the amount of \$16,000, the brothers would take enough shares to maintain a controlling interest, protecting their patents. A new company would be formed in which salaries and some other business matters would be determined by a 2/3 vote of stockholders. The company would employ 40 to 50 skilled mechanics and was ready to move.

Another meeting was scheduled for May 25 and in July it was agreed that Black Brothers Woodworking & Machinery Co. of Blue Island would lease the Donohue & Madden foundry building for five years or purchase it for \$14,000. Mendota citizens would purchase \$16,000 worth of stock and the brothers would own a \$16,500 share. The new firm would be Black Brothers Machinery Co. A contract was signed July 25, 1900.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Five carloads of machinery for the new factory arrived in Mendota.

Aug. 15-16, 1900, *The Reporter* exulted –

It will be a welcome sound when the whistle blows again.

SIDETRACK: As Black Brothers prepared to open in the Donohue & Madden foundry building, old-timers recalled that in 1869, D & M had provided hitching accommodations for 150 teams at their establishment. They also produced cast-iron hitching posts. One was mounted on Billy's train, which plied between Mendota and Chicago. Others could be seen at the curb in front of houses here and there around town.

Meantime, the 1900 census was being organized. In 1900, it was scheduled to begin June 1 and be completed July 1. The editor of the *LaSalle Tribune* was census supervisor for this congressional district. As the previous supervisor had recently died, the appointee pledged one-half his compensation to the widow. Enumerators in Mendota were J.G. Reul, 1st and 2nd wards; J.A. Lamberton, 3rd and 4th wards; Lawrence Prescott, "county district."

They receive 2 cents for each name.

It was estimated enumerators here would earn about \$100 apiece.

Kodaks were gaining in popularity. The Haass & Tesche drug store advertised a full line of dry plates, film, printing papers, developers and a "nice line of cameras." Mr. Tesche was a camera enthusiast himself and was confident "Kodak fiends" would be "taking a snap" of the eclipse of the sun expected May 28.

Others will take it through smoked glass.

G.W. Van Slyke, superintendent of water-works and sewer, published a notice on May 18, 1900, that all those with house drains connected to the surface sewer would be given 90 days to disconnect and connect with the sanitary

sewer instead.

Those failing to do so will be prosecuted under city ordinance.

The death of the Rev. Justin Cronauer, pastor of Holy Cross since 1876, was deeply mourned. The funeral on May 8, 1900, was attended by 45 priests. School was dismissed so children of the parish could also attend. Father Cronauer was lauded as "stern by nature, but yet the friend of the poor and needy."

A more loved pastor could scarcely be found.

Had he lived one more year, Father Cronauer would have celebrated his 50th birthday and the 25th anniversary of his ordination. He had been suffering from rheumatism for many years.

Louis Waldorf, one of the prime movers in the Mendota Industrial Association, was completing a new cement sidewalk around his new building on the southwest corner of Illinois and Jefferson. Also on Illinois, there was a new cement walk the length of the block.

It is the finest stretch in town.

The *Sun-Bulletin* observed this made quite a change from when Dobbie's blacksmith shop stood where John Eckart's new building now held sway just north of Washington on Illinois.

Mushrooms were prolific in the month of May and many businessmen found time to go mushroom hunting.

Mushrooms are brought in by the bushel.

Admiral Dewey was feted at an entertainment in Central Music Hall, Chicago. A former Mendotan, Prof. C.W. Best, accompanied several vocalists on the piano.

Mr. Best sat within a few feet of the great soldier.

(Apparently Navy men could be called "soldiers," too.)

Best later told friends he was surprised Dewey's inability to make "any kind of a speech."

Three wolves were shot in May 1900, one each by Adam Weber, Philip Maus and Andrew Weber. Two were shot in LaSalle County and one in Lee County.

An alarm was sounded concerning destruction of forests. It was calculated that 400 acres of timber were being destroyed in the U.S. every day of the year.

It will take many Arbor Days to repair damage already done.

Republicans no longer fazed by big spending

By Rich Lowry

Once upon a time, Joe Biden's spending proposals would have launched mass demonstrations in opposition.

Little else would have been talked about in conservative media, and ambitious Republican politicians would have competed with one another to demonstrate the most intense resistance, up to and perhaps including chaining themselves to the U.S. Treasury building in protest.

In 2009, President Barack Obama created a spontaneous, hugely influential conservative grassroots movement on the basis of an \$800 billion stimulus bill and a health care plan estimated to cost less than a trillion. In 2021, Biden is proposing to spend about \$6 trillion in his first three big bills, and he can barely create more interest than the debate on wearing masks outdoors.

The conventional wisdom was that after the free-spending Trump years, Republicans would snap back to being deficit hawks when out of power. There's been some of that, but the relatively muted reaction to Biden's almost incomprehensible spending ambitions is testament to the fact that, no, Republicans simply aren't as interested in fiscal issues anymore.

The party has changed and would much rather talk about the border than the budget, and cancellations than Congressional Budget Office scores. Of course, no Republicans will vote for Biden's proposals and all will strenuously object, but that his plans won't engender the fierce reaction they would have 10 years ago is yet another way in which the Overton window has shifted on deficit spending.

What happened? The short answer is Donald Trump.

He demonstrated in vivid fashion that as the GOP coalition had become older and more working class, it didn't care as much about spending restraint or entitlement reform as the party's leaders had presumed.

Trump taught Republicans how to relax and love expansionary fiscal policy. By 2019, he was running a nearly \$1 trillion deficit at a time of peace and prosperity, and of course the pandemic blew the lid off in 2020.

After that, it's difficult for the party to come back and sound the klaxons again about the dangers of red ink.

Besides, the klaxons have issued false alarms before. Republicans realized that past dire warnings of imminent economic harm from deficit spending -- rising interest rates, spiking inflation, a debt crisis -- haven't panned out.

Indeed, this is one reason the center-left now believes all such admonitions should be ignored, and there's almost no upper bound on deficit spending.

