

Men rescue child from Sublette house fire

Father of child suffers burns; carries another child to safety

SUBLETTE – On March 14 at 12:07 p.m., the Sublette and Amboy Fire & EMS Departments were dispatched to 704 W. Santee St. in Sublette for a house fire with a burn victim.

Sublette was already enroute to a dumpster fire at Woodhaven Lakes Campground that was dispatched 12 minutes prior. Immediately, a MABAS Box Alarm was transmitted bringing in Mutual Aid from the Mendota Fire Department, Dixon City Fire Department, Dixon Rural Fire Protection District, Compton Volunteer Fire Department, West Brooklyn Fire Department, LaMoille Fire Protection District, Troy Grove Fire Department, Advance EMS and the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Dixon.

Prior to arrival of the first engine company, Sublette residents and neighbors, Curtis Ryan Kessel and Nick Wilson saw a young child in a window on the second story of the house. As they approached the house, the father was exiting the residence with another child so Kessel and Wilson jumped into action. Kessel scaled the back fence and climbed to the second story window, grabbed the child by the ankle and lowered the child down to Wilson, saving the child's life before the window was enveloped in smoke and flames.

A few minutes later, the first engine company arrived with heavy fire on the first



The outside of a Sublette house is charred from fire that engulfed the structure on March 14. (Sublette Fire Department photo)

and second story. Quick hose deployment and aggressive attack contained the fire to the structure of origin.

The father was transported by Sublette EMS for burns and the children

were transported by Amboy EMS for smoke inhalation and evaluation (conditions unknown at this time).

The Sublette Fire Department expressed its appreciation to all the Sublette

residents and neighbors who came out and offered assistance, and especially to Kessel and Wilson for their heroic efforts in saving the life of one of Sublette's residents.

Some restrictions are being loosened at Mendota H.S.

Plans being made for football attendance

By **BONNIE MORRIS**
Editor

MENDOTA—Mendota High School students will have a few less COVID-19 restrictions in the coming days. Reporting at the March 18 District 280 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Jeff Prusator said the rules for social distancing, cafeteria service and temperature checks have all been relaxed by the state.

The social distancing rule has gone from a minimum of six-feet to three to six feet. Prusator said the virus has not been spreading in schools, so he was pleased with the change, however he noted that the rule for contact tracing is still six feet. This means anyone within six feet of a person testing positive must quarantine.

The state also lifted ban for the 50-person maximum in one space, such as gyms or auditoriums during the school day. Now, schools may have as many people as can be kept six feet apart. "This opens things for us," Prusator said, "but it will probably change again."

Students may also notice a change at lunchtime in the coming weeks.

"When I'm observing students in the hallways, no kids have their masks down. The kids have done a great job."

—Superintendent
Jeff Prusator

School cafeterias are now allowed to serve plated food rather than being limited to sack lunches. Prusator said the high school will consider doing that in April. "It would be great for students to have that choice. They would still have to be spaced out while waiting in line but it's just one more step to get back to normal," he noted.

Daily temperature checks at school are no longer mandated and will be eliminated at MHS starting March 22. Students are already taking their temperature each morning at home and

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Council OKs ordinances and donation requests

By **KIP CHEEK**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council approved several ordinances and requests at its March 15 regular meeting.

Alderman Kyle Kim presented two ordinances for the council's consideration, both of which were approved. The first was an ordinance amending the ambulance billing to reflect the establishment of new rates. The second was an ordinance for lateral transfer within the police department. This ordinance will allow the Mendota Police Department to hire already trained certified law enforcement officers from other police agencies without them first having to go through a police academy or training.

Alderman John Holland informed fellow council members of two donation requests and also an ordinance proposal. The requests were both approved – a \$3,500

donation to Graves-Hume Public Library for its July summer reading program and a \$3,000 donation to the YMCA for its youth summer SCAMP program.

An ordinance to establish an outstanding check policy pertaining to uncashed checks was also approved.

During alderman Jim Fitzpatrick's report, the council approved a resolution for the annual Sweet Corn Festival street closures in compliance with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Mayor David Boelk read two proclamations that were approved by the council. One was for Junior Achievement Day on April 1, 2021, and the other was for Motorcycle Awareness Month in May 2021 as requested by A.B.A.T.E. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education).

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

Pritzker expected to announce changes to COVID-19 reopening plan

By **GREG BISHOP**
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD—Another change to Gov. J.B. Pritzker's COVID-19 reopening plan is expected this week, but it won't be the full reopening initially laid out in May 2020.

A year ago, Gov. J.B. Pritzker started ordering limits on gathering sizes to smaller and smaller numbers he said was an effort to slow the spread of



Pritzker

gatherings. Phase 5 would be full reopening.

COVID-19. Twelve months later, many restrictions remain in place to reduce the spread of the virus. The state is in Phase 4 of the governor's plan, with a 50-person on the size of

During a Senate Health Committee hearing March 15, Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said she thinks the state is "getting close" to reopening more, but not all the way.

"I think from where we are now to Phase 5 maybe not just an on/off

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Tractors to be on display at Sublette Farm Toy Show

SUBLETTE – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no toy or craft vendors at the 39th annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show. The event will be held on Sunday, March 21 as a tractor show only.

Tractors will be displayed in the downtown area from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tractors may be brought to town and parked on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors are asked to respect social distancing and must wear a mask. The tractors will be displayed to make it easy just to drive through and

view them.

There will be no food stands and no pancake breakfast this year, but local businesses and food establishments will be open during the show. Also, memorabilia from previous shows will be available for sale.

Plans are already underway for the 2022 show, which will be held on March 19-20. The feature tractor will be International Harvester, and Chapter 2 of the IH Collectors will be participating in the show.

Show sponsors are urging you to mark your calendar for the 2022 show.



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‘We need you event’ planned by Sublette F.D.

◆ *Open house takes place on Sunday, March 21*

SUBLETTE - The Sublette Fire Department is looking for people who are interested in helping the Sublette, West Brooklyn, Maytown and Woodhaven Lakes communities by joining the Sublette Fire and EMS team.

The Sublette Fire Department has been helping its community of 450 people since 1926. The department responds annually to just over 200 fire, EMS and rescue emergencies and they logged nearly 1,300 EMS call hours in 2020.

On a national trend, volunteerism is down as fire and EMS compete with more availability of family and social activities along with busy work schedules. However, fire and EMS work is extremely rewarding

and dedicated community-minded people are needed to help keep this critical service available to residents in their small town.

The department is willing to pay individuals for fire and EMS (EMT or EMR) training, if they are willing to help. This is an incredible opportunity for young people to earn a career path and learn some valuable team building and communication skills while helping Sublette and the surrounding area.

The department encourages anyone interested to please take time on Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. to come to the firehouse and learn about their great organization.

For more information, feel free to contact Nick Dinges at (815) 703-6140.

Program explores nearby hidden natural treasure

LA SALLE - Did you know that Putnam County is home to one of only 41 designated Wetlands of International Importance in the United States? Learn all about this former plot of farmland on Tuesday, March 23 when the LaSalle Public Library virtually hosts ecologist, Anna Braum and site manager, Rick Seibert. Their program, “Dixon Waterfowl Refuge: A Hidden Illinois Treasure” will be presented via Zoom beginning at 6 p.m.

Owned and managed by the non-profit Wetlands Initiative, the Sue and Wes Dixon Waterfowl Refuge, is one of the Illinois River Valley’s hidden treasures. Located south of the Village of Hennepin in Putnam County, the 3,000-acre refuge was drained and farmed for corn and soybeans for nearly a century. Beginning in 2001, the Wetlands Initiative began restoring the land to the diverse backwater lakes and natural wetlands, prairie and

savanna habitats that once occupied the land. Today, the refuge attracts thousands of migratory waterfowl in the spring and fall seasons.

In this virtual presentation, Braum and Seibert will share how the refuge was restored and the rich variety of plants, birds and wildlife that are now found in this local natural area.

Braum, an ecologist with the Wetlands Initiative,

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Card shower for M. Swales

SPRING HILL, Tenn. – Maralyn Swales, formerly of Mendota, will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 30.

Swales lived in Mendota most of her life, until recently moving to an assisted living facility in Tennessee, where her youngest daughter lives.

She has recently experienced some health issues and underwent surgery on her leg this past December. She is currently residing at and undergoing therapy in a skilled nursing/rehab facility.

She misses her friends in Mendota and would love to hear from them for her 90th



M. Swales

birthday.

Her current address is: Maralyn Swales, Room 140, c/o The Reserve at Spring Hill, 2000 Reserve Blvd., Spring Hill, TN 37174.

Blood drive successful

MENDOTA - The American Red Cross held a blood drive on March 9 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. There were 71 presenting donors and 75 good units collected, including 50 whole blood and 25 power red donations. Organizers appreciate the great turnout, especially in these times.

Also recognized were several first-time donors who attended the drive including Robert Clark, Tina McPheeters, Kevin McPheeters, Becky McPheeters, Monica Zimmerlein, Kaitlynn Sondagroth, Shannon Bartley and Mary Jo Ketter.

Volunteers for the day were Sandy Schroeder, Peg Mathesius-Cerveney, Lori Schlesinger and Lori Simon-ton. Mendota Subway again donated sandwiches for the donor luncheon and Black Bros. also donated sandwiches and chips to the drive.

The next bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Lori at (815) 866-3582

MENDOTA FFA

District winner

The Mendota FFA Chapter congratulated MHS senior Jack Beetz for being the District 2 winner in the area of Diversified Crop Production - Placement. With this win, Beetz is one of the top five FFA members from across the state in this area. He will now advance to the Illinois Association FFA State Awards Day Interviews on Saturday, March 27. (Photo contributed)



J. Beetz

IVBA schedules ‘Intro to Beekeeping’ workshop

OTTAWA - The Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association (IVBA) will sponsor an Introduction to Beekeeping workshop on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop is open to the public and will take place at the University of Illinois Extension Center, 1689 N. 31st Road, Ottawa. Up-to-date COVID guidelines including masking and social distancing will be required.

Those participating in the workshop will learn Honey Bee Biology, Basics of the Hive, Beekeeping Equipment, Inspection and more. Lunch will be provided.

Cost of the workshop is \$15 per adult, those under 18 are \$5. Registration is being handled through the U of I Extension Center. To register, call (815) 433-0707. Payment will be collected at the event.

OSF HealthCare goes pink to thank mission partners

MENDOTA - On March 13, 2020, the COVID-19 global pandemic was declared a national emergency in the United States. Since then, life as we knew it has dramatically changed, and hundreds of thousands of lives have been lost across the U.S.

During this time of change and loss, however, there has also been healing and hope. From testing and treatment to vaccines and more, the medical community has made tremendous leaps forward, and the

OSF HealthCare mission partners (employees) have been there every step of the way.

On March 13, the one-year anniversary of the national emergency declaration, the exterior of OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa, OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota, and the OSF Center for Health-Streator were washed in pink lights to signify thanks, appreciation and gratitude.

