



Receiving awards at the Northbrook Middle School graduation on May 20, left to right, are Joshua Sondgeroth, James D. Hume Citizenship Award; Alivia Avila and Cameron Kordick, Reed Rydberg Memorial Awards; Claire Hanson and Anthony Kelson, American Legion Awards. (Reporter photo)

Northbrook 8th graders earn diplomas

MENDOTA—Northbrook Middle School held its eighth-grade graduation ceremony on May 20 at the middle school track.

Each graduating student received six tickets for family members and friends to attend. Seating was in the bleachers and on the field and track. It was a step toward a more normal ceremony than the one in 2020 when graduates rode in family vehicles through the Northbrook front driveway and received their diplomas through vehicle windows.

The ceremony began with the students walking to their seats to Pomp & Circumstance. Class member Nicholas Reyes led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and then principal Paula Daley gave the welcome and introductory remarks.

The next portion of the program was the presentation of awards. Megan Gatz, guidance counselor, read the recipients of President’s Education Awards.

Gold for Academic Excellence: Eric Aranda, Ava Beetz, Shelby Bentley, Ella Coss, Jesus Escobar, Braiden Freeman, Claire Hanson, Quin Holland, Anthony Kelson, Kennedy Knaff, Dessa Komitas, Samuel Matura, Gresy Patel, Heli Patel, Kaley Siemer, Lea Turner.

Silver for Educational Achievement: Samantha Ascensio, Marco Balcazar, Conner Chambers, Ivan Espinoza, Loralie Hart, Jose Hernandez, Kayla Hernandez, Gregoria Mendez, Nicholas Reyes, Lissette Sandoval, Maybriana Schultz.

Kylie Clary, art instructor, presented the Reed Rydberg Memorial Awards to Alivia Avila and Cameron Kordick.

Principal Daley announced the American Legion Award winners, Claire Hanson and Anthony Kelson, and also the recipient of the James D. Hume Citizenship Award, which went to Joshua Sondgeroth.

Previous award winners were Travis Mumm and Brenna Rummery, John Ourth Award; Ella Coss, Jeanne McKenzie Student-Athlete Award; and Jillian Younger, LaSalle County Board Student Excellence Award.

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State Board of Education calls for in-person learning next school year

ISBE unanimously passed resolution supporting upcoming decision

By RAYMON TRONCOSO
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution last week calling on all public schools to return to in-person learning during the upcoming school year.

The resolution doesn’t institute any mandates or requirements for Illinois schools to follow, but shows unified support from ISBE for an upcoming decision by State Superintendent Carmen Ayala.

In a weekly blog posted to the ISBE website, Ayala said she plans to make the mandate official “at the conclusion of the current academic year,” meaning the change will not take effect until next school year.

Once Ayala issues an official declaration, all public schools will be required to return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 academic year with no exceptions. Only students who are both unvaccinated and under a quarantine order from the Illinois Department of Health will be eligible to continue remote learning.

A spokeswoman for ISBE said they expect the bulk of the population eligible for remote learning at the start of the school year to be under 12 years old.

“We encourage families to use the summer months to



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ensure that eligible children get vaccinated,” she said. “The vaccines are safe, effective, and proven to protect you from getting sick.”

Students who do not qualify for remote learning may seek home or hospital instruction if a doctor determines they will miss at least 10 days of school due to a medical condition.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine is safe for children 12 and over, while everyone aged 16 and over is eligible to receive any U.S. approved vaccine. Pfizer may file for emergency use authorization of its vaccine from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in

children aged 2 to 11 in September, according to news reports.

“As always, our top priority is our students, and we know that in most cases, in-person learning is in their best interest,” Ayala said in her blog post. “Now that we have every indication that the pandemic will soon be behind us, we can prepare to return fully to the physical spaces that best provide these conditions.”

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Improvement plan scheduled for Illinois roads, bridges

By GRACE BARBIC

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Gov. JB Pritzker recently announced the release of a six-year, \$20.7 billion construction plan to improve roads and bridges throughout the state, an annual process which the Illinois Department of Transportation oversees to target infrastructure spending.

The Highway Improvement Program, funded through the Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure plan passed in 2019, will reconstruct nearly 2,779 more miles of roads and 7.9 million square feet of bridge deck between fiscal year 2022 and 2027, according to the governor’s office.

The projects in the plan will create and support thousands of jobs, “bolstering our pandemic recovery in one more way,” Pritzker said.

“This past year truly has brought home how important transportation systems are in connecting the lives of our residents and our communities, delivering food products to grocery stores, getting essential workers to their jobs

“The projects in the plan will create and support thousands of jobs, bolstering our pandemic recovery in one more way.”

—Gov. JB Pritzker

and transporting patients to the hospital,” Pritzker said.

The Highway Improvement Program is a part of the larger \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois infrastructure plan, which was a bipartisan effort to revitalize local economies that passed in the governor’s first year. The plan invests in roads, bridges, railroads, universities, early childhood centers and state facilities.

The projects outlined in the new multi-year plan will continue to create and support hundreds of thousands of jobs, Pritzker said.

Overall, the Rebuild Illinois capital plan is expected to support around 540,000



A six-year, \$20.7 billion construction plan to improve roads and bridges throughout the state is set for Illinois.

thousand jobs over its lifespan. But there are currently no estimates available on how many jobs the specific projects through the Highway Improvement Program will create.

About \$33.2 billion was earmarked in the initial release of the capital plan for the transportation sector, with \$25.3 billion specifically for roads and bridges. Most of that funding came from an increase to the state’s motor fuel tax, which was indexed for inflation each year, and in-

creases to state licensing fees.

The Illinois Department of Transportation said the plan includes \$5.79 billion for highway reconstruction and preservation, \$4.82 billion for bridge improvements, \$2.59 billion for strategic expansion, \$1.43 billion for system support such as engineering and land acquisition, and \$1.21 billion for safety and system modernizations.

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Illinois’ revenue picture better as economy recovers

Lawmakers try to finalize new budget

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois budget officials said that revenues are flowing into state coffers at a faster pace than previously estimated, meaning lawmakers will have more money to work with as they try to finalize a new budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget officially raised its revenue estimate for the current fiscal year by more than \$1.4 billion and by \$842 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

Those figures are similar to the latest revised estimates from the General Assembly’s budget monitoring agency, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, which said recently that revenues for the current year would go up about \$2 billion while next year’s revenues would be \$792 million more than previously forecasted.

That came as good news to state lawmakers who are trying to finalize the next fiscal year’s budget before their scheduled adjournment day on May 31, but it still was not enough to completely close the looming deficit in next year’s budget, which House Majority Leader Greg Harris, D-Chicago, estimated at around \$1.3 billion.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Mendota High School to host COVID-19 vaccination clinic

♦ Youth 12 & older are eligible, clinic is open to the public

MENDOTA – The LaSalle County Health Department will hold a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Mendota High School.

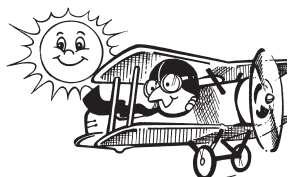
Dose 1 will be given on Wednesday, June 23 in the main gym. Dose 2 will be given on Wednesday, July 21 also in the main gym.

The LaSalle County Health Department is targeting Mendota students who are age 12 and up for this clinic, but the clinic is also open to everyone age 12 and over.

Please refer to the link below to register for the clinic: <https://lasallecounty.org/covid-19-vaccine-update/>

Fly-in, Drive-in Breakfast May 30 in Mendota

MENDOTA – The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce



invites everyone to come out to the Fly-in, Drive-in Breakfast that will be held on Sunday, May 30.

Pancakes, sausage and eggs will be served from 7 a.m. to noon at Grandpas Farm Mendota Airport.

There will be airplane and helicopter rides available.

All the proceeds from this event will go toward the Chamber's Mendota 4th of July Fireworks Celebration, which will take place on Saturday, June 26.

WWII Museum in Rochelle open on Memorial Day

ROCHELLE – Roberts Armory World War II Museum in Rochelle will be open to the public on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 from 1-4 p.m. The Higgins Boat will be open for viewing, weather permitting.

The next opening will be Aug. 21.

To get to the museum, follow the signs on the Army truck at Route 251 & Intermodal Drive (approximately 3 miles).

Many World War II artifacts are on display includ-



Roberts Armory World War II Museum

Outdoor Summer Reading Clubs planned at Graves-Hume

MENDOTA - Summer Reading Club "Dig Deeper: Read. Investigate. Discover" 2021 is opening their doors to outdoor programming for residents and card holders of Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota. This program is available for all age levels from babies-8th grade for the Youth Services division and high school-adults for the Adult division.

The library will host a shorter version of programming to limit exposure and



Graves-Hume Public Library

encourage socially distant activities. The library will host various activities outdoors in their back lot for the youth. Each week children will take home craft items that correlated with their

topic for that week and a yummy treat. As always, the requirements are simply to read books and track your minutes for a chance at the grand prize awarded to every group: Shake Rattle & Read (babies-2 years old), Small Fries (3 years

old-kindergarten), Grades 1-4, Grades 5-8 and High School/Adult.

Summer reading will be held through the month of July, beginning the week of July 5 and completing the week of July 26. To register your child or yourself, you must visit the library between June 7-June 19. This program is free. Once registered, you will receive a registration bag complete with program schedule and small prizes.

Any questions, please call the library at (815) 538-5142.



MHS Prom '21

Mendota High School held its 2021 Prom on May 22. The King, Queen and Court, left to right, are King Jack Beetz, Marlie Boelk, Bonnie Hall, Zeke Hessenberger, Cody Jenner, Queen Twila Martinson, Madi Mikolasek, Ella Massey and Jenna O'Donnell. Not pictured: Andres Castaneda, Rigoberto Hermosillo, Charles Kaufman. (Photo contributed)

EDUCATION BRIEFS

WIU Dean's List

MACOMB/MOLINE - Madeline Hewitt of LaMoille has been named to the spring 2021 dean's list at Western Illinois University.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

Olivet Nazarene Univ. Dean's List

BOURBONNAIS - Noah Delong and Cheyenne West, both of Mendota, have been named to the Olivet Nazarene University Dean's List. To qualify for inclusion, a student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must attain a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00

grading scale.

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study.

SNHU honor students

MANCHESTER, N.H. - Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has congratulated two local students, a Nicole Kaiser of Mendota and Leeann Bly of Paw Paw, for being named to the winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn

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LOCAL AND AREA



Rolly & Pat Smith

Smiths to celebrate 50th

MENDOTA – Rolly and Pat Smith of Mendota will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 29, 2021. Rolin Smith and Patricia Dean were united in marriage at Holy Cross Church in 1971 by Father Karl. Their attendants were Tom Schmitt and Rae Rodefer. They are the parents of Jenny (David) Boelk of Mendota, Jeff of DeKalb and Julie of Mendota. They are the proud grandparents of Madisyn, Macey, Myah and Marlie Boelk of Mendota; Isabelle, Isaac and Isaiah Smith of DeKalb; and Dawson and Maddux McPheeters of Mendota. Before retiring in 2007, Rolly worked for Skelgas and Pat worked for R.R. Donnelley and then retired from LKCS in 2012.

They enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren, gardening and relaxing outside in the nice weather. They love to travel, spending many years going on cruises with a close group of friends and for the past 10 years have been spending their winters in Florida. They will celebrate their anniversary with an adult dinner out with their children and then a pool party with their children and grandchildren. The family hopes to have a celebration with friends later on in the year.

CARL'S QUIZ

Which fruit floats because 25% of its volume is air?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Although in London, Scotland Yard got its name because the office was originally in a building where Scottish kings resided when in London. (Old Farmers Almanac)

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

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul announces DAISY & Sunflower winners

MENDOTA – As a partner in the international DAISY Award program that recognizes the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care of nurses, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center recently awarded its DAISY Award to Breann Aubry.

Aubry, a registered nurse caring for inpatients in the Medical/Surgical Department, she was nominated by a patient's family member. "We truly appreciate the compassionate care that RNs perform every day and the DAISY Award is one way to recognize these dedicated individuals," said Heather Bomstad, Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer for OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center.

One of the comments received about Aubry was that she went above and beyond her nursing duties. Her nomination included, "We appreciated Breann's kindness and assistance in making this a little easier on us. Thank you, Breann, for taking such good care of us all."

The DAISY Award program can be found in more than 2,000 healthcare facilities in all 50 states and 14 other countries.



Breann Aubry

Sunflower Award

The Sunflower Award, a recognition program offered to non-nursing staff with OSF HealthCare, was given to Beth Wise, a patient care tech with the hospital's medical-surgical department for 29 years.

A note submitted as part of Wise's nomination reads, "I would like to nominate Beth Wise for the outstanding care she gave my grandpa. While he was in the hospital, his wife passed away. She took excellent care of him before



Beth Wise

he heard the news of his wife's passing but went above and beyond after. She was like a family member since no one could be with him. Thank you."

OSF HealthCare encourages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care and service by nominating them for an award to honor their dedication. For more information about the DAISY and Sunflower Awards, or to submit a nomination, visit osfgratefulpatient.org.



Grow a tomato at Graves-Hume

MENDOTA - Are you limited on garden space at your home? Do you enjoy going to the library? If the answer is "Yes," then you want to take advantage of this free new opportunity. Graves-Hume Public Library is offering an opportunity to garden at the library.

The "Adopt a Tomato Plant" program is now accepting participants. Planting began on May 17 and will offer up to 12 individuals or families an opportunity to garden with them on site. The tomato plants will be located along the front walk-way into the library. These raised planter boxes and tomato plants were recently donated

by Friends of the Library.

Each household will receive a wooden stake to identify their tomato plant. All the library is requesting is that you tend to your tomato plant on a regular basis, and you may take home any tomatoes that grow on your plant. This program is free and is on a first come first serve basis.

If you would like to participate, please call them at (815) 538-5142 or stop in at the library.

May 4 blood drive successful

MENDOTA - The American Red Cross held a blood drive on May 4 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. There were 68 presenting donors and 70 good units were collected, which was a great turnout especially considering these uncertain times. Everyone's time and donation are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers for the day were Sandy Schroeder, Margy Frey, Peg Mathesius-Cer-

veny, Lori Schlesinger, Kristi Carroll and Lori Simonton.

Mendota Subway again donated sandwiches for the donor luncheon. Black Bros. also donated sandwiches and chips to the drive.

The next bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, June 29 at the Mendota Moose Family Center.

If you would like to make an appointment or have questions, please call Lori at (815) 866-3582.

Stage 212 to hold outdoor Children's Camp June 14-18

LA SALLE - Stage 212 is offering a children's summer camp at Pulaski Park in LaSalle early this summer. The camp will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. June 14-18 and is for students entering grades 2-8 in the fall. Camp activities include tie-dyeing shirts, theater improv games, and learning music and monologues. Masks will be required for the camp. The cost of the camp is \$60.

For more information, visit Stage 212 online at stage212.org or e-mail Stage212Secretary@gmail.com. Pre-registration is required for the camp; deadline is Monday, June 7. Registration may be completed online at stage212.org.

Mendota Weather

May 26, 2021

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Scattered T-storms
High: 81 Low: 55

Thursday
Few Showers
High: 71 Low: 53

Friday
Showers Likely
High: 62 Low: 49

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 66 Low: 51

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 59

Monday
Few Showers
High: 75 Low: 57

Tuesday
Few Showers
High: 70 Low: 54

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 81°, humidity of 45%. West wind 9 to 14 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 93° set in 1967. Expect mostly clear skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 55°. Southeast wind 10 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 34° set in 1979.

Regional Cities

City	Hi/Low	Wx	Hi/Low	Wx
Aurora	83/53	t	80/52	t
Champaign	83/59	t	81/60	t
Chicago	83/55	t	79/54	t
Freeport	79/51	sh	76/48	sh
Joliet	83/55	t	80/53	t
Moline	82/58	sh	79/54	sh
Peoria	83/58	t	76/58	sh
Rockford	80/51	sh	76/50	sh
Springfield	83/62	t	79/63	sh

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	64	58	70/48	0.09"	0.33"
Tuesday	67	60	70/48	0.24"	0.97"
Wednesday	79	66	70/48	0.00"	0.64"
Thursday	84	69	71/49	0.00"	
Friday	81	65	71/49	0.00"	
Saturday	85	68	71/49	0.00"	
Sunday	81	68	72/50	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Wednesday	5:28 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	8:59 p.m.	5:33 a.m.	New 6/10
Thursday	5:27 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	10:15 p.m.	6:20 a.m.	
Friday	5:26 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	11:20 p.m.	7:17 a.m.	
Saturday	5:26 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	Prev Day	8:22 a.m.	
Sunday	5:25 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	12:13 a.m.	9:32 a.m.	First 6/17
Monday	5:25 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	12:56 a.m.	10:43 a.m.	
Tuesday	5:24 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	1:29 a.m.	11:52 a.m.	

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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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Philadelphia, Pa. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 101 in Dublin, Ga. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 96 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 77 in Kennewick, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 99 in Needles, Calif.

Weather Trivia

On which side of a mountain range does all rain fall?

Answer: Windward

Weather History

May 26, 1917 - A tornado touched down near Louisiana, Mo. about noon and remained on the ground for a distance of 293 miles, finally lifting seven hours and 20 minutes later in eastern Jennings County, Ind. The twister cut a path of destruction two and a half miles wide.

May 27, 1896 - A massive tornado struck St. Louis, killing 306 people and causing 13 million dollars in damage. The tornado's path was short but cut across a densely populated area. It was the most destructive tornado of record in the United States at that time.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Everett W. Olmstead Wilma J. Olmstead

EARLVILLE - Everett W. Olmstead, 83, of Earlville passed away April 18, 2020 and Wilma J. Olmstead, 81, passed away May 14, 2021 at their residence surrounded by their loving family.

Visitation for Everett and Wilma will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 29 followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m. at Gladfelter-Roetker Funeral Home in Ottawa. Masonic rites by Marseilles Lodge #417 A.F. & A.M. will be conducted at 6:45 p.m.

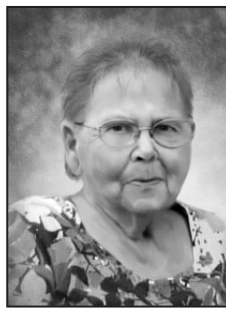
Everett was born Feb. 4, 1937 in Ottawa to Howard and Dorothy (Eastergord) Olmstead. Wilma was born Sept. 10, 1939 in Mendota to Howard and Wenona (Pevé) Whipple. They were married on May 22, 1960 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota.

Survivors include their daughters, LeAnne Meiners of Oglesby, Julie (Robert, Jr.) Hoover of Earlville and Wanda Rohlf of Peru; grandchildren, Stephanie (Travis) Skul-Wassell, Cas (Amber Wheeler) Siler, Mason Kember, Austin Kember, Jacob Meiners, Clayton Olmstead and Tyler Rohlf; and five great-grandchildren. Everett leaves a sister, Mavis (Donald) LeBeau of Mesa, Ariz. and Wilma leaves a sister, JoAnne (David) Sondgeroth of Mendota.

Both were preceded in death by their parents.

Everett was a 1955 graduate of Serena High School. He was a member of Marseilles Masonic Lodge 417 and a past Worshipful Master of Freedom Lodge 194 AF&AM. Both were lifelong members of the Harding United Methodist Church. Everett proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a farmer and operated Olmstead Trucking and was an avid collector of John Deere toy tractors. Everett and Wilma were bus drivers for Community Unit District #2 for many years. Wilma had been employed as a rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Seneca and Ottawa and was a member of Job's Council Bethel 52. Everett and Wilma dearly loved their family and will be deeply missed.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Marseilles Masonic Lodge #417 or Harding United Methodist Church. To share a memory, please visit www.gladfelter-roetker.com. or Gladfelter-Roetker Funeral Home on Facebook.



Matt Henkel

BYRON - Matt Henkel, 42, of Byron, formerly of Sublette and Amboy died May 19, 2021 with his family by his side.

At Matt's request, his body will be cremated, and there will be no services. Matt felt fortunate to have been able to spend the past year celebrating his life in large and small ways with his friends and family that he loved so much. Cancer taught Matt many lessons about the value of time, and he would much prefer everyone use the hours that would have been spent attending services to make memories with family, volunteer or engage in a random act of kindness to brighten someone else's day. Arrangements were handled by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Matt was born Feb. 18, 1979 in Mendota to Paul and Susan Henkel. He married his high school sweetheart, Cammie Cook, in 2002.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Ashton; two daughters, Claire and Mara; his parents, Paul and Sue Henkel of Sublette; two sisters, Rachel (Andrew) Tarr of Amboy and Sarah (Ken) Gehant of Compton; his grandmothers, Patricia Syskowski of Mendota and Betty Henkel of Sublette; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; his in-laws, Les and Deb Cook of Amboy, Jenny and Scott Full of Amboy, and Breann and Brian Welker of Dixon; and nine nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by a younger sister, Catharine Henkel; his grandfathers, Stan Syskowski and Cletus Henkel; and an uncle, David Henkel.