Meanwhile, Republican politics has become focused on culture war issues, another change symbolized by Trump. These issues hit close to the bone in a way that fiscal matters don't. Conservatives worry about their free-speech rights getting trampled, about schools distorting the minds of their children, and about the country's history getting redefined -- and it's hard to get them to care more about a balance sheet than these other, more definitional questions.

None of this means that Biden has a free hand. He will presumably be less successful in getting all that he wants with his latest two roughly \$2 trillion spending bills. Even in a permissive environment, natural political exhaustion with the high levels of spending will kick in, and it's always more complicated when tax increases are proposed to pay for at least part of the bill.

Republicans aren't going back to their debt-obsession circa 2010, but they should aspire to be, if not the party of green eyeshades, the party of fiscal sanity.

Deficit spending hasn't led to damaging outcomes to this point, although that doesn't mean it never will. If interest rates do ever markedly increase again, the level of debt will strain the economy and force unpalatable choices on policymakers of steep tax increases or spending cuts or both. The status of the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency could be threatened.

Why increase these risks if it's not strictly necessary?

That question won't bring people into the streets, yet it's one that President Biden and his supporters can't persuasively answer.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC schedules virtual graduation for May 22

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College chemistry instructor Promise Yong will deliver the keynote for the 55th annual IVCC commencement premiering virtually at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22.

About 200 students are expected to participate in the online ceremony available for viewing at www.ivcc.edu/commencement, said Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski.

Yong was co-winner of the 2017 Stephen Charry Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. In his nomination, students credited Yong for teaching real-world lab techniques and ensuring they understand exactly how and why they are conducting an experiment.

One student wrote, "He is the most motivational/caring teacher I have ever had. He teaches with so much enthusiasm and is always giving us real-world examples of how chemistry impacts our daily lives, urging us to make positive change and be the best scientists, doctors, teachers possible."

Yong, who began teaching at IVCC in 2008, received his bachelor's in chemistry from the University of Buea

in Cameroon and doctorate in organic chemistry/photochemistry from the University of North Dakota.

Yong has spoken of losing his mom at age 10 and his struggles to stay in school due to a lack of financial resources in his native country, the Republic of Cameroon in central Africa. "Treat life just like research – where failure helps you find opportunity," he urges students. "Seize opportunity when it presents itself, don't sit on it, act on it. Do something about your situation, take risks, stop complaining, stop procrastinating; go get it!"

Also at commencement:

- Kate Barraza of Malden will read her winning Paul Simon Student Essay;
- President Jerry Corcoran will welcome graduates and confer certificates and degrees;
- Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Anderson will present the Class of 2021;
- Board chair Everett Solon will introduce trustees.

- 2020-21 student trustee Naomi Ochuba of Peru will present the invocation; and
- 2021-22 student trustee Madison Miranda of DePue will present the benediction.

Yong will present the benediction.

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IVCC News Briefs

IVCC is offering ag certificate

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College recently developed a certificate in Agricultural Studies to be offered this fall.

The 16-credit certificate can be completed in as little as one year and leads directly to industry employment or advanced degrees.

Ag program co-coordinator Kathryn Seebruck said, “The certificate provides a solid foundation through its required ag courses and flexibility through a wide range of elective agriculture courses.”

“Our students benefit from access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, and IVCC’s strong relationship with ag industry partners.”

The certificate also provides a pathway to an AAS degree in Agronomy or Agricultural Business Management, or even a BS degree in agriculture from a partner university.

For information, contact agriculture co-coordinators Seebruck at kathryn_seebruck@ivcc.edu or Willard Mott at Willard_mott@ivcc.edu.

IVCC conducting farm research trials

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College’s ag department will partner with University of Illinois Extension and CNH Industrial’s Innovation and Agronomy teams to conduct a variety of research trials and demonstrations on its 150-acre campus farm this spring.

Led by Extension agronomist Russ Higgins, three corn trials focusing on planting depth, corn root worm activity and tar spot susceptibility will be planted.

Corn and soybean seeding rates along with corn maturity demonstrations will be planted by students.

CNH will conduct in-field planter tests monitoring crop residue and nitrogen placement.

Ag program co-coordinator Willard Mott said, “We’re pleased our students will be working with the Extension and CNH on this research. Such hands-on learning can shape their future career paths.”

A fall field day is planned to share results with the public.

IVCC names 14 top scholars

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College named 14 Thomas J. McCormack Scholars this spring. To earn the college’s highest academic achievement, McCormack’s maintain a minimum 3.75 grade point average in at least 14 semester hours over three consecutive semesters.

McCormack Scholars are Skylar Arwood of Utica, Riley Boehler and Grace Lowe of Ottawa, Devin Borchsenius of Sheridan, Gabrielle Englehaupt of Ladd, Jenna Grabowski and Cole Kestner of Streator, Mary Kupperschmid and Jake Zeman of Peru, Isabel Lueck of Oglesby, Victoria Page of Standard, Nathaniel Townsell of Marseilles, Hunter Witzman of Lostant and Owen Wolfe of Tonica.

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST
 Hank T. Nickel, 38, of Ohio, Ill., was arrested at 7:30 p.m. May 4 for a valid Bureau County failure to appear arrest warrant/charges against persons after traffic stop at Fifth Street and Eighth Avenue. The subject posted bond and was released with a Bureau County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
 Heather Vickrey, 27, of 618 Main St., Mendota, was arrested at 3:54 p.m. May 6 for a valid LaSalle County failure to appear arrest warrant/leaving the scene of a traffic crash. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
 Lyndora L. Rigg, 79, of 815 Washington St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after

a traffic stop at Veterans Way and Washington Street at 7:13 p.m. May 6. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE
 Matthew R. Arredondo, 19, of 815 Washington St., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver’s license after a traffic stop at Main and Washington streets at 2:33 a.m. May 8. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
 Arturo Hermosillo, 36, of 111 S. 13th Ave., trailer A13, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Eighth Avenue and Third Street at 5:03 p.m. May 9. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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SPORTS



Mendota's John Gonzalez gets ready to deliver a pitch during a start against Rockford Christian on May 6 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Trojans have rough week on the diamond

Rockford Lutheran slipped past Mendota, 7-4, in a Big Northern Conference varsity baseball game on May 3 at Rockford. The game was stopped in the bottom of the fifth because of rain.