The lights are a way to give thanks

to OSF’s mission partners for bravely serving with the greatest care and love over the last year of the pandemic. They will remain on for a week.

OSF Saint Elizabeth, OSF Saint Paul and the Center for Health are part of the many OSF HealthCare facilities across the state of Illinois and in Escanaba, Mich. taking part in lighting up the night to express appreciation to their mission partners across the OSF HealthCare Ministry.

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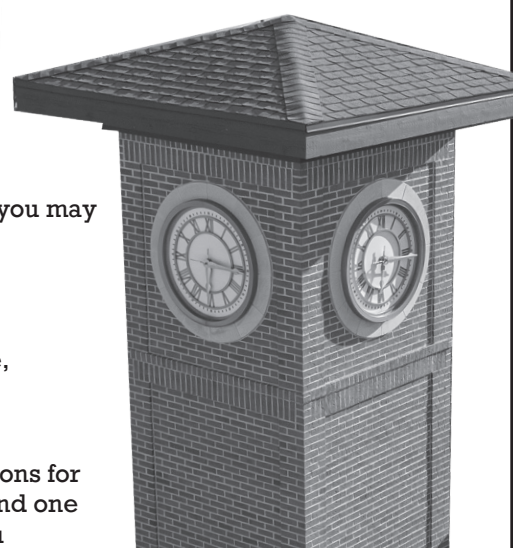
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SUBLETTE

Sublette clean-up day to be scheduled in May

By TONJA GREENFIELD

Staff writer

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette is planning its annual clean-up day in May this year. The village board held its regular monthly meeting on March 8 at the Ellice Dinges Center.

In the past, the village clean-up day had been scheduled for April. Because of COVID, last year the clean-up day was in June. Sublette Acting Village President John Stenzel said this year the date will be in May, since the area experienced such a late winter.

Stenzel told the board he has some volunteers who are willing to help clean up trees around town. If anyone needs some help with tree clean-up, please let Stenzel know.

The village board approved a motion for a three-year contract on the village electric accounts. Stenzel reported that the new rates, valid until the day after the board meeting, were as follows:

- .04948 through Summer Energy for the two welcome sign accounts, the Ellice Dinges Center account, the water tower account and the water plant account. The current rate is .06159.
- .02685 through Constellation for the street light accounts. The current rate is .03029.

In other board news:

- Don Dinges reported he is still getting calls asking about the annual toy show. This year, the show is a one-day tractor drive-thru on Sunday, March 21.
- The Sublette Fire Department is

planning a recruitment open house.

• The village's annual car show is still being planned for September and notices will be going out.

• The board agreed to not allow the booking of any rentals of village property right now. Board members expressed that maybe in the next couple of months that would change.

• Stenzel reminded the board of upcoming dates: Tuesday, April 6, Consolidated Election; Monday, April 12, next village board meeting; and Thursday, April 29, the year-end meeting when the newly-elected officials will be sworn into office.

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



Legion members honored

Two long-time members of Mendota American Legion Post 540, Dr. Robert Krenz and Len Schwemlein, were presented with certificates for their years of continuous membership during the March meeting. Dr. Krenz, above right, was honored for 75 years of continuous membership and Schwemlein, below right, for 50 years continuous membership. The certificates, which cite both members as outstanding contributors to the programs of the American Legion, were signed by National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford, National Adjutant Daniel S. Wheeler and Mendota Post Commander Phil Harth, who made the presentation. (Photos contributed)



PAW PAW

Paw Paw Board approves projects

PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Village Board met on March 10 and discussed federal relief funds, state grant money, branch removal and spring cleaning.

Funds were received by the Village from the Federal Government for COVID-19 relief due to loss of revenue. This money will be put into the Water & Sewer account.

Rebuild Illinois grant money that the Village will receive in full by 2023 will be used to help fund the street resurfacing project that is scheduled for this spring.

Large limbs and branches blown down during winter storms will be picked up

by the Village. Those with large branches needing to be picked up are asked to please place them in a neat pile parallel to the street between the sidewalk and curb in front of your home.

The Village will also conduct park clean-up to remove downed sticks and brush, and once warmer weather arrives, sidewalk repairs will recommence.

A town-wide garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 17.

The Village clean-up pick-up days will take place on Monday and Tuesday, April 19-20. No electronics will be picked up.

Constellation Energy has been contracted to supply electricity to the Village street lights.

Blood Drive

The students who sponsored the Red Cross Blood drive on March 4 give a huge shout-out to everyone who donated that day. There were 36 units collected, which can save 108 lives, and beat the past

record of 34 units donated. The next blood drive will be held on Thursday, April 29 at the Paw Paw School.

CARL'S QUIZ

What restaurant is credited as the world's first fast food hamburger chain?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Close to 200 people were accused during the Salem Witch Trials of 1692 and 19 of them, 14 women and five men, were executed by hanging that summer and fall. (Source: History.com)

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

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focuses on promoting the recovery of Illinois' diverse natural ecosystems. She designs and monitors prairie, savanna and wetland restorations at sites.

Seibert, a longtime resident of Putnam County, has

been full-time site manager at the Dixon Waterfowl Refuge since 2002. Previously, he was the pumping station engineer with the Hennepin Drainage and Levee District for 18 years.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required to receive

the Zoom link. To register for this program online and receive the Zoom link, go to <https://bit.ly/3d4Sllr>. Those who prefer to connect to the program using an iPad or smartphone, need more information, or have questions, please call the Library at (815) 223-2341.

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Mendota Weather March 17, 2021

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Forecast	Regional Cities	
Wednesday Mostly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 37	Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain, high temperature of 48°, humidity of 69%. Northeast wind 7 to 14 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 78° set in 2012. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 55% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 37°. Northeast wind 14 to 21 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 27°.	Wednesday City Hi/Low Wx Aurora 49/37 mc Champaign 59/44 ra Chicago 44/37 mc Freeport 46/33 mc Joliet 51/38 mc Moline 48/37 ra Peoria 55/42 ra Rockford 48/35 mc Springfield 56/44 t	Thursday Hi/Low Wx 46/33 ra 51/35 ra 42/35 ra 44/29 ra 47/34 ra 47/32 ra 49/35 ra 45/31 rs 51/35 ra
Thursday Scattered Rain High: 45 Low: 32			
Friday Partly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 30			
Saturday Sunny High: 53 Low: 36			
Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 58 Low: 39			
Monday Cloudy High: 60 Low: 43			
Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 59 Low: 40			

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	67	38	40/23	0.00"	0.08"
Tuesday	68	42	41/23	0.00"	0.51"
Wednesday	70R	54	41/23	0.00"	-0.43"
Thursday	53	39	42/24	0.08"	
Friday	53	34	42/24	0.00"	Average temp..... 50.3°
Saturday	59	32	43/24	0.00"	Average normal..... 32.7°
Sunday	51	44	43/25	0.00"	Departure..... +17.6°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 3/21	Wednesday 7:04 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	9:13 a.m.	11:25 p.m.
	Thursday 7:02 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	9:40 a.m.	Next Day
	Friday 7:00 a.m.	7:07 p.m.	10:11 a.m.	12:25 a.m.
	Saturday 6:59 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	10:47 a.m.	1:26 a.m.
	Sunday 6:57 a.m.	7:10 p.m.	11:31 a.m.	3:24 a.m.
Full 3/28	Monday 6:55 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	12:22 p.m.	3:19 a.m.
	Tuesday 6:54 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	1:22 p.m.	4:09 a.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

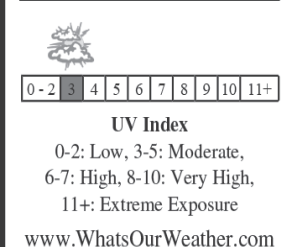
The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 58 in Portsmouth, Ohio. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 86 in Immokalee, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 83 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated snow, highest temperature of 61 in Kennewick, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 79 in Brawley, Calif.

Weather History

March 17, 1990 - Showers and thunderstorms associated with a slow-moving cold front produced torrential rains across parts of the southeastern United States over a two-day period. Flooding claimed the lives of at least 22 people, including 13 people in Alabama.

March 18, 1925 - The great "Tri-State Tornado" occurred. It was the most deadly tornado in the history of the United States. The tornado claimed 695 lives (including 234 at Murphysboro, Ill. and 148 at West Frankfort, Ill.) and caused 17 million dollars in property damage.

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Weather Trivia

Why does lightning seem to flicker as it flashes in the sky?

Answer: Lightning is not just a single stroke but a succession of many strokes.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Gerald W. Leffelman

SUBLETTE - Gerald W. Leffelman, 88, of Sublette passed away March 12, 2021 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

Per his wishes there will be no visitation, and Mass of Christian Burial will be family only. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Gerald was born Oct. 25, 1932 in Sublette to Howard and Bernadette (Clayton) Leffelman of Maytown. He was a twilight sleep baby born at the Angier Hospital in Sublette. He married the love of his life, Sylvia Becker on Feb. 20, 1954 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Peterstown.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years; eight children, Susan Ennenbach, Mark (Natalie) Leffelman, Chris (Kim) Leffelman, Annette (Mike) Bonnell, Dale (Paula) Leffelman, Beth (Eddie) Morrissey, Kevin (Judy) Leffelman and Keith (Ashley) Leffelman; 16 grandchildren, Angela, Lindsay, Erica, Lauren, Clayton, Evan, Laura, Megan, Andy, Jon, Jake, Lydia, Conor, Kayla, Katie and Claudia; 20 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Howardene Stewart, Bernardine Roemmich and Joyce Eames.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth Leffelman.

Jerry grew up on the family farm in Maytown. His education started at the Dorsey School and then the Amboy schools. He left high school his second year to help his father farm. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War. Returning from the Army, he worked for his father at the Leffelman Meat Center, which originally had locations in Sublette, Mendota, Amboy and West Brooklyn. His other jobs included Justice of the Peace and being owner of Sublette Realty for most of his life until his retirement at age 86. He was instrumental in getting Country Village Meats open with his son and son-in-law and worked hard beside them for 20 years. Jerry served on many boards including the Sublette Development Corporation, the Beautification Committee, Sublette Village Board, and the Lee County Board. He was dedicated to seeing businesses brought into Sublette and seeing this "little country village" thrive. He loved his town and was proud to introduce anyone to its history. Many Sundays he loved to load the family in the station wagon and take a long ride that always ended at a drive-in that served chocolate shakes and hot fudge sundaes. He will be missed by his large family and friends.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude, Sublette Fire Department or OSF Hospice.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Dist. 289 plans L.E.A.S.E. preschool screenings

MENDOTA - L.E.A.S.E. will hold preschool screenings for Mendota District 289 at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota.

The screenings are for children who will be 3 or 4 years old by April 15.

L.E.A.S.E. will screen key developmental areas such as motor development, speech, language, vision, hearing and general readiness.