Matt was raised in Sublette and spent the majority of his life raising his family in Amboy before moving to Byron. He graduated from Amboy High School in 1997 and from Illinois State University in 2001. His love of golf led him to a career in course management. He started as an intern at the Byron Forest Preserve and was promoted to assistant superintendent before realizing his dream of becoming superintendent of PrairieView Golf Course in 2010. In 2018, he assumed the role of general manager/superintendent before cancer tragically cut his career short. Matt embraced technology in the golf industry and was instrumental in bringing PrairieFire to life. When he could no longer work, it brought him great joy and pride to view the daily usage reports and know that so many people were spending quality time together and enjoying his dream.

Matt fought a courageous 13-year battle with brain cancer and spent his last few months participating in a clinical trial in hope of advancing the cause of conquering GBM. He fought this battle with an unbelievable amount of love and support from family, friends, co-workers and the community. He was a beloved father, son, uncle, brother, boss and friend to many and will be remembered for his smile, kindhearted nature, and willingness to help out anyone. He was truly humbled by the many acts of kindness and love showered upon him and his family and wanted everyone to know how much he appreciated all that was done to support his fight over the years. He was especially grateful to the caregivers at Serenity Hospice for their flexibility, understanding and compassion and also to Bridgette Oester and Jones Funeral home, who were instrumental in coordinating the donation of Matt's brain to the NIH Brain Bank at UCLA.

Memorials may be directed to the Matt Henkel Fund at First National Bank in Amboy to be used for his children's college education, the Wee One Foundation, or the donor's choice. The omission of flowers is requested. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.



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Paw Paw School Board District 271

PAW PAW - Rachael DeSpain, program director of the Tri-County Opportunities Council Head-Start program, presented information about the Early-Head-Start and Head-Start services for our area. Early Head Start (EHS) programs serve infants and toddlers under the age of 3, and pregnant women. Head-Start provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services for children ages 3-5.

DeSpain requested use of one of the school's classrooms for a self-contained learning environment in which they would offer services for approximately 18 children, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. during the school year. She explained that their program is federally-funded and self-insured. They would need use of a classroom, the washrooms, gym, and a kitchen facility, which they would be responsible for maintaining.

There was a renewed discussion about how our high school students' Activity Funds should be used. It was suggested that they put it to the students involved for a vote.

An overview of the Five Essentials for Learning Survey was discussed. The Five Essentials are Ambitious Instruction, Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Supportive/Safe Environment, and Involved Families. The responses of teacher, parents and students was noted on how successful each of those responding groups felt the goals were being addressed and met.

Dr. Kim Suedback brought up the possibility of offering an after-school enrichment program for the students.

The board discussed the FY22 working budget. Dr. Epperson mentioned that the budget for next year looks good at this point.

Brooke Schoenholz and Leah Cunniff presented an idea that they provide before-and-after school activities for our students, sponsored by the non-profit Boys & Girls Club. They requested the use of a classroom, the gym, kitchen facilities, and cafeteria. They wish to offer before-and-after school snacks, art classes and other activities for the children. The board took their information under advisement, and will make a decision after a formal proposal is submitted.

A grant from the ROE IL-Empower was received for school improvement. The grant money will be used to contract professional development services for the staff, provide intervention services for students, and employ an instructional coach to provide professional development at the school.

The board briefly discussed the Illinois Association of School Board's Return-to-Learn document that included areas for consideration as schools prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Dr. Epperson mentioned that it is very difficult to plan when the new IDPH/ISBE guidelines related to COVID have not been released yet. At Paw Paw, the plan is to return to a full school day with in-person instruction.

The board discussed options for summer school. At this time, the district is planning to provide summer school options for students who need additional work in order to be promoted.

The board discussed a learning platform called the Accellus Learning Accelerator. The platform includes a number of components including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities and classes that are difficult for small schools to offer. The administrators are trying to set up a demonstration for us to learn more about the platform.

The board approved a nursing services contract for the upcoming school year.

Teacher aide staffing for next year was discussed. The district will likely need two additional teacher aide positions in addition to one aide position that already exists. A large kindergarten class of 18 or more is expected for the coming school year. The administration will be posting these aide positions and seeking applications.

The Paw Paw School Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the junior high library. The public is welcome to attend.

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12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Dean's List - Garret Patti of Compton has been named

to the SNHU Dean's List. Full-time students who earn a minimum 3.50 to 3.699 GPA are included.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC Board handles several personnel moves

OGLESBY – Personnel moves and the approval of an advanced cannabis production certificate were the focus of the May 13 Illinois Valley Community College board meeting.

Trustees approved the 10-credit, one-semester certificate to provide students with cannabis business proficiency.

Courses include Advanced Cannabis Production, Introduction to Agricultural Business Management and Greenhouse Management. Cannabis science, business practices and legal compliance will be emphasized in the fall program.

In personnel action, the board approved the retirement of Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Anderson effective Dec. 31.

Anderson, hired in 2014, said her tenure was “incredibly rewarding” as Academic Affairs completed a division reorganization, an academic plan, added programs in agriculture, cybersecurity and Medical Assistant, and developed an enhancement plan for struggling career and technical programs.

Trustees also approved the retirement of computer networking instructor Gina Elias after more than 31 years.

In her retirement letter, Elias said, “I have had such wonderful students and have enjoyed watching them progress from struggling with a new, complicated topic to graduating with knowledge, ability and skills necessary to work in an ever-changing field.”

The board also approved:

- The resignation of Director of Admissions Quintin Overocker effective June 30. “I have been incredibly fortunate to work at IVCC for the past 5.5 years,” Overocker said. “I’ve had the privilege of working and becoming close friends with so many good, kind, and caring people in Student Services and across the college, all of whom share the same purpose: giving students access to higher education.”

- A one-year contract extension for President Jerry Corcoran.

- The hiring of nursing instructors Christina Boughton and Samantha Whiteaker, agriculture instructor Caitlenn Hubbell and mathematics instructor Emily Morgan.

- The resignation of nursing instructor Nora Hamilton effective June 1.

- Closed session meeting minutes from April 8.

In other business, trustees approved:

- Hiring Sikich, LLP for auditing services for 2021, 2022 and 2023. Year one cost is \$39,500, year two \$40,685, and year three \$41,950.

- Purchase of a 2021 Ford F-350 truck with a dump box and plow for \$58,870.

Board members learned:

- Assessment Center coordinator Sarah Trager and custodian Ben Simpson have been granted leaves of absence.

- Part-time Early Childhood Education instructor Lynne Weber is retired May 15 after nearly 24 years. “I have enjoyed working with all the amazing students, administrators, teachers and staff and will miss you all,” Weber said.

- Longtime astronomy instructor Kevin Corrigan is retiring. In a message to Corrigan, Dean of Natural Sciences and Business Ron Groleau said, “You have been a true asset to our division and college over these past 30-plus years. I appreciate your willingness and flexibility to always work with students. You always put their learning first.”

- Administrative assistant in counseling Becky Biers resigned May 12. “It has been a pleasure working with you and the IVCC staff the past 6-7 years,” Biers said in a message to Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski.

- Enrollment assistant Samantha Manahan resigned May 5. In a message to Overocker, she said, “I want to thank you for this opportunity and for all the fun we’ve had in the department.”

- In a letter, the City of Oglesby requested a pre-annexation agreement to allow it to lease a parcel of college property southwest of campus for a solar farm.

- Corcoran said parts of the college’s vision to create the Central Illinois Manufacturing Academy with three other community colleges will be implemented despite being denied state funding. “I’m convinced many of the activities we envisioned will still come to fruition such as the sharing of curriculum and part-time instructors, contract training and transitioning to courses that meet specific and short-term employer needs.”

- Prior to meeting with the board’s facilities committee, architect Dominick Demonica will meet with employees on potential changes to the college’s master plan. They include moving dental assisting to a more spacious area to accommodate dental hygiene, expansion of the biology lab, construction of a mock-courtroom for criminal justice, converting the math lab into a nursing simulation lab, and building a salt shed.

- Trustee Jane Goetz recognized executive secretary Judy Day for 35 years of service and Corcoran for 30 (in 2020). Goetz said Day “has grown up with us” and said Corcoran “exemplifies IVCC’s Core Values” of responsibility, caring, honesty, fairness and respect.

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Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman said the projects outlined in this plan are more than just projects.

“They will be the means for us to ensure our transportation system in Illinois is reliable, safe, and provides economic opportunity for everyone in Illinois – our guiding principle,” Osman said. “We will do so in a way that provides equity, and with a workforce that reflects the diversity in our greatest state, it remains the blueprint for how we rebuild Illinois.”

For the upcoming fiscal year 2022, approximately \$3.32 billion has been identified to fund highway improvement projects.

Currently, some of the projects through Rebuild Illinois include a \$173 million multi-year investment in Interstate 57, which will continue next year and run in segments through 2027, over \$90 million worth of improvements to Interstate 55, and \$40 million into Interstate 80 in northeastern Illinois, “making the road smoother and safer amidst the region’s exploding in-

termodal logistical growth,” Pritzker said.

A full list of the projects can be found on IDOT’s website.

Pritzker said the multi-year plan will build on progress made over the past two years, noting Rebuild Illinois has already improved over 2,700 miles of state and local roadways and 290 bridges since its 2019 passage.

“In every project we’ve made hundreds of safety improvements along the way, enhancing right of way accessibility, funding railroad crossing safety improvements and targeting locations tied to crashes, to keep everyone as safe as possible along their travels,” Pritzker said.

While the state’s gas tax is a major contributor to road and bridge projects, it has seen a “significant” reduction in revenue because of decreased consumption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to IDOT.

IDOT said in its Highway Improvement Program report that the decrease was somewhat offset by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, one of the federal COVID relief

packages passed in 2021, which allocated \$353 million to IDOT.

Of the federal COVID-19 relief funds that went to IDOT, \$227 million is included in the state highway program, the IDOT report stated. The remaining COVID relief funds will go toward the multi-year program for additional road and bridge projects.

IDOT officials said that while the past year has been a challenge, projects stayed on schedule and they did not have to make any pandemic-related cuts.

Pritzker also announced that Amtrak will resume full passenger rail service starting July 19.

The Chicago-Milwaukee partnership with Wisconsin will resume next week, while the routes connecting Chicago to Quincy, Carbondale and St. Louis will operate at full capacity by the mid-July date.

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“The choices are really clear,” Harris said. “We’re either going to have to find ways to cut to fill that hole, or we’re going to have to review the proposals that the governor made to close corporate tax loopholes on wealthy individuals and corporations. Some mix of those will be required.”

In February, Pritzker proposed filling the budget hole with about \$1.5 billion in revenue enhancements that included closing what he called “corporate tax loopholes,” but which Republicans prefer to call “business incentives.”

So far, however, lawmakers have not appeared anxious to take up Pritzker’s tax proposals, at least until they have a clearer idea of how big of a budget hole needs to be filled.