The Trojans broke on top with two runs in the third inning, but Lutheran countered with six in the bottom of the frame to take the lead for good. Mendota added single tallies in the fourth and fifth frames.

Mendota's offense could only muster two hits – singles by Ted Landgraf and Connor Engel. Engel drove in a run with his safety.

Landgraf got the start on the mound and pitched into the third to take the loss. He allowed two hits and six earned runs. Dominik Stamberger came on in relief.

Byron scored a run in the bottom of the first and that proved to be the only tally of the game as the Tigers edged the Trojans, 1-0, in a BNC contest on May 4 at Byron.

Byron's Luke Mathieu singled to lead off the bottom of the first inning and eventually came around to score on a wild pitch for the only run of the game.

The two teams combined for only five hits. Mendota got singles off the bats of Krew Bond and Andres Castaneda.

Bond pitched the first four innings and was tagged with the tough-luck loss. He gave up just three hits, walked three and struck out three. Emilio Perez hurled a pair of scoreless frames.

A tight game through three innings turned into a 10-run rule victory for Rockford Christian over Mendota, 12-2, in a conference tilt on May 6 at the

MHS field.

The visitors held a 2-1 lead heading to the fourth inning when they plated four runs. Christian added six more in the sixth and the game ended after Mendota's at-bat in the bottom of the sixth.

Bond doubled and tripled for two of Mendota's four hits. His triple led off the bottom of the first and he scored on a balk. Castaneda added a double for the Trojans.

John Gonzalez was the starting and losing pitcher for Mendota. He worked five innings before giving way to three relievers. Only one of the six runs Gonzalez allowed was earned as the Trojan defense committed six errors.

Mendota and Winnebago got 1 1/2 innings in the books on May 10 before the contest was postponed because of rain. No make-up date has been determined.

Lady Trojans post 3 conference wins

□ MHS tops Coal City in tournament

The Mendota Lady Trojans executed a late-game rally to get by Dixon, 8-6, in a Big Northern Conference varsity softball game on April 30 at the MHS field.

E a c h team scored a run in the first, Mendota's c o m i n g when Jenna O'Donnell singled and came home on an error. The Lady Trojans broke the tie in the second on a single by Ryleigh Sondgeroth and an RBI triple by Katie Jenner.

Dixon tied the game in the fourth and then sent eight batters to the plate in the fifth with four of them crossing home plate to take a 6-2 lead.

But Mendota had some fun of its own in the bottom of the fifth. All nine Lady Trojans went to the dish and five of them scored to forge in front, 7-6. Mary DeFore had a two-run double in the frame, while Paige Manning and Emma Schultz both delivered RBI singles. Mendota also benefited from three walks.



Manning

The Lady Trojans tacked on an insurance run in the sixth on another run-producing double by DeFore.

DeFore came on in relief of Manning in the circle and slammed the door on the Dixon offense over the final two innings. Manning pitched the first five frames and was credited with the win.

Mendota collected nine hits, led by DeFore, Manning and Jenner with two apiece.

Mendota scored all of its runs in the first two innings and held on for a 6-4 BNC triumph over Byron on May 4 at the MHS field.

The Lady Trojans plated three runs in the first on an RBI single by Jenner and a two-run single by Zoe Finley. They added three more tallies in the second with a DeFore two-run double being the big blow.

Mendota was blanked the rest of the way as Byron chipped away at the deficit. It scored one run in the second and two in the third to cut the Lady Trojan lead in half, but could only muster one more run over the final four innings.

DeFore was the starting pitcher and worked five innings to get the victory. Manning came on in the sixth and gave up one run to earn the save.

Byron outhit Mendota, 10-7. Lauren Martin had a pair of singles for the Lady Trojans.

Mendota pounded out 13 hits en route to a 15-0 decision over Rockford Christian in BNC action on May 6 at Rockford. The game was stopped after four innings because of the 10-run rule.

The Lady Trojans scored in every inning, putting up a seven-spot in the first frame to take control. They added two runs in the second, five

in the third and one in the fourth.

Manning did it with her bat and her arm, collecting two singles and a double and firing a one-hitter to get the pitching win. She struck out eight and did not issue a walk.

Also, Jenner added a pair of doubles, Izabella Nanez singled, doubled and drove in three runs, DeFore ripped two singles and had two RBI, and O'Donnell and Zoe Hanson both doubled.

The Lady Trojans played in a three-team round-robin at Ottawa on May 8 and came away with a split in the two games.

Mendota opened with a 7-2 loss to Ottawa.

The Lady Pirates held a 4-0 lead through five innings before Mendota got on the board with its only two tallies of the game in the top of the sixth. O'Donnell had an RBI triple and Manning had a run-scoring ground out for the Lady Trojans.

O'Donnell's three-bagger was Mendota's only hit in the contest.

DeFore pitched all six innings for MHS, allowing 14 hits.

Mendota bounced back to earn a 1-0 victory over Coal City.

Manning was the winning pitcher, permitting just one hit in her second consecutive start. The hit came from Coal City's lead-off batter in the first inning. She recorded five strikeouts and issued no walks.

Hits were hard to come by for the Lady Trojans as well. They totaled just four, but Schultz's single in the fourth plated O'Donnell, who had led off the inning with a walk and stole second to get in scoring position.

Mendota returned to conference action with a trip to Winnebago and the home team posted an 11-6 win over the Lady Trojans on May 10.

It was a good start to the game for the Lady Trojans as they put three runs on the board in the top of the first. DeFore got the uprising started with a one-out single followed by a walk to O'Donnell. Manning singled to drive in one run and Jenner added a single to plate two.

Winnebago got one run back in the bottom of the frame and Mendota answered that with a tally in the third on a single by O'Donnell and an RBI single by Manning. But Winnebago scored three times in the bottom of the third and then sent 13 batters to the plate in the fourth and seven of them scored to put the game away.