Due to Covid-19 only one parent/caregiver may bring the child. Parents and children must wear masks.

All children must be screened to be eligible for the Preschool for All Program. A child currently enrolled in the Mendota Preschool for All Program does not need to be screened again. Applications will be at the screenings.

To schedule an appointment, call the L.E.A.S.E. office at (815) 433-6433.

Eleanora Dinges

MENDOTA - Eleanora Dinges, 101, formerly of Mendota, passed away March 7, 2021 at Heritage Woods, Yorkville.

A private family only Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 12 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Pilon officiating. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery, West Brooklyn. A public celebration of life will be held at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Eleanora was born Dec. 12, 1919 in West Brooklyn to Sophia and George A. Jones, the third of seven children. She married Ermin Dinges in 1939 at St. Mary's Church, West Brooklyn and spent the next 56 years with the love of her life.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Shirley (Bansau) Dinges of Yorkville; five grandchildren, Lisa (Tim) Simmons of Sandwich, Mark Dinges of Edmond, Okla., Mike (Julie) Dinges of Pflugerville, Texas, Tina (Bryan) Klis of Lenexa, Kan., and Chris (Sharon) Dinges of Stuart, Fla.; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren who cared for her deeply; one sister-in-law, Marge Jones; and many nieces and nephews who were an important part of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her loving son, Russell in 2017; two brothers and four sisters.

All who knew Eleanora, knew how hard she worked alongside her husband on the family farm. In 1975, they retired to Mendota where they took great pride in their meticulous lawn. She enjoyed cooking, playing Euchre, cheering on her lovable Cubbies, but most of all spending time with her family.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross Church or donor's choice.

Kenneth J. Henkel

MENDOTA - Kenneth Jacob Henkel, 74, of Mendota passed away March 9, 2021 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 on March 15 at Holy Cross Church with Rev. Peter Pilon officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation was from 4-6 p.m. on March 14 at the Wasmer Funeral Home with masks required and social distancing observed. Pallbearers were Adam Henkel, Brian Henkel, Eric Henkel, Olivia Henkel, Michael Kasprak, Adrienne Ott, Jeffrey Politsch, Matthew Politsch and Michelle Wisbey.

Ken was born Nov. 19, 1946 to Leo and Margaret (Funf-sinn) Henkel.

Survivors include one brother, Ron (Linda) Henkel of Mendota; two sisters, Janet (Bill) Politsch of Princeton and Linda Kasprak of LaSalle; one sister-in-law, Sherry Henkel of LaSalle; three nieces; six nephews; 18 great-nieces and -nephews; two aunts and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bernie Henkel on May 8, 2014; and a brother-in-law, James Kasprak.

Ken was a 1966 graduate of Mendota High School. He worked for Fred Brown Carpentry in Mendota, Sunstrand in LaSalle, and Caterpillar in Aurora for 39 years. He was a member of UAW Union Local #145, a Charter member of Mendota Knights of Columbus #2090, and Holy Cross Church. He enjoyed restoring cars, especially his original black 1970 Dodge Charger. He loved to fish and had a great love for country western music and spending time and seeing his nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Knights of Columbus #2090 or Holy Cross School. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Charles E. Cherry

LAMOILLE - Charles E. Cherry, 77, of LaMoille passed away March 8, 2021 at Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on March 15 at Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota with military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079.

Visitation was held for two hours prior to the funeral at church with masks required and social distancing encouraged. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Charles was born Feb. 19, 1944 in Spring Valley to Henry and Frances (Sissell) Cherry. He married Betty Burkart on Dec. 21, 1968 in LaMoille. She preceded him in death in 2019.

Survivors include one son, Chad Cherry of LaMoille; two daughters, Niki Norquist of Cicero and Sonya (Chad) Rose-now of Mineral; one sister, Linda (Dave) Long of Rock Falls; and six grandchildren, Alana Cherry, Casen Cherry, Carter Cherry, Ella Cherry, Taylor Rosenow and Austin Norquist.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Charles was an avid rancher and farmer on his family-owned farm since he was a young boy. He was graduate of LaMoille High School and served in the U.S. Army, mostly in Europe. Upon the death of his father, he took over the full-time operations of the family business, and to supplement his income, he took jobs cleaning up train wrecks with Hulchers and worked with PST cleaning tractor trailers. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and other outdoor activities. He took pride in maintaining his property and assuring that his livestock was well cared for and he was astute at maintaining his finances. He very much enjoyed watching his grandchildren play various sports and took great pride in the many achievements of his children as he watched them mature into fine adults. He enjoyed dining out with friends and family alike. Upon the passing of his devoted wife of 50 years, Betty, he rekindled a relationship with his former girlfriend, Carla Zimmerman. They enjoyed each others' company and spent many hours together. He was a member of the LaMoille Lions Club and Community United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be directed to Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille Lions Club or LaMoille Ambulance. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Donna J. Gilmore

PAW PAW - Donna Jean Gilmore, 86, of Paw Paw passed away Feb. 22, 2021 at her son's home surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation was held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Feb. 27 at the United Methodist Church of Paw Paw. Due to COVID restrictions, only a few people were admitted at a time, masks were required and social distancing guidelines followed. A private family funeral service followed at the church with Pastor Dana Cox and Pastor Glen Stewart officiating. Interment was at Melugin Grove Cemetery.

Donna was born Aug. 24, 1934 in Compton to Wilbur and Mildred (Parks) Pfeifer. She married Ed Gilmore on June 1, 1952 at Paw Paw Methodist Church. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Scott (Marianne) Gilmore and Steve (Deb) Gilmore; two granddaughters, Emily (Kyle) Kofoid and Ellyn (Matt) Schoenholz; five great-grandchildren, Kylie Kofoid, Edward Kofoid, Evelyn Kofoid, Ella Schoenholz and Maverick Schoenholz; a sister-in-law, Helen Pfeifer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband; one brother, Dean Pfeifer; and an infant son, Curtis.


Donna worked for a time as a telephone operator. She mainly worked side by side with her husband on the farm. She was famous for her cooking for large crowds and brought home-cooked meals out to the field during planting and harvest. She and Eddie raised two sons and instilled in them a strong work ethic and a genuine kindness. Donna was very generous and loving and the focus of her life was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also very civic minded and involved in numerous activities and organizations. She was a devoted member of the United Methodist Church of Paw Paw, and was a member of the Crusaders, United Methodist Women Committee, Marigolds, Red Hatters, was a Cub Scout leader, and really enjoyed her card clubs. She helped and baked for the church's May luncheons, turkey suppers and bake sales and was always the first to offer food or her help for many service projects. She was a member of the Lee County Farm Bureau and was committed to educating the non-farming community about agriculture.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Donna's name may be directed to the United Methodist Church of Paw Paw or Mendota Area Senior Services. Please visit www.Torman-FuneralHome.com to sign the online guest book.

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switch, but maybe a dial,” Ezike said. “So there may be one more phase before we get to Phase 5. I think the governor is going to release a plan that we have been working on later this week.”

A lot of the benchmarks she said will rely on the vaccination rates of the most vulnerable population, the state’s seniors.

“So, once we see like a greater majority of our

seniors vaccinated, that should get us to another level and then we can start having at least larger-sized gatherings like everything open up with some kind of capacity,” Ezike said. “We’re not getting rid of masks. We think masks have to be a mainstay.”

For a full Phase 5 re-opening, she said that will depend on how much of the general population has been vaccinated while health officials monitor

COVID-19-related deaths and hospitalizations.

As of Monday, nearly 12 percent of the state’s population has been fully vaccinated. More than 680,800 people 65 and older have been fully vaccinated, according to state data.

The state’s hospitality and leisure industry, which has reported major job losses over the last year, has been pressuring the governor to allow for larger

gatherings for conventions as other states see more relaxed gathering limits.

Illinois logged the lowest number of COVID-19 positive cases in months Monday. The 24-hour report showed 782 “confirmed and probable” cases, the lowest since 707 cases were reported in one day on July 14, 2020. The state reported 12 COVID-19-related deaths in the latest daily report Monday.

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self-certifying. Prusator said school nurse Sheri McConville has had to flag very few students for a high temperature. “Our kids have just been awesome [following the rules],” he explained. “When I’m observing students in the hallways, no kids have their masks down. The kids have done a great job.”

One big change will be the rule for remote learning. This year, any student could choose remote learning without a reason but next year, a student must have a health condition or have a member of the household with a health condition to opt for remote learning.

Football season

With football season starting in two weeks, plans are being made to allow as many spectators as possible to attend the games while maintaining safety protocols. Because of larger attendance numbers at these games, Prusator said football is much more complicated than any other sport. Spectators not in the same household need to be spaced six feet apart; groups of four from the same household may sit together. In addition to the bleachers, MHS might also be able to use the hillside, track and end zone areas for student seating. The hillside parking spots would be limited to every other spot.

“We’re still working on the details for all of this so it’s subject to change,” Prusator said. “We’ll make announcements and hope for cooperation from everyone, but we want to do everything we can to involve as many students as we can at the games.”

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT SAT Prep Class

Approximately 63 students are attending the evening SAT Prep class held weekly at MHS and online through Khan Academy. Aughenbaugh thanked Mr. Artman, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Straughn and Mr. Wohrley for teaching the classes.

Juniors will take the SAT test on Tuesday, April 13. Freshmen, sophomores and seniors will not be in attendance that day. The SAT is required for graduation, and all juniors, whether remote or in-person, must take the test in-person per ISBE requirements. The standardized tests for freshmen and sophomores was waived for this year, but the SAT was not.

In addition, juniors are required to take the Illinois Science Assessment, which will be scheduled some time this spring.

Early Graduation Requests

The board approved 22 early graduation requests. Aughenbaugh said they are seeing an increase in the

number of students who are working full-time or nearly full-time to contribute financially to their families. Students are also making requests to join the military and start college.

Commendations

Aughenbaugh recognized Alex Medina and Isabelle Escatel, who are both members of the 60 by 25 Student Advisory Council. The conference focused on the importance of equity and making education more equitable. Medina was also a student presenter at the conference. Advance Illinois, Education Systems Center at Northern Illinois University (EdSystems), and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) are establishing a Student Advisory Council to gather feedback on how students experience various initiatives the Network supports. Network organizers also seek to understand what supports would be helpful to students as they navigate the education system. “This was a good leadership opportunity for them,” Aughenbaugh said. “They volunteered for this, and we’re very proud of how they represented MHS.”