“I think there’s a number of things that the governor has proposed that we’ve asked members to take a deep dive and to be mindful of to think about how it would affect their constituents vis-à-vis the overall state budget. We remain very, very invested in trying to get a responsible budget to the governor’s desk,” said Rep. Michael Zalewski, D-Riverside, who chairs the House Revenue Committee.

Pritzker’s budget plan

Revenue

was drafted before Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, which will send about \$8.1 billion in fiscal relief to the state. But the U.S. Treasury Department is still in the process of finalizing rules for how that money can be spent, and Harris cautioned against trying to use it to fill the state’s ongoing structural budget deficit.

“We know that this is an amount of money that can be spent over the course of four years, so we have to be very thoughtful as how we spend it over a period of time,” he said. “We know it’s largely one-time money. So I think we’re all going to want to look at it really carefully to be sure that we’re not building this into a base that then there would be a cliff when this money expired.”

State and local governments also stand to receive significant federal aid. According to Harris, the federal law will send about \$5.9 billion to Illinois cities and towns, \$5 billion to public schools, \$1.3 billion to colleges and universities, \$1.7 billion for public health programs, and \$1.35 billion for child care and Head Start programs.

The Treasury Department has published interim rules that outline general categories of spending that qualify under the law. They

include responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; providing premium pay to essential workers during the pandemic; making up for revenue lost due to the pandemic; and investing in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

The interim rules also say the funds may not be used for funding pension plans or paying down debt.

Pritzker and Comptroller Susana Mendoza have said Illinois should be allowed to use the money to repay short-term loans the state took out from the Federal Reserve during the pandemic, and they have urged federal officials to make that change when the final rules are published in July.

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Northbrook

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Next, assistant principal Tyler Pearce presented the Class of 2021, after which each student was granted their certificate of promotion by superintendent Dr. Kristen School, board president Theresa Komitas and Daley.

The ceremony ended with the recessional, Chorale & Recessional.

Members of the Class of 2021 are:

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Saturday June 5th Starting at 9:30 a.m.

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Questionable pet legislation

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – A well-intentioned, but really dumb, bill pending before the Legislature would allow pet shops to sell dogs and cats only if they are obtained from a pound or rescue group.

The idea behind House Bill 1711 is to put so-called “puppy mills” out of business.

That’s a noble goal.

Unfortunately, the measure won’t help a single dog or cat and the only establishments it will cause to fold are reputable pet stores.

Under this bill, consumers could buy dogs from breeders. But pet stores would be prohibited from purchasing from them.

“This bill is being driven by emotion, not facts. If this bill passes it will put us out of business,” said Ana Soskic, president of Furry Babies, which has pet stores in Rockford, Aurora and Lombard.

Soskic noted that folks who shop at her stores usually are looking for a specific dog breed.

“They want to buy purebred dogs and if our stores are getting dogs from animal shelters, we aren’t going to be able to provide them with what they want,” she said.

Soskic said she carefully vets the breeders who supply to her stores to ensure that all of the puppies and kittens have been raised in humane conditions. She added she would wholeheartedly support legislation to more stringently regulate breeding facilities.

“I got into this business because I love dogs,” she said. “By selling dogs in our stores, we are helping customers so they won’t have to drive 700 or 800 miles to buy directly from breeders. This bill does nothing to address the conditions at places where animals are born.”

The measure has been approved by the House and is pending in the Senate.

It has drawn opposition from the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association.

“We support families being able to obtain pets from a shelter, animal control, pet stores or private breeders,” said Dr. Colleen Lewis, president of the state veterinary association.

“We support consumer choice and this bill limits their choices,” she added. “If a family wants to buy a specific breed of dog or cat, they should be able to buy what is best for their family.”

Here is how the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals defines “puppy mill.” “A puppy mill is a large-scale commercial dog breeding operation that places profit over the well-being of its dogs.”

But this legislation essentially lumps most breeders into that category.

There are bad dog breeders out there just like there are unethical physicians, sloppy plumbers and dishonest accountants. But most breeders, like most people in any given profession, do a good job.

In fact, most of the dog breeders I’ve met are nice people who love animals and are committed to finding them good homes.

I too love animals. And I can’t bear the thought of any dog or cat living in less than humane circumstances. But that shouldn’t be surprising. I’m the son and husband of veterinarians.

Over the years, we have opened our home to many animals.

Some of these creatures have special needs. For example, there was the kitten born without eyes that we took in and cared for a dozen years. There was the elderly (and grumpy) mongrel we adopted when its owner entered hospice care.

And, yes, over the years we also have bought some purebreds from reputable breeders.

Dog breeders, are mostly mom-and-pop business owners. In fact, most of those I know are doing it part-time to supplement their income.

I bought Hershey, a Labrador retriever puppy, from an older woman in Rio, Ill., who was battling multiple sclerosis and living on Social Security.

Despite her physical ailments, she made sure the dogs were clean and well-cared for.

In the years after our purchase, she periodically would inquire how her “baby” was getting along.

She certainly didn’t get rich raising dogs. But it helped her make ends meet. And she found loving homes for hundreds of puppies. But the bill before the Legislature would prohibit pet stores from buying from businesses such as hers.

A better approach for Illinois would be to follow Ohio’s example and pass more stringent health regulations for animal breeders because the current legislation is unfair to reputable breeders, well-run pet stores and, most importantly, to consumers who want choices.

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Graduations take center stage – 1992

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from May 28, 1997.)

By Jessica Nashold

In Mendota, the last week in May is usually given over to graduation festivities – and so it was in 1992, five years ago.

First to receive their diplomas were the 20 members of the Holy Cross eighth grade. On Sunday, May 24, a Eucharistic celebration preceded recognition of the graduates. Fr. Richard Fitzsimmons was celebrant. Co-celebrants were Fr. Jerome Pilon and Fr. Paul Hettinger. As homilist, Father Pilon addressed the graduates and congregation. Joshua Schroeder, class president, expressed appreciation on behalf of his classmates.

Graduation ceremonies for the eighth grade of Northbrook School were held Thursday, May 28 in the high school gymnasium. This was a class of 143. Valerie Corrigan received the James D. Hume Citizenship Award, presented by principal Ernie Engstrom. Both Corrigan and Sally Koch earned Presidential Academic Fitness Awards. American Legion Awards were presented to Julie Zinke and Eric Duke.

On Friday, May 29, 126 Mendota High School seniors were the stars in a graduation program that featured individual speakers and the distribution of numerous awards.

Jennifer Kunz, valedictorian, was the first speaker. She was followed by Jason Jones, salutatorian, Scott Possley, student council president, and Marci Zinke, class president.

Principal Robert Cooper introduced 19 scholarship and award winners. Superintendent Michael Duffy then presented the Class of 1992 to the Board of Education, and Carol Erwin, board president, distributed diplomas.

Music by the high school band and vocal groups was enjoyed at intervals throughout the evening.

Memorial Day was observed on May 25, 1992 at Restland Memorial Gardens.

The Rev. Kurt Ayres, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, gave the address and alderman Don Jones represented the city. Mike Ross was master of ceremonies.

The Mendota Veterans Memorial Council fired the traditional salute and patriotic airs were played by the MHS

Backtracks & Sidetracks

alumni band, directed by Robert Baile.

Prior to the Memorial Day observance, Mendota area VietNow members gathered in Veterans Park to replace the POW/MIA flag, which had been “taken down by a person or persons unknown.”

Larry Martin, president of VietNow, presented the flag to Duane Bodmer, commander-elect of Mendota VFW, who “ran it up the flagpole.”

This is the third POW/MIA flag donated to the city to be used in Veterans Park.

The grade school board voted to adopt a student assistance program. A team was to be headquartered at Northbrook to help students deal with painful problems.

Students who show a need for help will be referred by teachers, staff members or even other students.

To prepare for this responsibility, four teachers attended a seminar sponsored by the LaSalle County Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse and by the Odd Fellows.

Carolyn Pollard, owner of Octave’s Restaurant on Illinois Avenue, announced her intention to close on June 29, 1992. Pollard started as a waitress at Octave’s in 1972, working under Rita Miller and later Willa Hicks. She bought the business from Hicks in 1980.

She has taken the job of head cook at Mendota High School.

Most of Pollard’s employees were able to find other jobs.

The Gardener’s Club of Mendota, formerly Men’s Garden Club, sponsored a Lawn of the Month competition. The award-winning lawn for June 1992 was at the home of Bonnie and Bill Gish, Sixth Avenue and Third Street.

To be eligible, a lawn had to be cared for by the family, not by professionals. However, “yard boys” were not considered to be professional. Garden Club members could not compete. Judges in

1992 were Clarence Bagley, Joe Rollins and Earl Zellner.

They often travel more than 50 miles of Mendota streets looking for the lawn that best fits the standard.

Mendota Woman’s Club marked its 95th anniversary at the First United Methodist Church. Ruth Wedemeyer, recording secretary, read minutes from the early meetings. The club had been organized in 1897 by women who desired to learn more about the arts, history, literature and science.

Members are still concerned about those four subjects.

State president Jackie Pierce and district president Helen Knoedler were introduced by Helen Faulk, president of the Mendota club. The Mendota High School Rhythm Express, directed by Chris Benson, presented several numbers.

Matthew Bauer, on violin, and his brother Jonathan, on cello, participated in the 20th birthday celebration of International Suzuki Association during the Memorial Day weekend. The Festival Concert was performed May 25, 1992, in the Grand Ballroom of the Chicago Hilton Towers.

One thousand young musicians from North and South America and 10 other countries took part.

Matthew was in grade seven and Jonathan in grade two at Holy Cross. Both were taking private lessons.

Andrew J. Wagner, a former Mendotan, was a petty office 1st class on the guided missile cruiser USS Anzio (CG-68) when it was commissioned at Norfolk Naval Base on May 2, 1992. It was described as 567 feet long and “remarkably maneuverable.”

A 21-gun salute was given for 800 veterans of the World War II battle for Anzio Beach, who were in attendance at the commissioning ceremony. A delegation from the town of Anzio, headed by its mayor, was also present.

It was said that 22 Medals of Honor were awarded to Americans who served at Anzio Beach, the largest number for any single battle in the second World War. Copies of those medal of honor citations were hung aboard the USS Anzio. Said Wagner –

They are a source of inspiration.

No, Israel is not an apartheid state

By Rich Lowry

The charge of apartheid is the new blood libel.

As Hamas rains rockets down on Israel, members of the Squad in Congress and other left-wing enemies are using the occasion to amplify their accusation that Israel is an “apartheid state.”

This is a transparent attempt to delegitimize -- and isolate and ultimately destroy -- the Jewish state by associating it with a racist regime that the world united to squeeze out of existence.

Rashida Tlaib, the Democratic congresswoman from Michigan, says that Israel is “promoting racism and dehumanization” under an “apartheid system,” and Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota refers to “Israel’s apartheid government.”