The Lady Trojans completed their scoring in the fifth when O'Donnell clouted a two-run homer.

Mendota finished with eight hits, including three by Manning and two by DeFore.

DeFore got the start in the circle and gave up all 11 runs in four innings. Only five runs were earned as Mendota committed eight errors. Manning finished out the contest.

Trojan gridders get 6 all-BNC selections

- MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojans had six football players named to the Big Northern Conference all-conference team for the 2021 spring season.
- First-team selections included senior Andres Castaneda and juniors Christian Tellez, Damien Magallanes, Ted Landgraf and Omar Gonzalez. Junior Uzi Angulo was selected to the honorable mention team.
- FIRST TEAM**
- Byron – Chandler Binkley, Josiah Fetherston, Josh Johnson, Louie Cretsinger, Aydin Lambert
 - Dixon – Jacob Gaither, Jericho Kirby, Quinn Staples, Justin Dallas, Hunter Gehrt
 - Genoa-Kingston – Connor Schwitcheberg, Owen Simmons, Rhett Kline, Erik Garcia, Cody Peterson
 - Mendota – Christian Tellez, Damien Magallanes, Andres Castaneda, Ted Landgraf, Omar Gonzalez
 - North Boone – James Linn, Isaac Urtiz, Will Doetch, Jeff Beard, Logan Emanuel
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- HONORABLE MENTION**
- Byron – Leo Adami; Dixon – Jacob Gusse; Genoa-Kingston – Colin Nesler; Mendota – Uzi Angulo; North Boone – Aiden Smith; Oregon – Kyle Strite; Rock Falls – Ryan McCord; Rockford Lutheran – Grant Lawson; Stillman Valley – Daniel Goodman; Winnebago – Gavin Larson

Tips on adding more exercise to your workday

Many people can benefit from more exercise. But after a long day at work and tending to obligations at home, making time for exercise can be an uphill battle. Come nighttime, there may be little energy or time left to be active. However, failure to engage in regular physical activity can be detrimental to one's health.

The World Health Organization lists inactivity as the fourth biggest risk factor for global adult mortality. Plus, long periods of sitting inactively may lead to increased risk for diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and obesity. Psychology Today also says studies indicate mental ability is directly linked to physical activity. Without regular exercise, one may have decreased concentration, poor memory, reduced mental stamina, and a lack of creativity. Finding time to exercise while at work can help people reap the rewards of a physically active lifestyle.

The American Heart Association says taking advan-

tage of little opportunities to move more throughout the day can add up to a significant amount of exercise. Here are some ways to exercise during the workday.

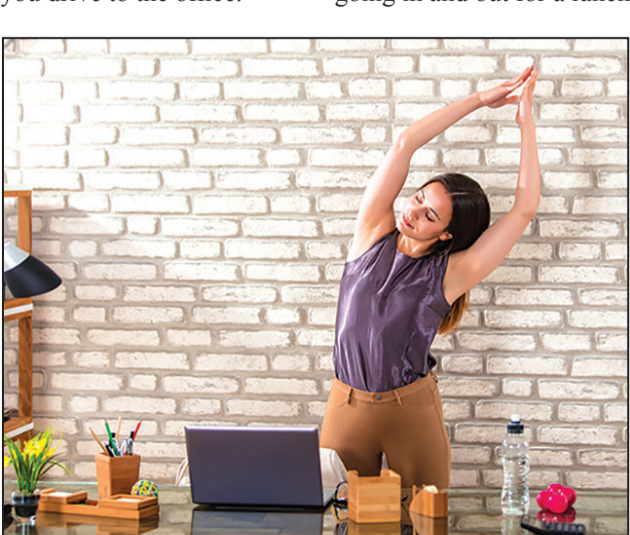
- Ride or walk a portion of your commute. People who live close enough to the office can ride their bikes or walk there. If the office is too far, think about getting off the bus or train a stop earlier and walk the rest of the way. You even can park further away if you drive to the office.

- Switch out your desk. Desks come in different configurations and you may be able to opt for a tall or adjustable desk to enable you to stand and move around a bit while working. If that's not possible, stand up and do some balance or strength exercises while on long calls.
- Take the stairs. Skip the elevator and go up and down the stairs each day. Doing so when coming in, going in and out for a lunch

break, and when leaving in the evening can add up over the course of a day.

- Start a walking club. Get together with coworkers who also want to exercise and use your lunch hour to walk around. You can always eat at your desk before or afterwards.
- Schedule walking meetings. Whenever possible, host walking brainstorming sessions or meetings. Take the meeting outdoors if the weather cooperates; otherwise, take laps around the building.
- Store some workout gear at work. During breaks, do a few arm curls with dumbbells or use resistance bands to work inner and outer thigh muscles while sitting at your desk.
- Volunteer to run errands. Step out for coffee or snacks during the day, making a concerted effort to walk when going for your daily jolt of caffeine.

Exercise can be included in the work day by making some minor changes that really add up.



Soccer team claims 2 victories

Mendota's girls' soccer team grinded out a 3-1 victory over Winnebago on May 4 at Winnebago. The home team came into the contest undefeated on the season.

The Lady Trojans got goals from Nataliya Stewart, Daisy Arteaga and Isabella Tolentino, while Arteaga and Tanya Rosas had assists.

Eli Avila had seven saves in goal.

Mendota posted a 3-0 shutout win over Ottawa on May 5 at the MHS field.

Arteaga, Tolentino and Perla Lopez booted home goals for the Lady Trojans.

Rosas picked up an assist. Avila pitched the shutout for Mendota with six saves.

Rockford Lutheran nipped the Lady Trojans, 2-1, on May 8 at Rockford.

All of the scoring was done in the second half. The Crusaders got on the board first with 28 minutes left in the game and then Mendota answered with a goal by Rosas off an assist by Arteaga with 17 minutes to go. Six minutes later, Lutheran broke the tie and that's how the game ended.