Also recognized were FFA members Jack Beetz and Elizabeth Schillinger, who advanced to the FFA District 2 Proficiency and Star Interviews held this week after competing in the Section 7 Proficiency interviews for their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects. Beetz also advanced in the District competition and now moves on to State.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society completed its annual inductions through virtual presentations and awards. Seniors inducted include Jack Beetz, Mary DeFore, Janeth Hermosillo, Samuel Lawrence, Natalie Orozco and Madison Pappas; junior inductees are Faith Anderson, Bailey Baird, Natalie Bodmer, Logan Brandner, Lizzie Bresley, Elle Buettner, Kelsey Castro, Zachari Compell, Vanessa Escatel, Zoe Finley, Ethan Hanaman, Sophie Holland, Alejandro Hermosillo, Jenna Kerchner, Ted Landgraf, Lorena Magallanes, Paige Manning, Maya Martin, Liam McGann, Olivia Ross, Aliza Salinas, Elizabeth Schillinger, Toree Sliwa, Andrew Stamberger, Allison Stewart, Alex Stremlau and Isabella Tolentino.

PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board approved Taylor Gibson as a volunteer volleyball coach and Kody Becket as a baseball/softball preparation worker.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held at the high school on Monday, April 19 at 6 p.m.



IVCC instructor Willard Mott points out a destination as student Evan Bickett of Amboy operates a sprayer simulator owned by GRAINCO FS. (Photo contributed)

IVCC ag students get use of sprayer simulator

OGLESBY – Precision agriculture students at Illinois Valley Community College recently enjoyed use of a sprayer simulator on loan from GRAINCO FS.

The simulator provides introductory, intermediate, and advanced training in driving, field navigation and row crop production. Students are required to complete four simulator modules for beginners.

“Students are gaining a virtual perspective of the skill and talent required to operate high tech commercial sprayers,” said IVCC ag instructor Willard Mott. “The GRAINCO FS

sprayer simulator is as close to operating the real thing as you can get without the risk of a real machine,” Mott added.

IVCC had use of the simulator for about a week.

Pritzker says every adult in Illinois may get vaccine by May 1

By KEVIN BESSLER

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. J.B. Pritzker said every Illinoisan might be able to get a COVID-19 vaccination by the end of April.

President Joe Biden said last week that he would advise states to make a vaccine available to every adult by May 1. Pritzker said Illinois may act sooner.

“I’m excited about the fact that we will be able to get to more and more people across the state of Illinois and I’m confident that not by just May 1, but maybe even a little bit earlier, we could open up to everyone in the state,” Pritzker said.

The state will be receiving 100,000 doses per day from the federal government this month, including the one-shot dose from Johnson & Johnson, the governor said.

“Indeed those were based on the promises, the pledges of the federal government and they delivered on those

promises,” Pritzker said.

In all, nearly 3.8 million doses have been administered in Illinois. The state continues to lag behind other states in getting people fully vaccinated, ranking 38th in the country.

Illinois is currently in Phase 1B Plus, which includes people with certain underlying conditions, including cancer, kidney disease, COPD, diabetes and smoking. It also includes anyone 65 or older and front-line workers such as teachers, fire and law enforcement, manufacturing and agricultural workers, and grocery store workers.

The state’s only federally funded mass vaccination site, at the United Center in Chicago, has filled more than 50,000 appointments.

State officials are working on a plan that would allow conventions to return to Illinois this summer as more people are vaccinated and new cases continue to decline.

City incinerator to open on March 27th

MENDOTA – The City of Mendota incinerator (burn pit) will open for the season on Saturday, March 27.

Incinerator hours are as follows:

- Monday – 3 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The incinerator is located south of Mendota near the sewage treatment plant.

IVCC News Briefs

Forklift Operation course available

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College’s Continuing Education Center will offer “Basic Forklift Operation,” WHS-1200-01, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays March 27 through April 24.

The course helps ensure forklift operators, regardless of experience, have a uniform understanding of the safe and efficient operation of forklifts and compliance with safety rules and OSHA regulations.

Students will learn safe driving skills while gaining concise knowledge of how a forklift works. Safety will be stressed to reduce accidents and injuries.

For information, call the CEC at (815) 224-0427. To register, call (815) 224-0447.

SkillsMatch demo set for March 26

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College hosts a free SkillsMatch demo at 4 p.m. Friday, March 26 via Zoom.

Participants will learn how to use SkillsMatch to explore their skills, courses and programs IVCC has to offer and career options based on interests and experience.

SkillsMatch will also determine skills a person has based on previous work experience, education and more.

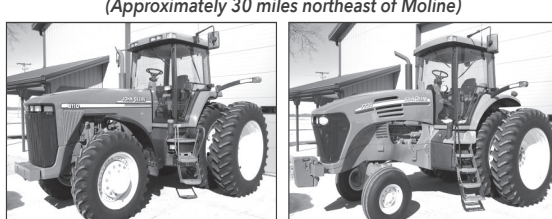
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Public notices are vital to informing communities

Every year, an Illinois legislator proposes a bill to remove public notices from being published in newspapers and allow units of government to post them to their websites. They must think they are saving taxpayers money, and that newspapers no longer are relevant.

This year is no different. House Bill 811 has been filed but not yet been assigned to a committee. As other bills that have come and gone before it, HB 811 is a bad idea. Lawmakers should reject it, as they have in the past.

Newspapers have played a vital role in providing transparency about government through the publication of public notices. It's worked for more than 150 years. Now, with the digital reach of newspapers through their websites and the statewide public notice site run by Illinois newspapers, notifying the public has never been more efficient, effective and impactful. Posting notices to newspaper websites and the statewide site are at no additional cost to government and is intended to provide even greater public access to these notices.

Conversely, there are nearly 7,000 units of government in Illinois. Only about half have a website. How efficient and effective would that be?

Units of government are required by statute to post meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Yet, many don't. There are more than 1,400 townships in Illinois, and the vast majority don't have a website but for the ones that do only 53% comply with the required posting of meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Why would different results be expected from the same government units if they control the posting of public notices?

We all know there is money to be saved by being more efficient. How about taking a realistic look at eliminating the seemingly redundant units of government? Illinois has far more units of government than any other state. Florida has more than 7 million more residents than Illinois but fewer than a quarter the number of government units. Drainage districts, road districts and mosquito abatement districts could and should become part of the function of county governments. The largest mosquito abatement district in Illinois is the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District and it spent less than \$100 in 2020 on public notices, which is far less than the \$25,000 it spent on memberships and conferences. The cost of public notices is one of the smallest expenses of government entities.

So, it's not surprising that eliminating public notices from newspapers won't reduce taxes. Realistically no unit of government is going to lower its tax levy. So, if the Legislature really wants to lower public notice expense and ultimately property taxes it should address the number of governmental entities in the state.

Newspapers across Illinois provide access to public notices and verify compliance by government units. They also serve as a permanent record of public notices.

The majority of the more than 400 newspapers in Illinois are small businesses. Like every other small business, newspapers have been hit hard by the pandemic. Removing public notices will make it even harder for newspapers to do what they do best - serve and inform their communities.

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‘The Sands of Iwo Jima’ at the State – 1950

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from March 15, 2000.)

By Jessica Nashold

Fifty years ago, “The Sands of Iwo Jima,” starring John Wayne, was playing at Mendota’s State Theatre on March 12-13, 1950. On Sunday, March 12, the shows were continuous, starting at 1:20 p.m. Then at 2 o’clock, a group drawn from members of the VFW, American Legion and Catholic Veterans of Foreign Wars fired a volley in front of the theater and presented the colors to the stage inside. The ceremony was arranged by theater manager Harold Larson to coincide with the showing of the film and to honor Marines who had fought and died in Iwo Jima.

The firing of the volley in front of the theater was caught on film and appeared in the March 16, 1950 issue of The Mendota Reporter.

Although Mendota Community Hospital would not open until the following year, the MCH Auxiliary was already deeply involved in several projects. In a typical week, women’s groups in Mendota churches worked on “cut” material, ready for sewing. On March 16, 1950, the list included Holy Cross, 40 patient gowns; Baptists, 319 pillow cases; Lutherans, 73 patient gowns; Presbyterians, 15 dozen napkins and tray cloths, plus 14 yards Indian Head to be cut for same purpose; Evangelicals, six dozen sheets; Troy Grove unit, eight dozen sheets. Earlville unit was scheduled to produce 250 draw sheets as soon as material arrived.

Mrs. Frank Fassig coordinated work assignments.

The fourth annual Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Mendota Athletic Boosters Society (MABS) on March 13, 1950, was attended by 350. MABS manager Gilbert Truckenbrod was in charge of arrangements. Rev. Kenneth W. Sollitt was emcee and speaker of the evening was Harry Combes, head basketball coach at the University of Illinois. He was flown in for his engagement by a U. of I. pilot, and returned to Urbana by air following the program.

During the evening, LaVere Gray

Backtracks & Sidetracks

was named Most Valuable Player in football and Curt Van Etten, MVP in basketball.

Junior Woman’s Club sponsored a style show with a travel theme in the MHS auditorium on March 14, 1950. Garments came from Spurgeon’s, Westerman’s, Jean’s, Yohn’s, Sport Shop and Toddler Shop. Shoes were provided by Miller Jones, Barr’s and Holdenrid’s. Hirrell Swanson, a member of the MHS faculty, was general manager of the style show. Ruth Doenier described the fashions as they were modeled by Sally Gorman, Mary Lou Greenwood, Betty Brown, Darlene Ohlinger, Betty Rave, Sue Yost, Nancy Cummings, Mary Lou Johnson, Carol Pohl, Nancy Blotch, Patti Heininger and Carol Hoffman. From the MHS faculty, director Swanson also modeled, as did Alice Pottinger.

Mrs. Donald Stephenitch handled “the young set.” Pianist was Mrs. Marvin Smith, soloist was Mrs. Fred Morris, while Henry Sauer and Al Elseser rendered “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad” and dressed as sleeping car porters. Decorations were by Loretta Zolper.

During a strike by transport truck drivers at the St. Louis Chevrolet plant, Ed Lorack, Mendota Chevy dealer, received three carloads of Chevys by rail. Two cars occupied the floor and two were hoisted near the top.

An unusual site in 1950.

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Bill Arndt, a machinist at Reeser Farm Equipment Co., retired after 37 years on the job. He had started with Fred Oester in 1913 and continued with his son, L.J. Oester. He then served with Folders & Ricklef when the business changed hands and finally with Murray Reeser. During his tenure, Arndt had seen farming change from work with horse-drawn implements to introduction of tractors.

He will now have more time for his garden.

Mrs. Jessie Schuhler of Mendota was named crew leader for census enumerators in LaSalle County. The 1950 census would soon be underway.

Don Van Etten, former Mendotan, was leaving for a three-year assignment as comptroller with the Great American Insurance Co. in Calcutta, India.

He had trained in New York City.

An amateur program was sponsored by band parents as a fundraiser. The Rev. Kenneth Sollitt was emcee. Prizes were awarded to Norma Coss, vocal soloist; Carol Aitken and Edward Czubakowski, guitar duet; and Joe Brady, trumpet soloist. Proceeds would benefit both grade school and high school band departments.

Dr. Elliott Faulk sent word that there would be a delay in opening a medical practice in Mendota, which had been announced in January.