The charge is given a patina of legitimacy by Human Rights Watch, which recently issued a 213-page report devoted to the allegation, and other anti-Israel organizations that understand the accusation’s potential power to define Israel out of the circle of advanced democracies.

It doesn’t take much moral discernment to understand, even if one takes a harshly critical view of how Israel conducts itself, that it is nothing like an apartheid regime in South Africa that depended on a rigorously enforced system of racial repression.

The Arab minority in Israel (about 20% of the population) may face obstacles, but it is not treated like black South Africans.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and her ideological compatriots tweeted the other day, “Apartheid states aren’t democracies,” which nailed the point, just not the way they intended.

Israel is a democracy that affords its Arab citizens full rights. They vote in elections and Arab parties sit in parliament. These parties obviously have a profoundly different worldview than the Zionist parties, which has been a barrier preventing cooperation between them. But this year, in a first, Arab parties were part of the negotiations over forming a new government before they broke down.

Arab Israelis are full participants in Israeli society. There are Arab justices on the Supreme Court. About 20% of doctors

in Israel and about half of pharmacists are Arab. Roughly 17% of students seeking an undergraduate degree are Arab, a number has roughly doubled over the last decade.

As Steve Kramer of The Times of Israel puts it, “They arguably are the most free Arabs in the Middle East.”

Then, there are the Palestinian territories, where there is a marked lack of democracy courtesy of the Palestinians themselves.

Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, who is still serving a four-year term that began about 15 years ago, cancelled new elections scheduled for May 22. He found a way to blame Israel for this move, of course, but the bottom line is that his party, Fatah, feared Hamas would win, as it did in the last Palestinian election back in 2006.

The Palestinians have made postponing elections into a high political art, in keeping with the lack of democratic accountability in other neighboring Arab states.

How Israel should handle the threat of another terror state devoted to its destruction arising on its borders is, any fair-minded person should concede, an inherently difficult question.

It has offered the Palestinians a state twice, in 2000 and 2008, to no avail.

Israel evacuated the Gaza Strip entirely in 2005. It can’t be blamed for Hamas winning the elections in 2006, taking over Gaza in a coup against Fatah a year later, and misgoverning the territory ever since, with an emphasis on using it as a base from which to wage war against Israel.

Much is made of its border controls in Gaza and the West Bank, but a border isn’t a denial of citizenship rights, rather a demarcation between two societies. If the Palestinians would ever accept the right of Israel to exist and embrace a program of peaceful development, they’d get their own sovereign state.

Instead, they want to wipe Israel from the map, and are getting an assist from purveyors of the malicious lie that Israel is morally indistinguishable from the old, racist South Africa.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA



Left to right, are IVCC President Jerry Corcoran, Illinois Valley SHRM representatives Jennifer Sowers, President Heather Hammitt and Michelle Story. (Photo contributed)

IVCC establishes human resources scholarship

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Society for Human Resource Management (IVSHRM) has established a scholarship with the Illinois Valley Community College Foundation for IVCC sophomores pursuing a career in human resources.

The Illinois Valley SHRM Future Human Resources Leader Scholarship will be aimed at assisting students living in-district who've obtained at least a 3.0 GPA and have demonstrated an interest in human resources in ways such as membership in SHRM, volunteerism or work experience in HR or attendance at an HR workshop.

NAF Axles North America of Morris matched the chapter's \$500 contribution to enable the first award to be a mini-

mum of \$1,000 next fall. The chapter is already actively seeking and receiving donations to grow the fund, which may allow for larger grants, and/or more than one annual student award, in the future.

Illinois Valley SHRM President Heather Hammitt of Spring Valley praised NAF.

"NAF Axles North America has long supported the mission of Illinois Valley SHRM, and we couldn't be more pleased to partner with them on our inaugural scholarship," Hammitt said.

"Many of us, myself included, are graduates of IVCC, and we understand the critical role it plays not only in developing future leaders but also in helping make the Illinois Valley more attractive to current and prospective

employers," she said.

"Behind every successful business in our community is a top-notch workforce, and strong human resource leaders help make that happen."

The chapter, which currently has over 70 members, welcomes HR and non-HR professionals from all industries, experience levels and backgrounds.

"Whether you are new to HR or have many years of experience, we are a local starting point for networking, information, professional development and continued support of excellence in human resources," Hammitt said.

For more information on IVSHRM, visit ivshrm.shrm.org or contact Hammitt via email at h.hammitt@comcast.net.

IVCC English Honor Society inducts over 60

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Mu Alpha chapter of the Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society for two-year colleges recently inducted over 60 students at its biennial induction ceremony via Zoom. (SKD's last induction was in spring 2019.)

Among the students recognized were:

Janet Varela of Mendota, Spring 2021; Jo'Hanna Hass of Mendota, Fall 2020; Bethany A. Pond of Van Orin, Fall 2020; Joel Escatel, Ilian Hernandez, Debra Johnson, Tristan Joyce, and Diana Nanez of Mendota Spring 2020; Will Flanagan of La Moille, Spring 2020; Sarah Westphal of Earlville, Spring 2020; Adrian Espinoza of Mendota, Fall 2019.

Madeleine M. Hunter of Standard is the chapter's Fall 2020-Spring 2021 officer, vice-president and public relations person. Officers for Fall 2019-Spring 2020 were Summer Stueckrad of LaSalle, president, Garret Shan of Oglesby, vice-president, Nik Muzzarelli of LaSalle, treasurer and Alyssa King of Marseilles, historian.

Headquartered in Decatur, Ala., SKD has 127 chapters nationwide to recognize and reward outstanding achievement in English language and literature, provide cultural stimulation and promote interest in English on two-year campuses and the communities they serve, and foster English in all its aspects, including creative and critical writing.

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THE BACK PAGE

Two killed in head-on collision near LaMoille

□ 66-year-old Sublette man one of victims

LaMOILLE – Two men were killed when their vehicles collided on U.S. 34 west of 2750 East Road, between LaMoille and Dover, on May 22.

Randy A. Jackson, 66, of Sublette, and Chad A. Monier, 48, of Princeton, died in the head-on collision that took place at approximately 7:10 a.m., according to Bureau County Sheriff James Reed.

The Bureau County Sheriff's Department, the Bureau County Coroner's Office and the Illinois State Police Traffic Accident Reconstructionist are investigating the mishap.

Other emergency personnel responding to the scene were LaMoille Fire and Ambulance, the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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and much more.
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1846 Todd Road,
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Memorial Day weekend
Thursday-Saturday
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon
Antiques, furniture,
kitchen, bath, living,
office, toys, baby,
adult & girls' clothing,
tools, misc. household/
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POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST
Samantha J. Bowne, 23, of 301 12th Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 1:10 p.m. May 14 on a valid Lee County arrest warrant/failure to appear/contempt of court. The subject posted bond and was released with a Lee County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
A 14-year-old male juvenile was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call of a physical domestic dispute in the 1600 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 10:50 p.m. May 17. The juvenile was transported to the LaSalle County Juvenile Detention Center to appear before a judge.

WARRANT ARREST
Asia L. Cordova, 25, of 907 Monroe St., Mendota, was arrested at 6:22 a.m. May 18 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant/failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Donte Ferguson, 33, of Chicago, was arrested at 12:01 a.m. May 19 on a valid Cook County arrest warrant/failure to appear. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
Rodolfo A. Rodriguez, 43, of 205 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with criminal damage to property at the intersection of Fourth Avenue and Eighth Street at 9:07 p.m. May 20. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
Ethan A. Brown, 25, of 728 ½ Main St., Mendota, was charged with domestic

battery at 3:40 p.m. May 21. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

WARRANT ARREST
Emily B. Silva, 25, of 806 Monroe St., Apt. 1, Mendota, was arrested at 6:18 p.m. May 21 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/driving under the influence. The subject posted bond and was released with

a LaSalle County court date.
NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
Reyes M. Godina, 39, of 201 Third Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Main and Meriden streets at 12:06 a.m. May 22. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

BLESSED EVENTS

BAUER – Troy Bauer and Gloria Bauer, girl, May 9, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

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DAY TO REMEMBER

The Mendota Memorial Day program

will be held

Monday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m.

at Restland Cemetery Memorial Gardens.

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

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

The program schedule is as follows:

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

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SPORTS

Northbrook relay team captures state championship

4x100 relay takes 1st; two other top 5 finishes

BLOOMINGTON – Northbrook Middle School produced a state champion and two other top five finishes when it competed in the Illinois Junior High Elite State Track and Field Invitational on May 22 at Bloomington.

Because the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) was unable to hold a State track meet, Northbrook coaches Troy Bauer and Heather Friedlein submitted the times of the Spartan athletes and they qualified to compete in the Elite track meet. Northbrook went up against hundreds of athletes from all classes (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A).

Northbrook's seventh grade 4x100 relay team finished in first place overall in the state. Making up the relay team were Aaden Castle, Johan Cortez, Sebastian Carlos and Aiden Redcliff. They raced to a winning time of 52.05, which was a personal best for the relay team and also a school record.

Carlos and Redcliff also placed in individual events. Carlos grabbed second place overall in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.66 seconds. That was a personal best time for Carlos and also a school record.

Redcliff claimed fifth-place honors in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.71 seconds, setting a personal best and school record in the process.

In other seventh-grade results, Carlos had a time of 25.93 seconds in the 200-meter dash (personal best & school record) and Redcliff ran the 200 in 26.21 seconds. Cortez competed in the 100-meter dash and was clocked in 13.79 seconds.

Anthony Kelson was the lone eighth-grader to run in the meet and he set personal bests and school records in both individual events. He had a time of 17.5 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles, while he raced in the 800-meter run to a time of 2:23.46.

Kelson and three of the seventh-graders competed in the eighth grade 4x400-meter relay. Cortez, Redcliff and Carlos teamed up with Kelson to produce a time of 4:12.77, which was a personal best as well as a school record.

Head coaches Troy Bauer and Heather Friedlein were assisted by Evan Goy and Rebecca Jones.



Northbrook School competed in the Illinois Junior High Elite State Track and Field Invitational, which was held in lieu of the IESA State Track Meet, and the Spartans produced one state champion and two other top five finishes. Left to right, are coach Heather Friedlein, Aaden Castle, Anthony Kelson, Johan Cortez, Sebastian Carlos, Aiden Redcliff and coach Troy Bauer. (Photo contributed)

Trojans notch wins over Oregon, 'Bago

North Boone picked up a 7-1 triumph over Mendota in a Big Northern Conference varsity boys' baseball game on May 11 at Poplar Grove.

The Trojans scored their lone run in the top of the first when Krew Bond swatted a solo home run. But North Boone responded with three tallies in the bottom of the inning and held Mendota scoreless the rest of the way. The Vikings added two runs each in the fourth and sixth frames.

Mendota collected five hits. Bond singled in addition to his homer, while Andres Castaneda had a double.