Mendota has a 3-4 record on the season.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- If Renee Zellweger intended to get as far away from "Chicago's" Roxie Hart and her Oscar-winning best actress performance as Judy Garland in "Judy"



Zellweger

(2019), she has succeeded. She's waited a year to choose her next film, and it will be a golf comedy ... yes, golf! "The Back Nine" is written and directed by "Sex in the City" creator Michael Patrick King. Zellweger's character tries to redefine her life 25 years after giving up her promising golf career so her husband could have one, by turning pro. From "Over the Rainbow" to golf!!

Hugh Jackman will finally return to Broadway in February 2022 in the revival of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man." Originally planned to open last December, it was sidetracked by the pandemic. But before that, Jackman will complete "The Son" for Florian Zeller, director of the Oscar-nominated "The Father," with Laura Dern. That

will follow the sci-fi romantic thriller "Reminiscence," with Rebecca Ferguson and Thandiwe Newton (now using the Zimbabwean spelling of her name). Originally scheduled for an August opening, now it too will open in February 2022.

Let's talk "Odd Couple": Billy Crystal will star with Tiffany Haddish in the comedy "Here Today," which he co-wrote and directs. Penn Badgley and Laura Benanti will aid and abet them.

Mark Hamill will star with Bert Kreischer in "The Machine," which was inspired by Kreischer's stand-up routine about his real-life drunken past, a la "The Hangover" meets "Midnight Run." His stand-up routine of "The Machine" has been viewed more than 85 million times. Hamill is currently shooting the third season of "The Mandalorian" for Disney+.

Bet you didn't know I was friends with Mark when he was one of the stars of "General Hospital" in 1972. In 1977, after looping "Star Wars," Mark was in a car accident that burned his face. His agents called me for

some of my photos of him to aid surgeons repairing the damage!

Don't ever take your favorite shows for granted. Would you believe "The Simpsons" is banned in China and Venezuela? "Modern Family" was nixed for Iranian TV because of its same-sex couple. "The Big Bang Theory" was banned in China because it was too popular. Huh? "M.A.S.H." has never been seen in South Korea. "South Park" was banned in Kuwait because of Muslim jokes. China won't show the classic British sci-fi series "Doctor Who" because it depicts time travel.

But "Family Guy" wins hands down because it's been banned in Taiwan, Indonesia, Iran, Vietnam, Egypt, The Philippines, Malaysia, South Korea, South Africa, India and Russia. Believe it or not, a "Friends" episode titled "The One With The Lesbian Wedding," which aired in 1996, was banned in several countries, and parts of Texas and Ohio ... well whaddayaknow, some things never change!

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: There is an actress on the TV show "The Mandalorian" who looks just like Mariska Hargitay from "Law & Order." Are they related? -- *P.G.*

A: You must be thinking of Gina Carano, who played Cara Dune on the first two seasons of the Star Wars series "The Mandalorian." I never thought about it before, but you're right, they do look like they could be sisters, or cousins, but there is no relation. Mariska Hargitay, who has played detective Olivia Benson on "Law & Order: SVU" for two decades, is actually the daughter of movie stars Jayne Mansfield and Mickey Hargitay. Mansfield tragically died in a car accident at age 34.

As for Carano, before her acting career took off, she was one of the most popular female MMA (mixed martial arts) fighters around. She was born in Texas to parents Dana Joy and Glenn Carano, who was the back-up quarterback to Roger Staubach on the Dallas Cowboys.

Q: I heard that "Night Court" is the latest classic TV show being revived as a new series. How are they going to do this since the show's

star, Harry Anderson, passed away? -- *F.P.*

A: It's hard to imagine "Night Court" without Anderson in charge, but the modern version will have John Larroquette returning as Dan Fielding, the role that won him four consecutive Emmys. Carrying on Judge Harry T. Stone's legacy will be his daughter, Abby Stone, played by Melissa Rauch. According to TVLine.com, Abby is "an unapologetic optimist," and as a judge, "steps into her dad's role presiding over the graveyard shift on a Manhattan arraignment court."

The casting of Rauch shouldn't be a surprise, as she was listed as an executive producer of the reboot back in December. At the time, Deadline.com stated that Rauch was a fan of the original series, but there were no plans for her to star in the sequel. However, she's a strong comedic actress (she played Bernadette on "Big Bang Theory"), so to me she seems a natural choice to play Judge Stone's offspring.

The original "Night



M. Rauch

Court" aired on NBC 1984 to 1992. The new series is not an automatic go, however. They'll film the pilot episode, and then NBC will decide whether to add it to its lineup.

Q: Whatever happened to sitcom actress Jackee? I remember she had her own show for a while, but I haven't seen her in anything in years. Is she still acting? -- *P.A.*

A: Yes! Jackee Harry made her professional acting debut on the daytime soap "Another World" before becoming a household name a year later on the sitcom "227," with Marla Gibbs. NBC then created the sitcom "Jackee," but it was never picked up. She was part of many successful series following that disappointment, including "Sister, Sister," "Everybody Hates Chris" and "The Paynes." Now 64 years old, she isn't stopping. In fact, her career has come full circle with a recurring role as Paulina on a daytime soap -- NBC's "Days of Our Lives."

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

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

We've just finished up Mother's Day, the annual celebration of those wonderful souls we call Mom -- the givers of warm hugs, whose kisses cure ouchies and who are always there with love, a shoulder to cry on and maybe a sandwich. Ain't she grand? Well, not always.

Just because a woman gives birth, it doesn't mean she gives anything else. This is what got me thinking about Anne Ramsey, the unforgettable actress who starred as TWO terrible mothers: Mrs. Lift, the Momma in "Throw Momma From the Train," where Danny DeVito and Billy Crystal play two men who strike a Hitchcockian deal to murder one another's antagonists. The other role? The iconic Mama Fratelli in "The Goonies." Here are eight more actresses and the decidedly nonmaternal characters they played:

Rhea Perlman in "Matilda": A precocious child with

telekinetic powers? You'd think mom would be thrilled, but Zinnia Wormwood, Matilda's mother, is obsessed with television, bingo and not understanding the special qualities of her daughter.