He expects to be ready for patients in April.

He would be located at 1200 Washington St.

HR1 voting proposal is a partisan disgrace

By Rich Lowry

It’d be fitting if Democrats undertook a radical procedural step to pass a radical piece of legislation.

That’s what the left is pressuring Senate Democrats to do by eliminating, or significantly curtailing, the filibuster to pass HR1, the sweeping voting proposal that is one of the most execrable bills to pass the House in a very long time.

HR1 would federalize the conduct of elections and codify what were supposed to be emergency voting procedures during the pandemic, in frankly partisan legislation sheathed in the rhetoric of “voting rights.”

According to advocates of the bill, anything to tighten up or maintain good practices regarding ballot security is “voter suppression” worthy of the old Jim Crow South.

By this way of thinking, Republican efforts at the state level to, say, reduce the days available for early voting -- Iowa is reducing its early-voting period from 29 days to 20 days -- will disenfranchise millions, never mind that deep blue New York State allows only about a week of early voting.

Voter identification laws, a bogeyman of supporters of HR1, were recommended by a 2005 bipartisan commission jointly led by Jimmy Carter and James Baker, neither of whom will ever be mistaken for Bull Connor. Not too long ago, it was a feature of big bipartisan voting bills to require states to periodically clean up their voter rolls, another commonsense measure that is now considered tantamount to wielding bully clubs and police dogs.

There may be many problems besetting American democracy, but people turning out to vote isn’t one of them. Turnout exploded in the 2018 midterms prior to the pandemic and turnout exploded in 2020 during the pandemic, with both Democrats who availed themselves of early voting and Republicans who voted same day showing up in historic numbers.

In response largely to a non-problem, Democrats want to trample on the prerogatives of states to conduct elections, mandating their electoral priorities throughout the land.

States would have no choice but to accept same-day registrations. People applying for various government programs or

for college would be registered automatically. States couldn’t turn away the registrations of 16-year-olds, even though they can’t legally vote.

States couldn’t require voter ID. They couldn’t remove inactive voters from the rolls. They couldn’t work with other states to try to find duplicate registrations six months prior to an election.

It would be pandemic-era mail-in voting forevermore, with no ID or witness signatures required and ballot-harvesting and drop boxes mandatory everywhere.

Felons could no longer be barred from voting. The federal government would pay to train high-school students how to register people to vote and fund “campus voter coordinators,” as well as giving colleges grants to register students.

To truly bring home that the states are being divested of powers that go back to the founding of the republic, state legislatures would no longer draw congressional districts; instead the task would be taken up by purportedly independent commissions. The FEC would no longer be bipartisan, and sundry provisions would prohibit or chill unwelcome political activity.

That many Democrats say that the filibuster should fall for this bill is a symptom of the fevered state of the party, which despite holding or winning every elected branch of the federal government has conjured out of nothing a vast conspiracy to stop people from voting that allegedly justifies one of the most blatant federal power grabs in memory.

Early voting isn’t going away, but there should be protections against potential abuses and voting on Election Day should be encouraged -- it’s the most secure and private, and least error-prone, way to vote.

It’s a symptom of what a wrecking ball HR1 is that, in the course of mandating the opposite on all counts, it could kneecap both the states and a longstanding Senate procedure in one fell swoop.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Five students named winners in IVCC MLK writing contest

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee announced five students have been selected as winners in the 2021 Honoring His Legacy: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Writing Contest.

The annual contest invites all IVCC students to submit written entries in any format that address diversity, equity and inclusion. Entries are evaluated on insight into diversity, equity and inclusion and technical skill.

Although the contest awards three places, a three-way tie for third place this year has resulted in five winning entries.

DEI co-chairwoman Amanda Cook Fesperman noted the quality and diversity of entries this year was impressive and was not surprised that more than three winners were selected.

“With everything that is going on in America with regards to DEI right now, it is not surprising that these issues are in the hearts and minds of our students,” said Cook Fesperman. “I couldn’t be more pleased to see how our students are critically thinking about these important issues.”

Grace McCormick of Peru won first place for a personal narrative, “Take A Step Back: The Role of the White Ally.” McCormick will donate her prize money to Young, Black, and Lit, a nonprofit organization committed to increasing access to children’s books that center, reflect, and affirm Black children.

Dylan Zupec of Granville took second for a research paper, “The War on Drugs Is a War on Black Lives.”

Tied for third place are Marlene Vazquez of Peru for an untitled poem; Jenna Grabowski of Streator for a research essay, “Representation of Diversity in Media,” and Kiersten Shevokas of Spring Valley for a comparative essay, “Civil Disobedience and BLM.”

IVCC plans earn & learn program for ag students

OGLESBY – The next deadline for applications for Illinois Valley Community College’s GRAINCO FS and AgView FS “Earn and Learn” program is Friday, April 30.

Under the program, select ag students will enjoy paid internships, summer jobs, two years’ reimbursement of all educational expenses while completing the Associate of Applied Science degree in agriculture and

guaranteed full-time employment with one of the companies for three years.

The program begins with internships this fall. At least one student will be selected by each company annually.

For information, visit www.ivcc.edu/agriculture or contact agriculture program co-coordinators Willard Mott at Willard_mott@ivcc.edu or Kathryn Seebruck at Kathryn_seebruck@ivcc.edu.

Ophthalmologist establishes scholarships at IVCC

OGLESBY – Dr. Kamal Kishore, owner of Illinois Retina & Eye Associates of Peru, Peoria and Galesburg, has established annual healthcare and pre-med scholarships with the Illinois Valley Community College Foundation.

The 10, \$1,000 Kamal Kishore MD Scholarships will support students in a variety of healthcare careers including pre-med. Beginning this fall, the awards will cover tuition, books and related-expenses.

Dr. Kishore has served the Illinois Valley for 18 years. In 2011, he built a new office building at 3602 Marquette Road, Peru.

A board certified ophthalmologist and retina specialist, Dr. Kishore specializes in diseases and surgeries of the retina including age-related macular degeneration.

Dr. Kishore entered medical school in New Delhi, India, and completed six years of training in ophthalmology

before moving to the U.S. in 1992. He trained in internal medicine for two years in Nassau, N.Y., prior to his residency in ophthalmology in Newark, N.J.

He completed his fellowship in vitreo-retinal surgery at Louisiana State University in 1999, while training with one of the best surgeons in the world.

Today, Dr. Kishore is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria where he works with medical students seeking a career in ophthalmology.

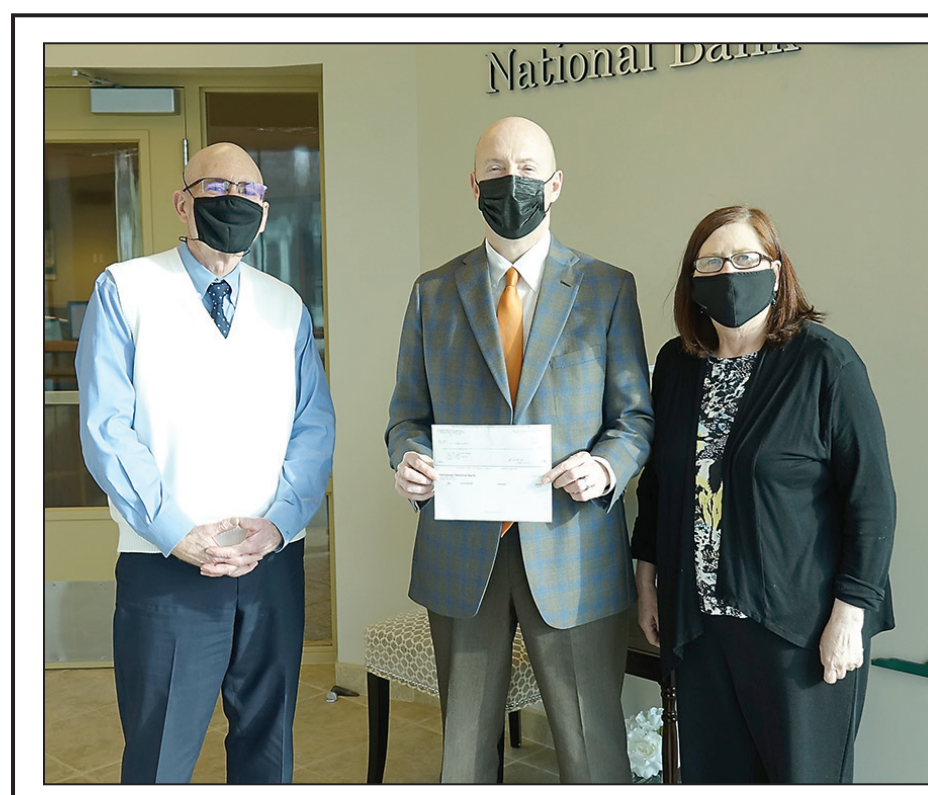
He has earned numerous awards including the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS) Senior Honor Award and a trophy from ASRS for a surgical video, authored eight book chapters, published more than 30 papers in peer-reviewed ophthalmology journals and given over 100 presentations at national and international meetings.



Dr. Kamal Kishore, right, with IVCC President Jerry Corcoran at Kishore’s business, the Illinois Retina & Eye Associates in Peru. Kishore will support \$10,000 in healthcare scholarships annually through the IVCC Foundation. (Photo contributed)

“Dr. Kishore is giving back by investing in future doctors and medical professionals,” said IVCC

President Jerry Corcoran. “Each year, 10 students will benefit from his benevolence.”



Giving Day is April 1

For the fifth straight year, Hometown National Bank in La Salle will be the title sponsor for the Illinois Valley Community College Foundation’s Giving Day. IVCC President Jerry Corcoran, left, accepts a \$3,000 check from Hometown National Bank President and CEO Dave Conterio. They are joined by Alumni Coordinator/Foundation Assistant Janice Corrigan. Giving Day 5 is Thursday, April 1. More than \$100,000 has been raised in the first four Giving Days combined. The Foundation awards over \$300,000 in scholarship annually. (Photo contributed)

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POLICE BLOTTER

ACCIDENT ARREST

Kevin Banovz, 41, of 300 19th St., Mendota, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident (non-injury) and failure to yield at an intersection at 8:14 a.m. March 9 after an investigation into a hit and run traffic accident that had occurred the previous day. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

John Kerr, 43, of 137 U.S. Route 34, Apt. 1, Mendota, was arrested at 11:23 p.m. March 9 on a valid LaSalle County failure to appear arrest warrant for domestic battery. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Brady N. Burkart, 21, of 105 20th St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Indiana Avenue and Washington Street at 4:02 p.m. March 10. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI

Dennis A. Miller, 29, of Peru, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs after a traffic stop at Main and Washington streets at 9:27 p.m. March 10. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI

Telesforo Guerra, 40, of 108 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol after police officers investigated the report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Main and Meriden streets at 3:47 a.m. March 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

Johnny R. Arteaga, 50, of 4479 E. 250th Road, Mendota, was charged with leaving the scene of a vehicle damage accident after police officers responded to the area of Washington Street and Indiana Avenue for the report of a hit and run accident at 6:31 p.m. March 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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SPORTS

Girls rout N. Boone

□ Lady Trojans end season with 4-10 mark

MENDOTA – The Mendota Lady Trojans ended the basketball season on a winning note with a 41-14 triumph over North Boone in the final game of the Big Northern Conference Tournament on March 9 at the MHS gym.