Bond was the starting and closing pitcher for the Trojans, working four innings and giving up three hits and two earned runs. He struck out six and walked one. Derek Nanez finished up on the hill.

Mendota rallied in the late innings to knock off Oregon, 8-7, in a conference thriller on May 13 at the MHS diamond.

Oregon held a 3-2 lead after five innings and then increased its margin with three runs in the top of the sixth. But the Trojans broke out the bats in the bottom of the sixth when they played five runs to grab a 7-6 lead. Bond had the big blow in the inning when he crushed a grand slam home run.

The Hawks managed to tie the contest with a run in the seventh, but Castaneda stroked the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the seventh.

The Trojans banged out 10 hits against three Oregon hurlers. Bond had a solo homer in the first for Mendota before cracking his grand slam in the sixth. He drove in five runs. Castaneda had a pair of singles and Ted Landgraf laced a double.

John Gonzalez got the call on the mound for the Trojans and went five innings. Dominik Stamberger went the rest of the way and was credited with the win. Stamberger allowed three hits, three runs, struck out three and walked one.

Genoa-Kingston had two big innings and it was enough to sink the Trojans, 7-2, in a conference contest on May 17 at Genoa.

After Mendota scored a run in the top of the first, the Cogs got three in the second to take the lead. The game remained that way until the Trojans nudged across another tally in the fifth, but Genoa-Kingston put the game away with four runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Mendota actually outlit G-K, six to five, with Bond delivering a single, double and triple, and driving in a run.

Landon Kreiser was the losing pitcher, with Sean Figueroa and Stamberger also having time toeing the rubber.

Mendota and Winnebago split a double-header in BNC play on May 19 at Winnebago.

Game one was the completion of a contest that started but was halted by rain in Mendota on May 10. Winnebago gained a 13-1 victory in six innings.

The Indians only had five hits, but they benefited from six Trojan errors.

Mendota was limited to two hits – singles by Bond and Castaneda.

Landgraf was the losing pitcher, while Nanez, Gonzalez and Emilio Perez also had stints on the mound.

Mendota had a pair of three-run innings and it was enough to get by Winnebago, 6-5, in the second game.

Winnebago scored a run in the first, but Mendota got three in the top of the second. The Indians added another tally in the third ahead of the Trojans' second three-run outburst in the fourth. Bond accounted for all of those runs as he clouted a three-run homer to center field.

Mendota went scoreless the rest of the way, but Winnebago scored three runs

over the final four frames to come up a run short.

The Trojans picked up nine hits with Landgraf collecting three singles and a run batted in. Connor Engel had a single, double and two RBI, while Gonzalez added a pair of singles.

Bond was the starting pitcher and worked into the sixth inning to earn the victory. He gave up six hits, three earned runs, struck out eight and walked three. Stamberger finished up and did not allow a run to earn the save.

Mendota couldn't protect a lead in the late innings and dropped a 9-3 conference decision at Rock Falls on May 24.

The Trojans built a 3-1 lead in the top of the fourth inning on back-to-back RBI singles by Cale Strauss and Bond. The score stayed that way until the bottom of the sixth when Rock Falls exploded for eight runs. The Rockets sent 13 batters to the plate, produced four hits and benefited from three hit batsmen and a walk by Mendota pitchers.

The Trojans (2-9) had six hits in the contest, all singles. Mendota hurlers allowed seven hits. Gonzalez started and was relieved by Figueroa, who did a bulk of the work (5.1 innings).

Lady Trojans hold off Rock Falls, 3-2

MENDOTA – The Mendota Lady Trojans held on to edge Rock Falls, 3-2, in a Big Northern Conference varsity softball clash on May 24 at the MHS diamond.

After Rock Falls grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second, Mendota countered with a pair of tallies in the bottom of the frame. Jenna O'Donnell led off with a walk and steal of second. One batter later, Emma

Schultz delivered an RBI single to tie the game. She eventually came around to score on two passed balls.

Mendota's other run came in the third when Lauren Martin singled and made it all the way to third on an error by the Rock Falls third baseman. Martin scored on an RBI sacrifice bunt by Mary DeFore.

The only other run of the game came

when Rock Falls scored once in the fifth.

DeFore was in the circle for the first five innings and got the win. She allowed eight hits, struck out four and walked one. Paige Manning got the save by holding Rock Falls hitless over the final two frames. She fanned two and walked two.

Mendota is 7-6 overall and 5-5 in league play.

Trojans to host Oregon in regional opener June 2

MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojans received the eighth seed in Regional C of the Boys' Baseball Regional Tournament to be held June 2, 4, 7.

The Trojans will begin play by hosting ninth-seeded Oregon at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2. A Mendota victory will send it to top-seeded Princeton on Friday, June 4. Game time is not determined. Also on June 4, fifth-seeded Port Byron Riverdale will play at fourth-seeded Rock Falls.

The two semifinal-round winners will meet for the championship on Monday, June 7, with the highest remaining seed being the host.

- REGIONAL C**
Wednesday, June 2
1 – Oregon at Mendota - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 4
2 – Winner 1 at Princeton - TBD
3 – Port Byron Riverdale at Rock Falls - TBD
Monday, June 7
4 – Winner 3 vs. Winner 2 - TBD
(highest-seeded team will host)

Lady Trojans to battle Byron in softball regional

MENDOTA – The Mendota Lady Trojans are in Regional D of the Girls' Softball Regional Tournament to be held June 2-4.

The seventh-seeded Lady Trojans will open up by hosting 10th-seeded Byron on Wednesday, June 2 at 4:30 p.m. If Mendota wins, it will travel to second-seeded Oregon on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. Rock Falls (sixth seed) will play at Prophetstown (third seed) at 4:30 p.m. on June 3.

The two semifinal-round winners will meet for the championship at 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 4. The highest-seeded team will be the host for the championship.

- REGIONAL D**
Wednesday, June 2
1 – Byron at Mendota - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 3
2 – Winner 1 at Oregon - 7 p.m.
3 – Rock Falls at Prophetstown - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 4
4 – Winner 2 vs. Winner 3 - 4:30 p.m.
(highest-seeded team will host)

MHS girls' soccer team beaten by Byron, Orion

The Mendota Lady Trojans fell to Byron, 5-0, in varsity girls' soccer action on May 20 at the MHS field.

Orion downed the Lady Trojans, 3-1, on May 22 at Orion.

Isabella Tolentino scored Mendota's goal. Mendota has a 3-8-1 record.

Mendota hosting H-BR in soccer sectional June 1

MENDOTA – Mendota received the number four seed in the Lisle Sr. Girls' Soccer Sectional.

The Lady Trojans will host Hinckley-Big Rock in a first-round game on Tuesday, June 1. The start times on all of sectional games have not been determined by the Illinois High School Association.

If Mendota wins over H-BR, it will travel to West Chicago to take on top-seeded Wheaton Academy on Friday, June 4.

- LISLE SR. SECTIONAL**
Tuesday, June 1
1 – Hinckley-Big Rock at Mendota - TBD
2 – Indian Creek at Aurora Central Catholic
3 – Chicago Christian at Beecher
4 – Momence at Manteno
Friday, June 4
5 – Winner 1 at Wheaton Academy - TBD
6 – Winner 2 at Aurora Rosary
7 – Winner 3 at Lisle Sr.
8 – Winner 4 at Peotone
Tuesday, June 8
9 – Winner 5 vs. Winner 6
10 – Winner 7 vs. Winner 8
Friday, June 11
11 – Winner 9 vs. Winner 10

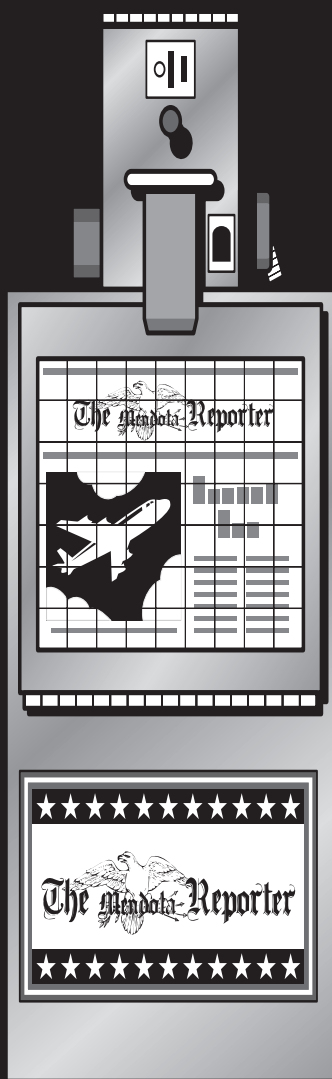


Headed to Sauk Valley

Mendota High School senior Jaelyn Fitzgerald, front center, signs a letter of intent to play volleyball at Sauk Valley Community College this fall as her parents, Jackie and Toby, look on. In back, left to right, are Mendota head coach Nicci Gibson, assistant coach Taylor Gibson and Sauk Valley coach Jay Howell. (Photo contributed)

SPORTS

Early Deadlines



Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the following deadlines for editorial, advertising and photos will apply for the **Mendota Money Saver** and **The Mendota Reporter**:

Money Saver for
Memorial Day May 31 - deadline is
Wednesday, May 26 at 2 p.m.

Mendota Reporter for
June 2 - deadline is
Thursday, May 27 at 2 p.m.

The Mendota Reporter office will be closed on
Monday, May 31 in honor of Memorial Day.
We will reopen at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, June 1.

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Registration now open for 2021 virtual IHSA Officials Conference

BLOOMINGTON – The IHSA is excited to announce its first-ever virtual Officials Conference, which will take place July 12-31.

Registration is now open for the event. For the conference schedule, session list, and to register, visit www.ihsaofficial.com.

The virtual conference concept is a buffet-style event where officials pay one price and can take advantage of as many sessions and sports as they'd like over the course of two weeks.

Officials will be able to:

- Learn from keynote presenters about a variety of big-picture topics related to officiating.

- Earn IHSA clinic credit in at least 12 different sports, including sports that are not normally featured at the in-person conference.

- Multi-sport officials will be able to earn clinic credit in all of their sports.

- Gain knowledge from



mini-sessions in multiple sports.

- Learn more about sports they do not currently officiate, but may be interested in starting.

Many of the clinics and sessions will be pre-recorded and available throughout the two-week conference duration. Officials can select the clinics and presentations they want to watch at any time during those two weeks. Officials from Chicago to Cairo, Quincy to Danville...and everywhere in between will be able to learn the same information from the

convenience of their own home or office.