Faye Dunaway in "Mommie Dearest" -- Based on autobiographical account from Christina Crawford, we are treated to all the emotionally scarring behavior doled out by a mentally ill Joan Crawford, including a beating for the use of wire hangers to hang pricey dresses.

Kathleen Turner in "Serial Mom" -- Speaking of rigid expectations, how about a woman who, despite coming off as the perfect housewife and mother, exacts the worst of consequences for what she deems bad behavior: She'll kill ya.

Mo'Nique in "Precious" -- The ways in which Mary are cruel know no bounds -- her abuse is physical, emotional, mental, raw, and it's a miracle that Precious survives it.

Jennifer Coolidge in "American Pie" -- Best known as Stifler's mom, this buxom beauty makes a man out of one of her son's friends, who have made a pledge to lose their virginity by the prom.

Anne Bancroft in "The Graduate" -- What to do when your mom has better lingerie and won't share her lover who is more age-appropriate for you? This is the dilemma of Elaine, whose mother seduces a new college grad to distract from her loveless marriage.

Shirley MacLaine in "Postcards from the Edge" -- A drug-addicted actress finishes up rehab and must live with a responsible adult in order to avoid further consequences. Too bad Mom is competitive, loud and sucks all the air out of the room. Based on a semi-autobiographical screenplay by actress Carrie Fisher about her relationship with Debbie Reynolds.

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• Trivia Test •

- LAW:** What is the subject matter of the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
- HISTORY:** What was the bloodiest single-day battle of America's Civil War?
- MEDICAL:** What is a common name for somnambulism?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of British Columbia in Canada?
- MUSIC:** What was Elvis Presley's last No. 1 hit?
- SCIENCE:** Which two elements on the Periodic Table are liquid at standard room temperature?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president had the most children?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the Pulitzer Prize given for?
- LITERATURE:** Which novel was the first to feature a place called King's Landing?
- TELEVISION:** Which animated TV character's favorite expression was "Hokey Smokes!?"

Answers

1. Right of trial by jury in civil cases
 2. Antietam
 3. Sleepwalking
 4. Victoria
 5. "Suspicious Minds"
 6. Mercury and bromine
 7. John Tyler (15 children by two wives)
 8. Lifetime achievement in architecture
 9. "A Game of Thrones," the first in a series called "A Song of Ice and Fire"
 10. Rocky Squirrel on "The Bullwinkle Show"
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* The rarest shape for a human nose is the bulbous type, exemplified by former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

* Smuggling a cat out of ancient Egypt was punishable by death.

* A variety of corn grown in Peru has kernels so large that they're eaten individually.

* After impressionist painter Claude Monet developed cataracts, he agreed to have surgery on his right eye only. It is believed that afterwards he could see and paint a wide spectrum of colors usually not seen by the human eye.

* Dinosaurs often swallowed large rocks, which stayed in their stomachs and helped them grind up food.

* One in 23 million people have an allergy to water.

* In 1631, royal printers Robert Barker and Martin Lucas published a Bible containing the typo "Thou Shalt Commit Adultery." As if that weren't embarrassing enough, another misprint, in Deuteronomy, substituted the word "greatnesse" with "great-asse." Barker and Lucas were fined 300 pounds and lost their printing license. Less than a dozen copies of what came to be known as the "Wicked," "Sinful" and "Adulterous" Bible are known to exist today and are highly prized by collectors.

* On average, a person's eyes make 15 to 30 gallons of tears a year.

* A rainbow's arc is relative to the position of the person observing it, so it is impossible for two people to actually see the exact same one.

* The air around a lightning bolt is five times hotter than the surface of the sun.

* While rare, there have been enough reported cases of strokes triggered by spa massage treatments that the medical community has nicknamed the phenomenon "beauty parlor stroke syndrome."

* Altocalciphilia is a fetish for high heels.

Thought for the Day: "Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in." -- Bill Bradley

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 - Snoop
 - Upscale auto
 - Golf great Sam
 - Husband of Eurydice
 - Level
 - Genetic letters
 - Sicilian peak
 - New Mexico's capital
 - Director DeMille
 - "Nasty!"
 - Cowboy's sweetie
 - Brag
 - Gaiety
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 - Cocktails garnished with olives
 - Avoid

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- Male turkeys
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- "Spring ahead" hrs.
- Sideways somersault
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- Desire
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- Byron or Tenyson
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- Bikini top
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- Actress Long
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- Small bill memo
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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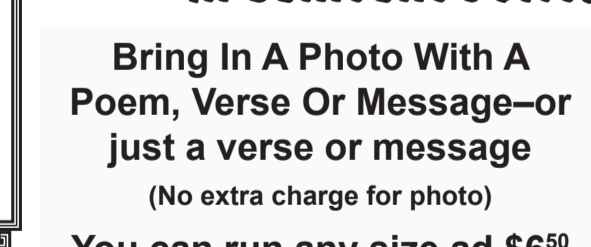
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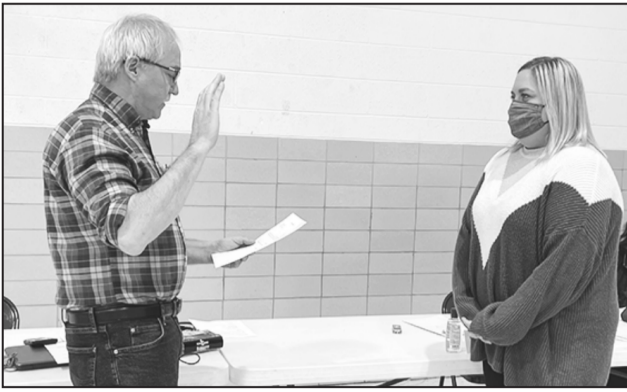
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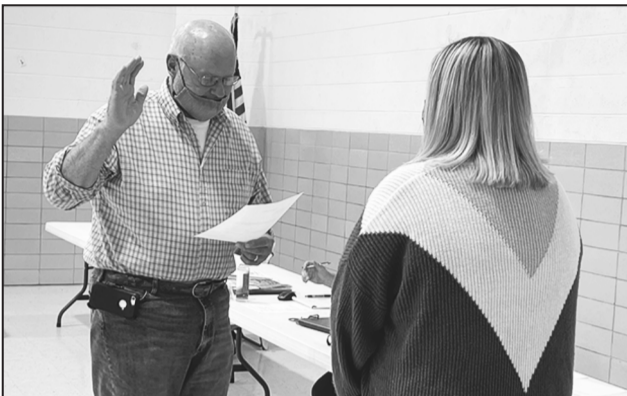
TRI-COUNTY NEWS