The Lady Trojans, who finished up at 4-10, posted three of their four victories over North Boone.

Mendota took charge from the opening tip as they pumped in five three-pointers in the opening stanza to zoom out to a 19-5 lead. The margin increased to 29-6 at the half.

Jenna O'Donnell connected on three of the treys in the first period on her way to a game-high 13-point performance. Daisy Arteaga added the other two trifectas in the first and ended the night with 10 tallies.

"We started out hot to jump to a 10-0 start and never looked back," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "We had a really solid game on defense and moved the ball well. It was a nice way to end this crazy season."

Mendota increased the advantage to more than 30 points in the third quarter, which kicked in the running clock the rest of the way. The count was 39-7 heading to the fourth.

Freshman Reanna Brant chipped in with eight points and tied Izabella Nanez for the team lead in rebounds with nine apiece. Jaelyn Fitzgerald picked off seven boards, while Nanez provided four steals, and O'Donnell supplied four assists and three steals.

Winnebago captured the conference tournament title with a 48-40 come-from-behind victory over Rock Falls. Other final-round games: 3rd place - Byron 38, Dixon 33; 5th place - Stillman Valley 45, Rockford Lutheran 36; 7th place - Rockford Christian 52, Genoa-Kingston 32.

MENDOTA 41, NORTH BOONE 14

North Boone (14)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Yarc	2	1-2	0	5
O'Hara	0	0-0	2	0
Guzman	0	0-0	2	0
Beran	2	2-4	0	6
K. Mendoza	0	0-0	2	0
Aguilar	1	0-0	1	3
Witte	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	5	3-6	8	14

Mendota (41)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
O'Donnell	5	0-0	1	13
Nanez	2	0-2	9	4
Manning	0	0-0	1	0
Arteaga	4	0-0	2	10
Fitzgerald	2	0-2	7	4
Salinas	0	0-0	2	0
Bodmer	1	0-0	5	2
Brant	4	0-0	9	8
Totals	18	0-4	36	41

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
North Boone	5	6	7	14
Mendota	19	29	39	41
Three-point goals: Mendota - O'Donnell 3, Arteaga 2; North Boone - Aguilar 1				

Registration underway for Mendota Little League season

MENDOTA – Online registration for the 2021 Mendota Little League baseball and softball season is now open through March 24. The league is for children ages 5 and older in Mendota, Amboy, Earlville, Paw Paw, La Moille and surrounding areas.

Registration for players and volunteers will be completed by going online to <http://clubs.blue-sombrero.com/mendotall>. Mendota Little League will abide by the Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 safety guidelines. Reg-

istration and fundraising fees have been reduced.

Find out more information on the league website, by e-mail to mendotalittleleague@gmail.com, or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mendotalittleleague>.

Trojans end on winning note

POPLAR GROVE – The Mendota Trojans began the season with a win at North Boone and ended it with a win at North Boone in the final game of the Big Northern Conference Tournament on March 9 at Poplar Grove.

Mendota concluded the abbreviated campaign with a 2-12 record.

The Trojans jumped out to a 14-5 lead at the conclusion of the first quarter and kept increasing the margin as the game went on. The count stood at 30-14 at intermission and 49-28 heading to the fourth frame.

Sophomores Krew Bond and Rafa Romero led the attack, with Bond knocking down four three-pointers on his way to a 21-point output. Romero provided 18 points and topped the team with 11 rebounds. Freshman Izaiah Nanez had a pair of three-pointers and finished with eight markers.

The tournament championship game was an all-Rockford affair with Lutheran shooting down Christian, 52-37, to finish the season with a 16-0 record. Other

final-round games: 3rd place - Byron 53, Genoa-Kingston 36; 5th place - Stillman Valley 50, Dixon 48; 7th place - Winnebago 50, Rock Falls 32.

MENDOTA 59, NORTH BOONE 41

Mendota (59)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Bond	7	3-4	0	21
Romero	7	3-5	0	18
Perez	1	0-0	1	3
Landgraf	0	1-2	2	1
Arteaga	2	0-0	1	4
Stamberger	1	0-2	0	2
Nanez	3	0-1	1	8
Guzman	0	1-4	0	1
Figuerola	0	1-2	0	1
Totals	21	9-20	5	59

North Boone (41)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Dresser	2	0-0	2	5
Nolen	1	0-0	2	2
Raabe	1	0-0	0	2
Doetch	5	0-0	2	14
Danner	1	0-0	0	3
Pargman	3	0-2	1	6
Topping	1	0-0	0	2
Schammahk	2	0-0	0	5
Ovalle	1	0-0	0	2
Linn	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	17	0-2	8	41

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	14	30	49	59
North Boone	5	14	28	41
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bond 4, Romero 1, Perez 1, Nanez 2; North Boone - Dresser 1, Doetch 4, Danner 1, Schammahk 1				

Sites, dates set for spring trout season in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The 2021 Illinois Spring Trout Fishing Season will open Saturday, April 3 at 57 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at select trout sites – the Spring Catch-and-Release Fishing Season – will open March 20. No trout may be kept during the catch and release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning April 3. An early catch-and-release site is Pine Creek at White Pines Forest State Park in Ogle County.

For the 2021 spring trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites from March 15 until the season opens at 5 a.m. April 3. Anyone attempting to harvest trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers – including those who intend to release fish caught before April 3 – must have a fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Whatever happened to the actress who played the coach's teenage daughter on "Friday Night Lights"? I was watching an old episode and realized I haven't seen her in anything since the series ended. What a great show it was! -- **W.B.**

A: "Friday Night Lights" ended 10 years ago after five seasons on NBC. It starred Kyle Chandler as a high-school football coach and Connie Britton as his wife, the school's guidance counselor. It was based on a non-fiction book of the same name by Buzz Bissinger. The series was beloved by fans and critics alike and currently is available on the Peacock streaming platform. Many of its stars have gone on to other projects, but "FNL" will likely live on in their hearts.

As for the character of Julie Taylor, she was played by Aimee Teegarden, who is now 31 years old. After "FNL" concluded, she appeared in the film "Scream



Teegarden

4" and then was a regular for one season of "The Ranch," a sitcom on Netflix that stars Ashton Kutcher and Sam Elliott. Teegarden recently starred in the Hallmark Channel romantic comedy film "A New Year's Resolution." You might not recognize her though, as she's now a brunette instead of a blonde.

As for the other "FNL" cast members, Michael B. Jordan, who played Vince Howard, went on to become the biggest star of the bunch with blockbuster films like "Black Panther," "Creed" and "Creed II." Britton starred in two hit shows, "Nashville" and "9-1-1," while you can see Chandler on the big screen in the upcoming "Godzilla vs. Kong."

Q: I was watching the Golden Globe Awards recently and noticed there had been a movie about the singer Billie Holliday. Was it in theaters or on TV? Who is the actress who played Billie? -- **A.A.**

A: "The United States vs. Billie Holiday" was originally meant for the big screen, but like most films in 2020, it has made its way to the homes of moviegoers. The film was sold to the streaming service Hulu

and was released in February. Andra Day won a Golden Globe for her portrayal, which was her first big starring role. She's best known for her hit single "Rise Up," which, along with her album, was nominated for a Grammy in 2016. Her future looks bright whether she continues in film or sticks with vocals.

Q: Whatever happened to the TV show "Supergirl"? Is it coming back, or did it get canceled? -- **B.H.**

A: "Supergirl," starring Melissa Benoist, will return for its final season on the CW network on Tuesday, March 30, at 9 p.m. ET. "Superman & Lois" will be going on a brief hiatus during that time and will return on May 18. "Supergirl" will return again later this summer with its final episodes. When news of its ending broke last year, Benoist stated of her heroic character, "She's taught me strength I didn't know I had ... and I'm forever grateful."

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

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Kevin Hart's personal shopper, 29-year-old Dylan Jason Syer, was indicted in New York by the Queen's County Grand Jury for grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen properties, identity theft and a scheme to defraud. Hart hired Syer to be his personal shopper from October 2017 until February 2019. During that time Syer allegedly used Hart's credit cards to charge more than \$1 million! Syer also allegedly used legitimate purchases to gain access to Hart's credit cards so he could charge \$923,000 and purchase \$240,000 worth of jewelry, art and other collectibles. These included five Patek Philippe watches (worth more than \$400,000), a Sam Friedman painting, at least 16 Bearbrick collectible dolls, five KAWS collectible dolls and two Louis Vuitton Keepall Bandolier bags. When police arrested Syer, they seized more than \$250,000 in cash and goods. If he's found guilty on all counts, Syer could spend the next five years in prison. Who's got your credit card numbers?

Bonneville

Q: "Downton Abbey's" Hugh Bonneville, at 57, is not slowing down. In addition to "Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey," released on Netflix in November, he's got "To Olivia," in which he plays "Willy Wonka" and "James and the Giant Peach" author Roald Dahl (already in theaters in Britain). Bonneville also revealed he's returning with the original cast to film "Downton Abbey 2" (the original cost less than \$20 million and grossed \$193 million) and another sequel, "Paddington 3." The 2014 original cost \$55 million and grossed \$283 million, while "Paddington 2" in 2017 cost under \$20 million and grossed \$228 million. With those kinds of grosses, it was inevitable that sequels would follow.

We knew when "Captain Marvel" starring Brie Larson (2015 Best Actress Oscar winner for "Room") grossed \$1.13 billion, that a sequel was coming. Now set



Bonneville

for Nov. 11, 2022, the first female Captain Marvel will have a new opponent, played by Zawe Aston, who previously appeared in "Greta" (2019) and Netflix's "Velvet Buzzsaw," starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Rene Russo. Aston also has a recurring role in season four of "The Handmaidens Tale."

It was bound to happen. They're going to remake "The Wizard of Oz." The last "Oz" film came from Disney and was "Oz the Great and Powerful" (2013). It starred James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz, Michelle Williams and Zach Braff, and cost \$215 million and grossed \$493 million. This one will be produced by Temple Hill and New Line, and it will be directed by Nicole Kassell ("The Woodsman," "Watchman" and "Westworld"). They haven't said much about it, except that it won't be a musical. Going "Over the Rainbow" and not finding any singing Munchkins is going to make it harder to believe that "We're not in Kansas anymore!"

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Iguanas have three eyes: two in the normal spots and a third on top of their heads, that only perceives brightness.