Conference agenda:

Monday, July 12 @ 7 p.m. - Live Session with the IHSA's Sam Knox and Craig Anderson

Tuesday, July 13 @ 7 p.m. - Live Session with Referee Magazine/NASO

Wednesday, July 14 @ 7 p.m. - Live Session with Jude Kiah

Thursday, July 15 @ 7 p.m. - Live Session with the IESA's Steve Endsley and Nicole Schaeffbauer

For more on the clinics and sessions, or to register, visit www.ihsaofficial.com.

Good luck to all of the sports teams during the post season!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Why wasn't Anna Faris on the series finale of "Mom"? I know she left the show, but I really thought they would bring her back for the last episode. Other than that disappointment, the finale was great, and I'll really miss "Mom."
-- **O.B.**



Anna Faris

A: When "Mom" began in 2013, stars Allison Janney and Anna Faris appeared to have equal billing, and the plot mainly focused on repairing their mother-daughter relationship. However, the CBS sitcom also had a hilarious supporting cast played by Mimi Kennedy, Jaime Pressly and Beth Hall. Kristen Johnston joined their AA group in 2018, and William Fichtner became the perfect partner to mom Bonnie (Janney). The show was blessed with an abundantly talented cast, so when Faris decided to depart the show a season early, "Mom" didn't suffer too much without her. As for Faris's absence in the finale, series co-creator Gemma Baker told TVLine.

com that her character had "traveled a great distance over seven seasons and overcame so many obstacles in order to follow her dream of becoming a lawyer, it felt like that story had been addressed in a satisfying way, so we didn't revisit it for the finale."

Q: I saw that Lady Gaga was filming a movie in Italy when her dog walker was attacked back in the states. What project was she working on? -- **E.M.**

A: Singer/actress Lady Gaga just finished filming the "House of Gucci," with Adam Driver and Al Pacino. She plays Patrizia Reggiani, an Italian socialite who went to prison for her husband's murder. The film is directed by Ridley Scott and is based on the book "House of Gucci: A Sensational Story of Murder, Madness, Glamour and Greed" by Sara Gay Forden.

Lady Gaga was on location filming when her beloved French bulldogs were stolen. Her dog walker was shot, but thankfully survived, during the dognapping, and her fur babies were later returned safe. "House of Gucci" has a planned release date of Nov. 24.

Q: One of my favorite shows of the 1960s was "The Invaders." Why hasn't there been a climax to this series? Did they ever try to rectify this situation? Also, will there ever be a remake? -- **S.L.**

A: "The Invaders" was a cult TV series that lasted two seasons from 1967 to 1968. It starred Roy Thinnes as architect David Vincent, who witnessed an alien invasion and desperately tried to warn others, including the government, of the imposters among them. The show was produced by Quinn Martin, who was behind the hit series "The Fugitive" and many classic series in the 1970s.

According to Wikipedia.org, fans were not happy when "The Invaders" ended abruptly after two seasons with the aliens' plans only temporarily thwarted. There was a miniseries remake in 1995, also starring Thinnes. "The Invaders" airs on MeTV on Sundays at 5 a.m. ET. Check your local listings or MeTV.com.

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

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By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Leonardo DiCaprio is already working on the remake of the Danish film



Mikkelsen

"Another Round," this year's Academy Awards Best International film. The Danish original starred Mads Mikkelsen, who we've seen in "King Arthur" (2004), with Clive Owen; "Casino Royale" (2006), with Daniel Craig; "Doctor Strange" (2016), with Benedict Cumberbatch, among others. Mikkelsen also is in the untitled third "Fantastic Beasts" film.

Fans of the Disney film "Enchanted" (a \$340 million grosser in 2007) can celebrate a sequel that's on its way with the original cast. Amy Adams, James Marsden and Patrick Dempsey are returning, along with "Frozen's" Idina Menzel, Maya Rudolph, Yvette Nicole Brown and Snow White's Seven Dwarfs. Word is that Dempsey, who recently returned to "Grey's Anatomy," will be singing in this sequel.

Hollywood

Barring unexpected setbacks from the pandemic, studios are planning to unleash the biggest and best films they have to attract moviegoers. "A Quiet Place, Part 2," one of the first casualties of COVID 19, is set to open May 28, along with Emma Stone's "Cruella," co-starring Emma Thompson. June 25 will bring "F9" ("Fast & Furious 9"); July 9 brings Josh Lucas and Will Patton in "The Forever Purge," for the "Purge" franchise fans. Sports fans will be dazzled by LeBron James, playing himself, in "Space Jam: A New Legacy," opening July 16.

"The Green Knight," with Oscar-nominee Dav Patel as Sir Gawain (King Arthur's nephew), Alicia Vikander, Sean Harris and Joel Edgerton, promises ghosts, giants, thieves and swash-buckling come July 30. Also that day, Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt travel on a small riverboat through a supernatural jungle in "Jungle Cruise."

"The Suicide Squad" swings back into action Aug. 6, with Margot Robbie, Viola Davis, Taika Waititi, Sylvester Stallone, Idris Elba and Pete Davidson. The remake of the science-fiction epic

"Dune," starring Timothee Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson, Jason Momoa, Dave Bautista, Oscar Isaac, Javier Bardem, Josh Brolin, Charlotte Rampling and Stellan Skarsgard, is unleashed Oct. 1 into theaters and on HBO Max.

James Bond spies again Oct. 8 in "No Time to Die," and yet another sequel, "Halloween Kills," with Jamie Lee Curtis, arrives Oct. 15 to stalk Halloween. The new "Ghostbusters: Afterlife," with Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Ernie Hudson, Sigourney Weaver and Annie Potts, returns Nov. 11.

Tom Cruise's "Top Gun: Maverick" finally lands Nov. 19, and the long-awaited (filmed more than a year ago) remake of "West Side Story" hits the streets Dec. 10.

Still awaiting an opening date is "The Tragedy of Macbeth," with Denzel Washington in the title role, along with this year's best actress Oscar winner, Frances McDormand, as Lady Macbeth and Brendan Gleeson as King Duncan. How can Lady Macbeth resist rubbing her hands together demanding ... "Out damn pandemic, out?"
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Sir Isaac Newton invented the cat flap. Newton was experimenting in a pitch-black room when Spithead, one of his cats, kept opening the door and wrecking his experiment. The flap kept both human and feline happy.

* "Brave New World" author Aldous Huxley became almost completely blind as a teenager. He regained much of his sight later in life, crediting an unorthodox treatment known as "The Bates Method," which recommends never using eyeglasses and exposing one's eyes regularly to sunlight.

* The ancient Greeks believed that redheads would turn into vampires after they died.

* Walt Disney's "The Three Little Pigs," released in 1933, was seen as symbolic of the Great Depression, with the wolf representing the Depression and the three little pigs representing average citizens who eventually succeeded by working together.

* In Japan, Domino's started testing pizza delivery via reindeer in 2016.

* James Barry, the Inspector General of the British Army in 1858 during a period when women were not respected in the medical field, had a highly successful career in surgery for more than 50 years. During an autopsy after Barry's death, he was discovered to be a woman in disguise. To avoid embarrassment, the war department and medical association arranged for the doctor to be interred as a man.

* The average office chair with wheels travels about 8 miles per year.

* Chicago Cubs outfielder Rick Monday became a national hero when he rescued an American flag from two men trying to set it on fire at Dodger Stadium during a game on April 25, 1976. The 25,167 fans gave him a standing ovation and started singing "God Bless America."

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• Trivia Test •

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed the Louisiana Purchase?
2. MOVIES: Which 1960s movie featured the theme song "Foggy Mountain Breakdown"?
3. ADVERTISING: Sailor Jack and dog Bingo are the mascots for what snack?
4. SCIENCE: When was the International Space Station launched?
5. U.S. STATES: I-75 runs between which upper Midwest state and Florida?
6. TELEVISION: The long-running TV drama "ER" is set in which U.S. city?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase, "aut viam inveniam aut faciam"?
8. INVENTIONS: When did the FDA approve the first oral

- contraceptive in the U.S.?
9. HISTORY: The ancient city of Rome was built on how many hills?
 10. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition known medically as pyrexia?

- Answers
1. Thomas Jefferson
 2. "Bonnie and Clyde"
 3. Cracker Jack
 4. 1998
 5. Michigan
 6. Chicago
 7. I shall either find a way or make one
 8. 1960
 9. Seven
 10. Fever
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King Crossword

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1 Met melody
5 "CSI" settings
9 Apply cream
12 Fender bend-er
13 Gumbo need
14 Mode lead-in
15 Instrument panel
17 Homer's neighbor
18 Thread holders
19 "Tiny Alice" playwright
21 "Heavens!"
22 Spud
24 Green gem
27 Church seat
28 Ken or Barbie
31 Glamorous Gardner
32 Shoe width
33 Teeny
34 Baseball glove
36 British "Inc."
37 — B'rith
38 Soil
40 Opposite of nyet
41 "Yippeel!"
43 Vile
47 Ghostly greet-ing
48 Music group at a New Year's Eve party

DOWN
1 Tosses in
2 Harvest
3 Not — many words
4 Not on the road
5 Novelist Anita
6 Alias letters
7 "It's c-c-cold!"
8 Nasser's suc-cessor
9 "The Da Vinci Code" author
10 Out of the storm
11 Ordered
16 Journalist
20 Started
22 Pearly whites
23 Dumbstruck
24 Bread spread
25 Bird (Pref.)
26 Appointment tracker
27 Hide
29 Meadow
30 Tiki bar neck-lace
35 Eastern path
37 Sweeney Todd, for one
39 Actress Winona
40 Female hare
41 Theater award
42 Aspiration
43 Gulf War mis-sile
44 Pedestal part
45 Hostels
46 Crucial time
49 "— was say-ing ..."
50 Indian bread

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

The last Monday in May might mark the unofficial beginning of summer, but Memorial Day is not about barbecues or furniture sales; it's a very special day set aside to honor those truest of Americans who gave their lives in wartime service. Its roots are in Decoration Day, a time when people would set aside their day-to-day lives, visit cemeteries and decorate the gravesites of soldiers and seamen who died in the Civil War. After the tragic losses of World War I, and the conflicts that followed, Decoration Day slowly evolved to Memorial Day, cemented as a national holiday in 1971 by an act of Congress. Here are eight movies that honor the bravery and sacrifice of our fallen military heroes.

"Glory" -- Matthew Broderick stars alongside Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington in this Civil War story of the first all-African-American regiment, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. Under the command of Col. Robert Gould Shaw (Broderick), the unit is formed, trained and fights

for equality, both in the broader context of the Civil War and within the Union Army itself.

"1917" (R) -- A riveting first-person war story by celebrated director Sam Mendes, "1917" centers around two British lance corporals who are sent across enemy territory to stop a division of British soldiers from advancing into a German ambush.

"The Longest Day" (1962) -- With a legendary cast -- John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Henry Fonda, Rod Steiger and more -- the story of the Allied landing at Normandy Beach plays out, from early reports of bad weather to the tremendous loss of life and eventually the tide-turning influence of the largest seaborne invasion in history.