SUBLETTE



Village President

Sublette Village Clerk Katherine Leffelman swears in newly-elected Sublette Village President John Stenzel on April 29. Stenzel ran unopposed in the April 6 election.



Trustee

Sublette Village Clerk Katherine Leffelman swears in Sublette Village Trustee Robert Bulfer on April 29. Bulfer was one of two trustees who was re-elected to the position in the April 6 election.



Village Clerk

Sublette Village Clerk Mackenzie Belan swears in newly-elected Sublette Village Clerk Katherine Leffelman on April 29. Leffelman ran unopposed in the April 6 election.

Sublette Business Association meeting held

SUBLETTE - The Sublette Business Association recently held its regular quarterly meeting. There was a small, but enthusiastic group in attendance. Plans were discussed for the coming year.

Early in the year the message board sign will be moved to a new location

near the Sublette Farmers Elevator. The group also discussed ways to welcome the campers back to the area for the camping season.

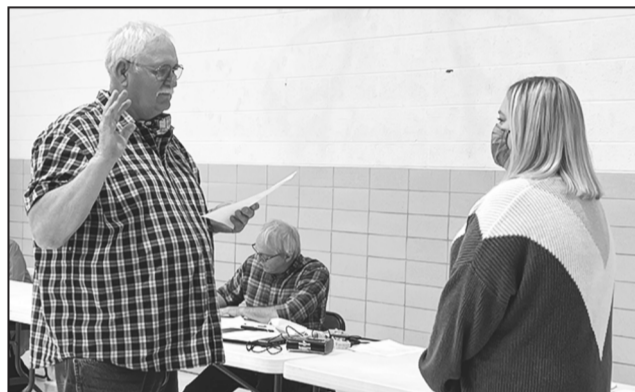
In addition, a village wide garage sale weekend was planned.

It was noted that there are nearly 50 members in the association.



Trustee

Sublette Village Clerk Katherine Leffelman swears in Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel on April 29. Kessel was one of two trustees who was re-elected to the position in the April 6 election.



Trustee

Sublette Village Clerk Katherine Leffelman swears in newly-elected Sublette Village Trustee Larry Ellis on April 29. Ellis and former Sublette Village Clerk Mackenzie Belan were in a tie for the third village trustee position after the official results of the April 6 election. A lottery was held at the county seat and Ellis won the position. (Reporter photos by Tonja Greenfield)

Village-wide garage sales planned June 11-13

SUBLETTE -The weekend of June 11-13 has been designated as village-wide garage sale days.

The committee is urging residents to start cleaning out closets, attics and garages to prepare for the event. The Business Association is going to create a map to share

with the public.

Anyone planning a sale is urged to contact Annette Bonnell at (815) 202-644, Laura Jackson at (815) 209-3342 or Katie Leffelman at (815) 303-1697 to be listed on the map.

Deadline for registration for the map is May 31.

New event planned: 'More in Bureau County'

BUREAU COUNTY - Eighteen years ago the Bureau County Tourism committee and Henry County tourism had an idea to bring tourists to their towns. This event - More on 34 - soon grew into a 100-mile long route of garage sales, bake sales and flea markets. But last year the event was cancelled due to COVID and this year, Henry county has chosen not to promote or participate.

To keep this event going in 2021 and offer even more fun for bargain hunters, it will be open to all communities in the county, not just on Route 34. The new event, "More in Bureau County" is open to all areas of the county. Organizers would love to see each community in Bureau County that has not had a town wide garage sale in the past schedule it this weekend.

Garage sales will be held on Friday and Saturday of Father's Day weekend, June 18 and 19. Some may even open on Thursday for early bird shoppers. A list of garage sales will be posted on the More on 34-Bureau County Facebook page and on the Bureau County Tourism web page. To list your sale, send an e-mail to kathybctourism@yahoo.com or share to the Facebook page with your complete address (if it's rural, try to list some directions), a list of a few items you will have for sale, and your sale hours and days.

Many people have cleaned out closets during quarantine so this will be an ideal time to have a garage sale. Please be mindful of current health department guidelines when hosting or attending a sale - wear your mask, wash your hands often and keep a social distance from other shoppers.

Bureau County Fairgrounds will host a Barn Sale during More in Bureau County and offer spots for sellers but it will be different than the past. Since exhibit halls at the fairgrounds are being used for COVID vaccinations, there will be a new location on the northwest side of the fairgrounds. This building has a concrete floor and roof with chain link outside walls for plenty of fresh air. Spaces will be spread out for social distancing. Sale hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Outdoor spaces will also be available.

GARAGE SALE TIME!



It's a great time to have a Garage Sale. If you're planning to get together some of the items you no longer use around your home and set up your own sale, be sure you follow some important basic steps!

1. WHAT TO SELL

Anything that still has usability and some value.

2. HOW TO PRICE

Decide the price of each item and then tag that item.

3. LENGTH OF SALE

Sales from Thursday through Saturday seem best.

4. HOW TO SET IT UP

Make it easy for buyers to view the items and have a central place with sufficient change for them to pay.

5. HOW TO ADVERTISE

The most effective place to reach more people is in The Mendota Reporter. We will be happy to assist you in placing your sale ad.