* Banks employ therapists known as wealth psychologists who help ultra-rich clients unable to mentally cope with the guilt they feel over their immense wealth, advise on inheritance issues and counsel parents on how to raise children who aren't spoiled by money.

* Tyromancy is the practice of predicting the future with cheese.

* In 2016, a student left a pineapple in an art museum in Scotland. Two days later, it had been placed in a glass case as part of an exhibition.

* "Coffin birth" is a phenomenon that occurs when a pregnant woman delivers a child spontaneously after her death, due to gases that build up in the abdominal area, putting pressure on the mother's uterus and forcing the baby through the birth canal.

* The scientific term for brain freeze is "sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia." Now you know why we call it brain freeze.

* Originally scheduled to be erected in Barcelona, the Eiffel Tower was rejected because citizens thought it was an eyesore.

* Alcatraz was the only prison to offer its inmates hot showers, but that had nothing to do with personal comfort. Rather, the reasoning went that if the prisoners were used to the hot shower-water, they'd be unable to cope with the frigid temps of the San Francisco Bay and hence deterred from attempting to escape.

* Hershey's Kisses take their name from the kissing sound deposited chocolate makes as it falls from the machine to the conveyor belt.

* If you point your car keys to your head, it will increase the remote's signal range.

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 3. Navy
 4. "To Kill a Mockingbird"
 5. A bear
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 9. Octagon
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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

"Beware the Ides of March." Or so says the soothsayer to Julius Caesar. The mid-March date was known in ancient Rome as a time for settling debts, and in William Shakespeare's tragedy, it's a clear warning of the deadly coming events for Caesar -- a knifing courtesy of his friends in the Senate. Which is why it makes me think of all the great movies featuring assassins. Here are some funny, some cult favorites, but every one guaranteed to slay.

"Point of No Return" -- A robbery perpetrated by a strung-out junkie goes wrong and she's given a last-ditch second chance: instead of a death sentence, train to be an elite assassin under the control of the government. Stars Bridget Fonda as Maggie, the would-be assassin, and Gabriel Byrne as her handler.

"Grosse Pointe Blank" -- In a romp that mixes comedy, romance and murder-mayhem, John Cusack stars as Martin Blank, a neurotic

assassin having a rough patch. He travels home to Michigan for his 10-year high-school reunion, reuniting with the girl he stood up for prom (Minnie Driver) and chased by a rival killer (Dan Ackroyd).

"In the Line of Fire" -- A cat and mouse featuring Secret Service agent Frank Horrigan (Clint Eastwood) and rogue CIA assassin "Booth" (John Malkovich). Horrigan is the last living agent who served on Kennedy's detail in Dallas, and Booth taunts Horrigan with this fact all while threatening to assassinate the current president.

"The Accountant" -- An autistic young boy with a dysfunctional family and extraordinary math abilities (Ben Affleck) becomes a forensic accountant by day and cold-blooded killer by night. Dual story lines trace his history with an FBI agent and his current assignment uncovering accounting shenanigans at a medical prosthesis company.

"No Country for Old Men" -- The Coen Brothers tackle

the neo-crime Western genre when a Texas hunter (Josh Brolin) claims the remains of a desert drug deal gone awry. No crime is secret, and soon hitman Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem) is dispatched to retrieve the money -- by any means necessary.

"The Day of the Jackal" -- The 1973 classic follows a paramilitary group's intent to assassinate French President Charles de Gaulle. They eventually resort to professional assistance in the form of The Jackal, a hit man of infamy, who settles down to business as his identity is slowly uncovered by a Paris detective.

"Pulp Fiction" -- Any discussion of movie assassins would not be complete without cult favorites Vincent Vega (John Travolta) and Jules Winnfield (Samuel L. Jackson), from director Quentin Tarantino's breakout film. The philosophical pair stand out for their effortless cool and eminent quotability.

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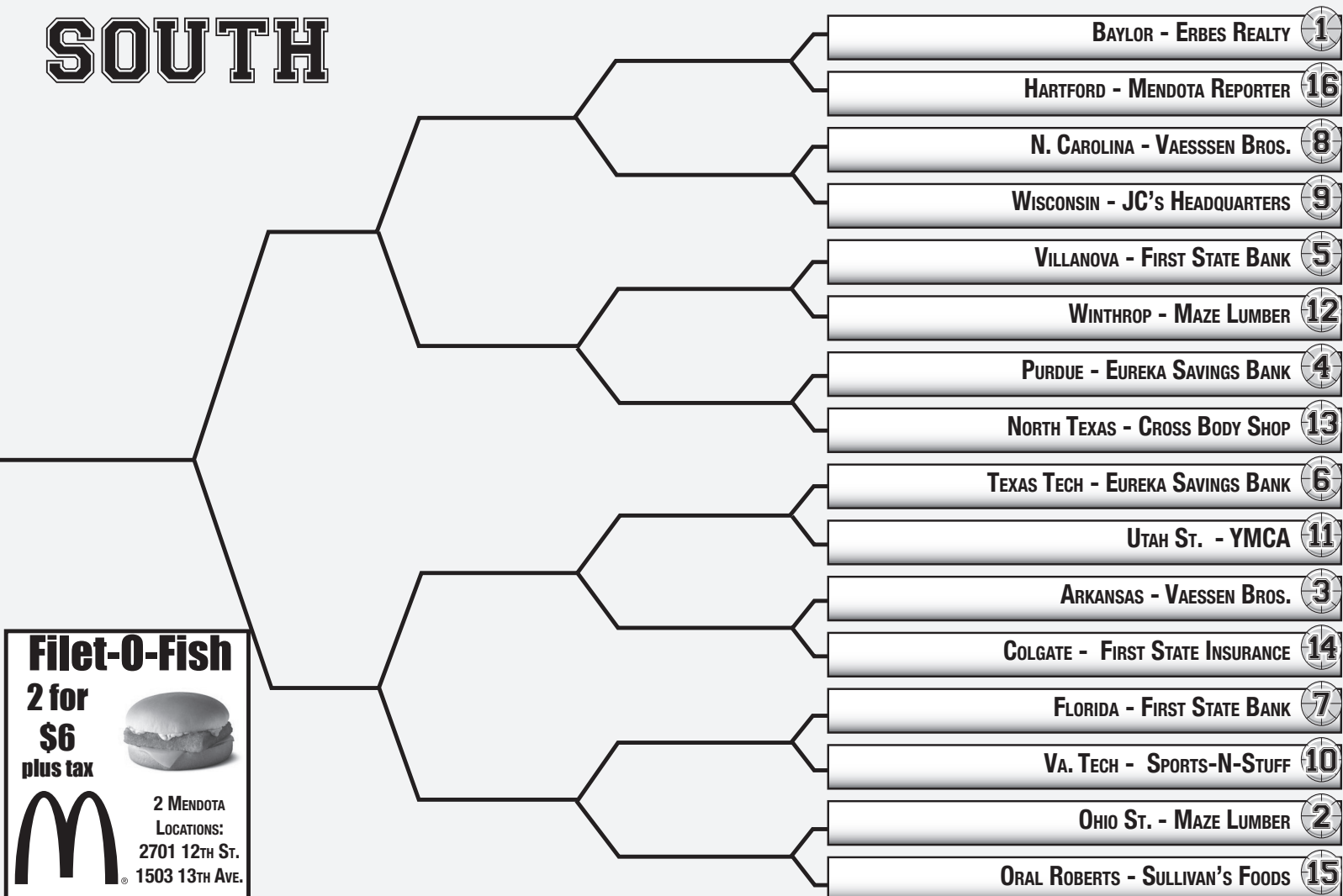
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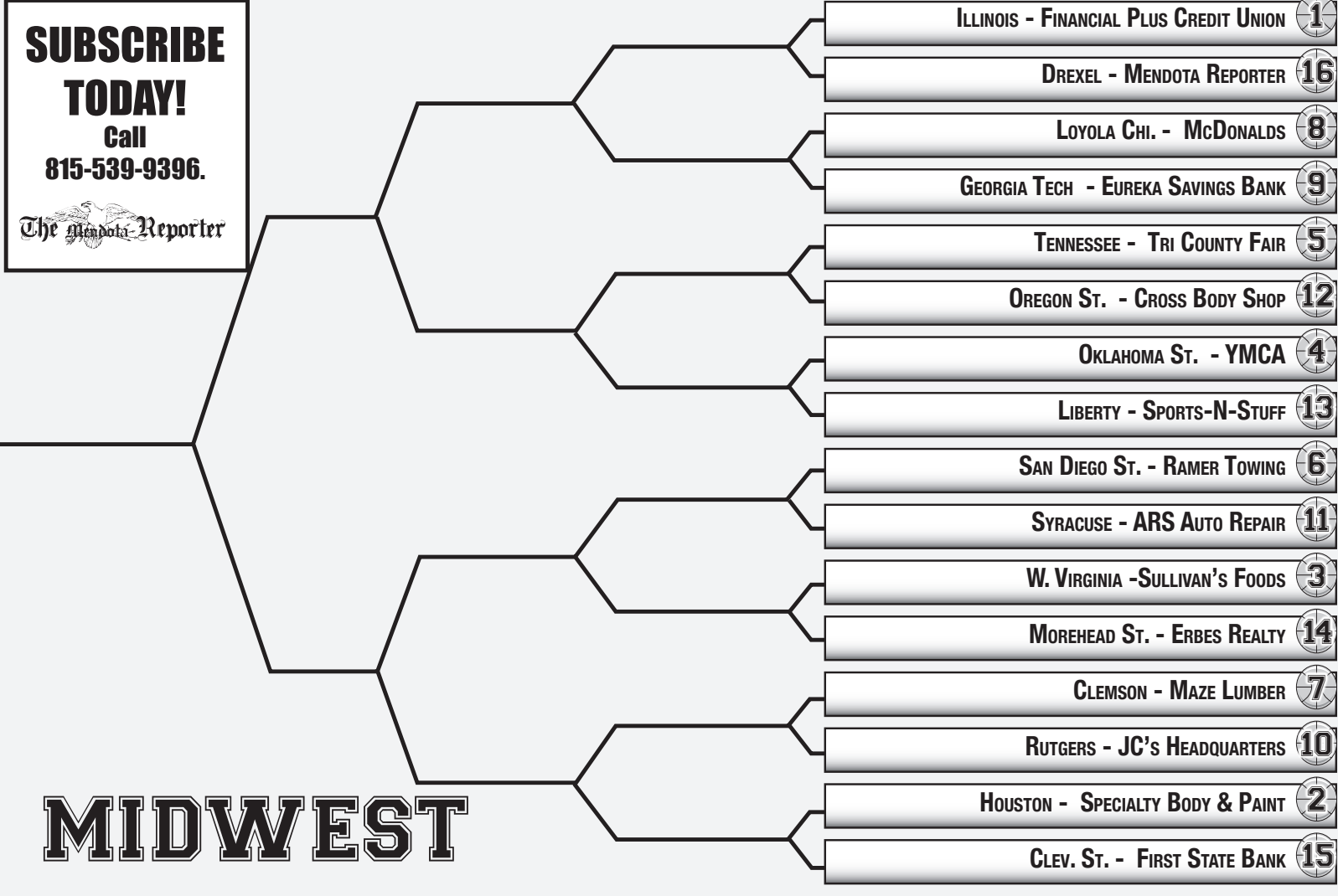
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It seems there are very few people who are consistently content with life. It's more common to be up and down mentally and emotionally, depending on what our circumstances are. So I want to ask you: How content are you? Are you consistently enjoying your life?