"Flags of Our Fathers" -- From director Clint Eastwood, an iconic moment -- the raising of the American flag on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima -- is reflected on in flashback by three servicemen involved.

"Saving Private Ryan" -- From the opening sequence on Omaha Beach, to the sniper fire faced at every turn, Capt. Miller

(Tom Hanks) leads a squad across France through questionable territory looking for the last survivor of four brothers to bring him home. The first 24 minutes are gut-wrenching and visceral.

"Apocalypse Now" -- A Special Forces colonel gone mad (Marlon Brando), a burned-out captain brought in to seek out and reckon with him (Martin Sheen), a squadron commander who uses napalm to clear the way for surfing, this dark tale by Francis Coppola is on most major top-film lists.

"Platoon" -- Written and directed by Oliver Stone -- a Vietnam veteran himself -- this film follows a volunteer soldier (Charlie Sheen) as he moves through his experience of combat and the jading of his idealism.

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It's easy to complicate our relationship with God and think we have to do certain things a certain way for them to be effective. But I've discovered that powerful, life-changing, dynamic prayer is amazingly simple!

Two Things We Must Do

It's vitally important for us to have faith in God when we pray. Hebrews 11:6 (AMPC) says, "Without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]."

Ask yourself, "Do I believe God hears me, that He cares about me and wants to be involved in every area of my life?" If we don't really believe God loves us and wants to help us, we will struggle to have faith in Him. That's why knowing and experiencing the love of God is critical to developing a powerful prayer life.

It's also important to approach God with sincere hearts. James 5:16 (AMPC) says, "...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous

power available [dynamic in its working]." A sincere heart is focused on God, trusting that He hears you and will answer. It doesn't mean you have to cry or yell to pray with sincerity; it's all about the attitude of your heart toward God.

You Have to Ask

It's exciting to get the revelation that God loves us, cares for us and wants to help us. But we have a part to do in getting the things God has for us—we have to ask. James 4:2 (AMPC) says, "...You do not have, because you do not ask."

Now, it's important to understand that we have to ask for God's will to be done, not just for the things we think we want or should have apart from Him. James 4:1 tells us that striving to get what we want based on our carnal or fleshly desires leads to "strife (discord and feuds)... conflicts (quarrels and



fightings)." This causes us to be jealous, covet what others have and become angry when we can't "obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness]" we are seeking (James 4:2).

These verses show us what causes problems in people's lives. We think we're unhappy because we don't have all the stuff we want. But the reality is only God can give us what we're longing for in our hearts. He alone is the source of righteousness, peace and joy (Romans 14:17). And we will never enjoy life until we learn to abide in Him and trust Him to do what's best for us.

The Key to Praying for God's Will

If you're not sure whether you're asking for God's will in your life (and we all go through times like this), then you need to take time to just abide in Christ. In John 15:7 (AMPC), Jesus says, "If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever

you will, and it shall be done for you."

To abide means to live, dwell and remain; it's not just spending time with God on Sunday morning and then going through your week doing what you want apart from Him. God wants to do life with us Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday too! As we spend time studying His Word, meditating on the Word, communicating with Him through prayer, and asking Him to fulfill His plans for us, we will know His will in our hearts.

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and you can pray anytime, anywhere, all day long... and He will answer.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's two-teaching CD series Prayers That Get Answered. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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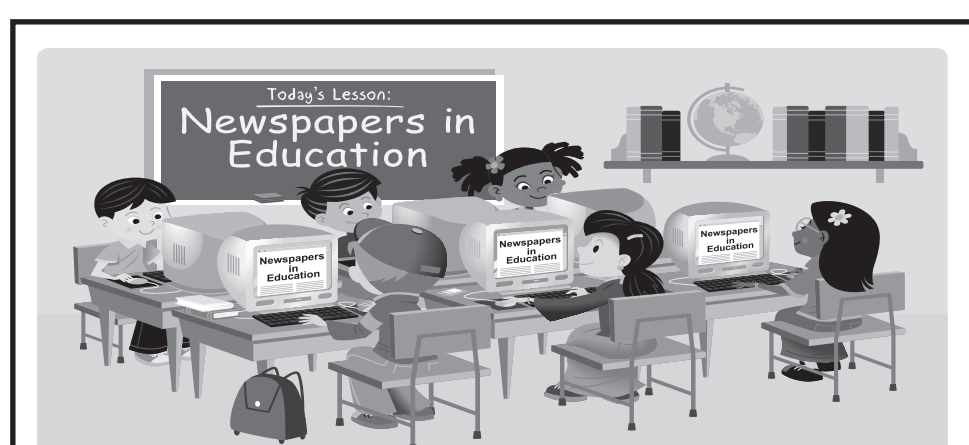
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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BUREAU COUNTY, PRINCETON, IL PROBATE DIVISION IN THE)
()
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTATE)P 43
OF)
()
SEAN W.)
STILTNER,)
DECEASED.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Sean W. Stiltner, of Princeton, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 7, 2021, to Alexis Stiltner, of Princeton, IL, as INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Bureau County Courthouse, 700 S. Main Street, Princeton, IL 61356, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representatives and to their Attorney(s) within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be

administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk.
Dated: May 11, 2021
Dawn M. Reglin
Bureau County Circuit Clerk
Princeton, IL 61356
No. 0503 (May 19, 26, June 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE)
OF) Case
MARJORIE) No.
B.) 2021
CARROLL,) P-101
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARJORIE B. CARROLL. Letters of Office were issued on May 11, 2021 to MATTHEW B. CARROLL, 1405 Walnut Ave., Mendota, IL 61342, as Executor, whose Attorney is MICHAEL G. BOKUS, 609 Eighth Avenue, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or with the representative, or both, before the date stated in this notice, which date shall be not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is

later, and that any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representatives and to his Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Date of first publication: May 19, 2021, A.D.

Claim Deadline: November 18, 2021, A.D.
CIRCUIT CLERK LASALLE COUNTY OTTAWA, ILLINOIS Attorney at Law 609 Eighth Avenue Mendota, IL 61342 Phone: 815/ 539-5002 FAX: 815/ 538-5771 ARDC No. 6285775 No. 0504 (May 19,

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Statement of Cash Disbursements for the Year Ending April 30, 2021
Utility Bills, Troy Grove Station:
Ameren\$1,731.65
AT&T FirstNet\$417.08
Nicor\$1,039.66
.....\$3,188.39

Administration Expense:
First State Bank engine\$105,548.63
Illinois Finance truck pay\$7,750.00
Jack Huggins (comp. rpt)\$85.00
MABAS\$336.00
Mendota Reporter\$260.80
.....\$113,980.43

Expenses \$1,000 or over:
Communications Direct\$1,619.22
Dinges Fire\$11,725.95
Grainco F.S.\$1,319.87

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MES\$1,760.47
Mendota Fire Dept.\$5,128.58
NIAB\$1,139.68
Sandry Fire\$1,246.50
Schmidt's Sales & Service.....\$1,211.46
Visa\$2,642.60
.....\$30,894.33

Compensations Paid:
Attorney for Dist.\$1,000.00
Secretary\$2,200.00
Mendota clothing\$3,500.00
Trustees\$1,800.00
Troy Grove allow.\$13,430.00

Troy Grove Chief\$800.00
City of Mendota Fire Protection\$4,100.00
City of Mendota Ambulance Serv.....\$5,500.00
Mendota Chief\$800.00
Troy Grove Captain\$350.00
Troy Grove Lieutenants\$400.00
.....\$33,880.00

Insurance:
Lefelmen\$862.00
Liberty Mutual\$1,518.00
McNeil\$9,052.00
.....\$11,432.00
All other disbursements less than \$1000 each\$5,220.23
Total Items of Disbursements\$198,595.38

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Trustees Mendota Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection State of Illinois)
)ss
County of LaSalle)
I, Barry Sutton, Secretary of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District in the Counties of LaSalle and Bureau, State of Illinois, Do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ending April 30, 2021.
Legal No. 0508
(May 26, 2021)

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Cash Balance.....April 30, 2020
Money Market Account,
First State Bank Mendota.....\$74,311.93
Checking Account, First
State Bank, Mendota.....1,985.80
Cash Receipts
Schedule I238,131.81
.....\$314,429.54
Cash Disbursements
Schedule II.....\$198,595.38
April 30, 2021
Money Market Account,
First State Bank Mendota.....\$113,343.74
Checking Account,
First State Bank Mendota.....\$2,490.42
.....\$314,429.54

Schedule I
Statement of Cash Receipts for the Year Ending April 30, 2021
Amount Received From County Collector, LaSalle County
Tax assessed by District for LaSalle County:

July 10, 2020.....\$33,952.95
Aug. 7, 2020.....\$64,831.67
Sep. 4, 2020.....\$16,999.73
Sep. 30, 2020.....\$50,992.89
Dec. 18, 2020.....\$2,964.62
Mar. 26, 2021.....\$808.73
Mar. 27, 2021.....\$54.59
.....\$170,605.18

Amount Received from County Collector, Bureau County
Tax assessed by District for Bureau County:
Jun. 15, 2020.....\$6.93
Jun. 15, 2020.....\$7.22
Aug. 13, 2020.....\$12,116.93
Oct. 16, 2020.....\$6,593.83
Nov. 25, 2020.....\$48.53
.....\$18,773.44

Amount Received from the Treasurer of the State of Illinois
For Illinois Replacement Tax:
May 22, 2020.....\$4,253.73
Aug. 7, 2020.....\$4,419.52
Sep. 9, 2020.....\$3,265.85
Oct. 14, 2020.....\$4,140.18
Dec. 9, 2020.....\$1,071.54
Jan. 11, 2021.....\$5,096.22
Mar. 9, 2021.....\$1,841.25
Apr. 5, 2021.....\$8,603.36
.....\$32,691.65

Interest Received from Money Market Account:
First State Bank.....\$246.16
.....\$246.16
Miscellaneous Income:
Municipal League\$3,487.54
Out of Dist. Income\$11,396.84
Insurance Refund\$931.00
.....\$15,815.38
Total Items of Cash Receipts
Schedule II\$238,131.81

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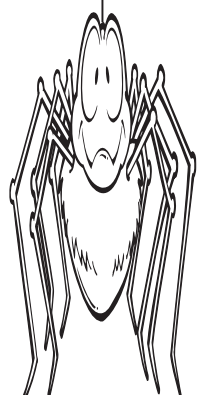
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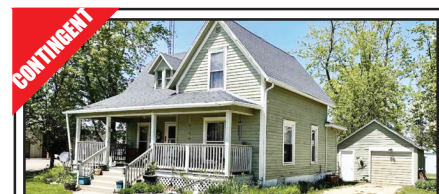


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