GARAGE SALE DEADLINES*

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LOCAL AND AREA

Fulfilling your true purpose in life

God loves you and He has a good plan for your life. You are a wonderful creation made by Him and you have a unique purpose to fulfill in this world.

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP) says that as Christians, "we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus... for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us]."

It's so exciting to know we are each created with a purpose and God has a good life that He has prepared in advance for us to live. But it's important to understand that we have an enemy, Satan, who wants to keep us from having the life Jesus died to give us.

Yes, Satan has a plan for us, too, and his plan is destruction and death. John 10:10 (NIV) says the enemy "comes only to steal and kill and destroy."

The good news is we have everything we need through Christ to

overcome the enemy. We just have to know who we are in Christ, believe that we have His authority, and know how to release the power God has given us.

The Measure of Your Faith

Faith in God is required for us to release the power and authority we have in Christ. Romans 12:3 (AMP) says that "God has apportioned to each a degree of faith." This means God has given you enough faith to do His will, whatever it may be and no matter what the enemy throws at you to stop you.

There are many challenges and difficult situations we have to face in life. You may have a child with special needs to care for, or maybe you're in a difficult marriage. You could be facing a devastating illness or have serious financial problems. Whatever your situation is, God has given you everything you need, through Christ, to keep you moving forward in His plan for your life.

We need to always remember that God is greater than our problems—nothing is too hard for Him and nothing catches Him by surprise. When we're going through hard times and the enemy is attacking us, we don't need to



ask, "What can I do?" The question is, "What can God do?" The Word says all things are possible with God, and greater is He who lives in me than he who is in the world. (See Matthew 19:26 and 1 John 4:4.)

I want you to really get this in your heart today: In Christ, you have enough faith and the strength you need to do whatever you need to do in life! Get rid of "I can't" thinking and focus on the truth of God's Word, which says, "I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose...]" (AMP).

The Simple Solution to Overcome Enemy Attack

Prayer is a simple, powerful way to interrupt Satan's plan because we release our faith through prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (AMP) says, "Be unceasing and persistent in prayer." This basically means prayer can be as natural as breathing, and our first response in every situation. It's

so amazing that we can talk to God all the time.

Now the enemy doesn't want us to pray, so he will do everything he can to discourage us. He wants us to think prayer is hard, that we need to use eloquent speech and sound poetic, that we need to be careful what we ask God for so we don't overload Him with too many requests, or that we have to be in a certain place with a certain posture (on our knees, head bowed, eyes closed) for God to hear us. But it's actually simple to pray effectively.

James 5:16 (NIV) says, "...The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." God wants you to come to Him honestly, with a sincere heart, and just talk to Him as a friend. Be yourself and don't approach conversation with God as a religious activity. Humble yourself before Him and open your heart to Him. He loves you and wants you to walk in His will for your life victoriously.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, you are God's

child and He is always with you. He is Almighty God, and if God is on your side, who can be against you?

In Christ, you have what you need today to live in victory. Put your faith in God constantly. Pray, take God-inspired action, and fulfill your true purpose in life!

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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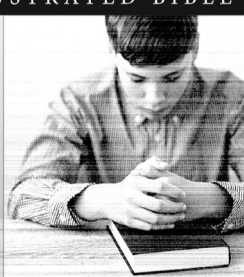
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SUNDAY SERVICE

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joppa in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What businesswoman from Thyatira opened her home to Paul and saints after her conversion?
Rachel, Keturah, Lydia, Shiphrah
3. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will your ___ be also?"
Love, Heart, Faith, Friends
4. From 2 Samuel 18, whose hair became tangled in a terebinth tree?
Samson, Herod, Absalom, Joab
5. On the outskirts of what city did Jesus meet Zacchaeus?
Smyrna, Tarsus, Jericho, Antioch
6. From 2 Samuel 14, what was the name of Absalom's daughter?
Ruth, Tamar, Miriam, Sarah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Lydia; 3) Heart (Matthew 6:21, Luke 12:34); 4) Absalom; 5) Jericho; 6) Tamar

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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IN THE)
MATTER)
OF)No.2021
THE)P 80
ESTATE)
OF:)
KENNETH J.)

HENKEL,) deceased.
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the death of KENNETH J. HENKEL of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 14, 2021 to Ronald Henkel of 502 13th Avenue, Mendota, IL 61342 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the Office of the LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 31, 2021. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may

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No. 0408 (April 28, May 5, May 12)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 19, 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 DTC Bookkeeping located at 528 Fort Street Ottawa, IL. 61350.
Dated: April 20, 2021.
Tonya M. Willey Applicant.
No. 0406 (April 28, May 5, 12, 2021)

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

ACT OF 1999
By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and 770 ILCS 103/1-15 et. seq. establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on May 25, 2021, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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

any Supplemental Declarations recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, LaSalle County, Illinois, as supplemented and amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), together with the exclusive right to occupy the Unit during the designated Use Period Number(s), as said Use Period is defined in the Declaration, upon and subject to all of the terms, restrictions, covenants, conditions and provisions in the Declaration.

ARTURO CERDA JR, SHARON L CERDA, 382 W 15TH ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL, 60411, according to the Deed dated July 26, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 24484, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9152000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0104, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2

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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
By: Deborah A. Quirk
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.
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Jason Orbe Applicant.
Legal No. 0502 (May 2, 12, 19)

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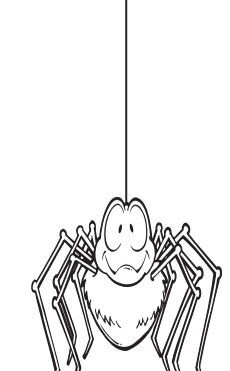
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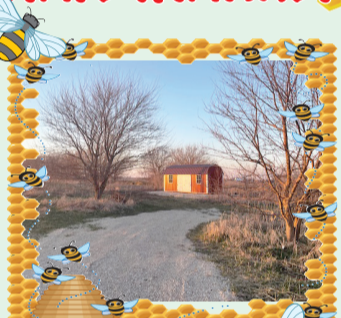


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