In the book of Philippians, the apostle Paul not only teaches about the importance of having the joy Jesus gives, but he says that he learned "how to be content (satisfied to

the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am" (Philippians 4:11 AMP). And it was a life-changing revelation for me when I understood that my joy and contentment don't have to be based on my circumstances.

What does it mean to really be content?

Being content doesn't mean you never want anything to change or to have anything else in your life. It means you can be satisfied to wait with a good attitude for

whatever God chooses to do in your life. It means that even when you want something to happen, you still trust God enough to believe that if He doesn't give you what you want, He has your best interest at heart. And you'll find that what He gives you is better than what you thought you wanted to begin with.

The world is full of problems and we all have times when things don't go the way we planned. So it's wonderful when you get to the point that you can be happy even when you don't get your way!

I've learned that since the world probably isn't going to change, then I need to change my approach to circumstances—my attitude and my expectations. And it was a great breakthrough for me when I discovered that God wants me to have great expectations of Him. He wants me to put all of my hope in Him and exercise my faith in Him to do great things in my life.

What does God want to do for you?

Ephesians 3:20 says that God's power that is working in us "is able to [carry out His purpose and] do



superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]" (AMP). I love these words: superabundantly, far over and above ALL that we dare to ask or think!

It's so important for us to put our expectations in the right place—in God. We serve an awesome God, and I want to encourage you to ask Him to do great things in you and through you.

What are you asking God to do for you? Do you believe He loves you unconditionally and He has great plans for you? Do you trust Him to take care of your needs and that everything He asks you to do is for your good?

We need to resist thinking that God can't do anything for us because of our weaknesses and faults. He isn't expecting us to be perfect; He wants us to have faith in Him.

God wants us to put ALL of our hope and ALL of our expectation in Him. He wants us to trust Him to do what's best for us in the way He chooses to do it. He wants us to give Him the credit

for the good things He does in our lives.

Are you putting your expectation in God?

Sometimes we are discontent and disappointed because we think we're expecting something from God but in reality, we're expecting someone else to give it to us. For example, we pray for a raise or promotion and don't get it so we get mad at our boss. Or we ask God to make our children behave better or our spouse to be more sensitive and thoughtful and when they don't do what we want, we get mad at them.

We need to look to God to provide what we need and what we want. This means we trust Him, no matter what other people do or what circumstances look like. It's not wrong to put realistic expectations in the people we have relationships with, but no one is perfect, and people will disappoint us sometimes. We can get rid of a lot of disappointment and discontentment by learning how to put our hope and expectation in God first and foremost.

God cares about everything about you and everything that concerns you. He wants to be good to you and He

will never disappoint you. Give Him all of your heart and put all of your hope and expectation in Him. You can have true contentment and satisfaction in Christ!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's teaching resource A Bible Study of Philippians Action Plan. 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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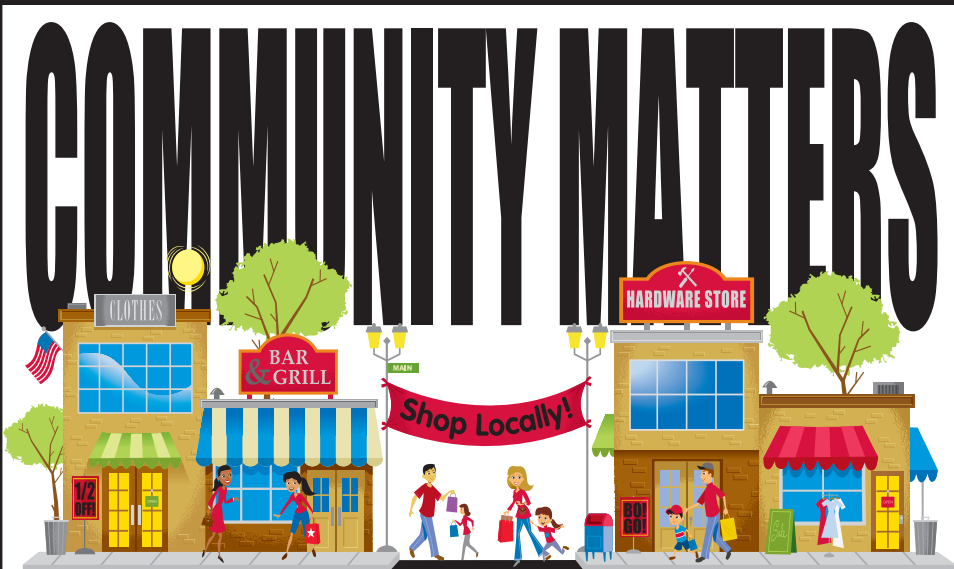
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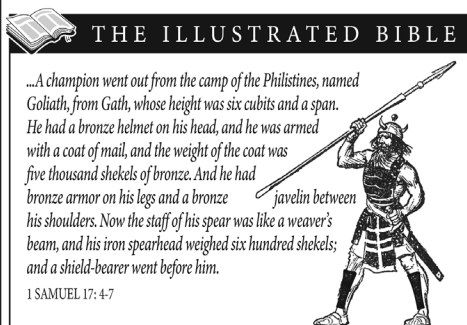
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2. From Genesis 8:4, where did Noah's ark rest after the great flood?
Dead Sea bottom, Mountains of Ararat, Near Garden of Eden, Atop Mt. Sinai
3. What kind of physical problem did Timothy have of which Paul advised a little wine?
Back, Stomach, Head, Legs
4. How many days was Jesus on earth after His resurrection?
3, 40, 100, 346
5. From Acts 8, who baptized the Ethiopian eunuch?
Isaiah, James, Philip, Paul
6. How old was Abraham when he died? 70, 175, 202, 256



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Mountains of Ararat; 3) Stomach; 4) 40; 5) Philip; 6) 175 (Genesis 25:7)
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101 LEGAL NOTICE

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

By virtue of 770 ILCS 103/10-15 et. seq and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on March 23, 2021, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

Each timeshare estate is a 1.923% and/or 0.9615% undivided interest (each, a "Unit") as tenant-in-common at Fox River Resort, a vacation ownership project in LaSalle County, Illinois, as per the recorded plat(s) thereof and according to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants and Conditions recorded under File No. R2000-31258 and any Supplemental Declarations recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, LaSalle County, Illinois, as supplemented and amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), together with the exclusive right to occupy the Unit during the designated Use Period Number(s), as said Use Period is defined in the Declaration, upon and subject to all of the terms, restrictions, covenants, conditions and provisions in the Declaration.

EUGENE H ANDERSON, TYRA R ANDERSON, 4072 HARRISON ST, GARY, IN, 46408, according to the Mortgage dated July 13, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 16271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8022011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0059, Use Period Number(s) 34 Phase 1

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JOHN D CORBIN, CATHERINE CORBIN, 8 LONJETA LN, HOT SPRINGS, AR, 71909, according to the Mortgage dated October 25, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 22100, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11132014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0419, Use Period Number(s) 05 Phase 7

ERNESTO ESPINO, JEANALYN ESPINO, 576 LIMERICK DR, ELGIN, IL, 60124, according to the Mortgage dated March 09, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 05139, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3252014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 02 Phase 7

K A T H L E E N FINNEGAN, 7028 N ORIOLE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60631, according to the Mortgage dated November 10, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24970, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12262014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0075E, Use Period Number(s) 23 Phase 1

CAROLYN S HABIG, WILLIAM HABIG, 1602 S P ST, ELWOOD, IN, 46036, according to the Mortgage dated September 21, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20539, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10242014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0212, Use Period Number(s) 08 Phase 4

NOEL HERNANDEZ, DEISY BERNABE, 5141 W WELLINGTON AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60641, according to the Mortgage dated August 13, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 16863, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9042014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00150, Use Period Number(s) 19 Phase 1

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3029 N CHRISTIANA AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60618, according to the Mortgage dated August 13, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 16863, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9042014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00150, Use Period Number(s) 19 Phase 1

ROGER HUGHS, SUZANNE HUGHS, 40 SHEDD RD, BERNARDSTON, MA, 01337, according to the Mortgage dated February 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 04761, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3192014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0387, Use Period Number(s) 02 Phase 6

SCOTT KESSLER, VILAI FARRELL, 7373 RIVERVIEW RD, THOMSON, IL, 61285, according to the Mortgage dated September 21, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20992, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10292014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0287, Use Period Number(s) 01 Phase 4

SCOTT KESSLER, VILAI FARRELL, 8907 WESTWOOD DR, ORLAND HILLS, IL, 60487, according to the Mortgage dated September 21, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20992, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10292014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0287, Use Period Number(s) 01 Phase 4

GRACIELA LOPEZ URQUIZA, 4336 W POTOMAC AVE, 2ND FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL, 60651, according to the Mortgage dated July 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 15342, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8122015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0091, Use Period Number(s) 32 Phase 2

MICHAEL S MADURA, SHEILA M MADURA, 1152 PROSSER RD, LEOMA, TN, 38468, according to the Mortgage dated November 01, 2014

and recorded under File No. 2014 22592, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11192014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0389, Use Period Number(s) 44 Phase 6

MICHAEL S MADURA, SHEILA M MADURA, 3829 W INDIANA AVE., BEECHER, IL, 60401, according to the Mortgage dated November 01, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 22592, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11192014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0389, Use Period Number(s) 44 Phase 6

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C H A R L E S MATTHEWS, MARY MATTHEWS, 2825 21ST AVE N, TEXAS CITY, TX, 77590, according to the Mortgage dated April 01, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 08932, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4202011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00050, Use Period Number(s) 04 Phase 1

ARLEATHA PEDEN, 435 W WINNECONNA PKWY, CHICAGO, IL, 60620, according to the Mortgage dated March 07, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 07528, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4102013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00050, Use Period Number(s) 04 Phase 1

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JOSEPH PERRY, SANDRA PERRY, 400 S 1ST ST, LA HARPE, IL, 61450, according to the Mortgage dated December 06, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013 00473, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1082013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0403, Use Period Number(s) 44 Phase 6

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DANNY ROBERTS, GALE S PERRY-MILLER, 1615 E 92ND PL, CHICAGO, IL, 60617, according to the Mortgage dated August 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 17091, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9032015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0422, Use Period Number(s) 18 Phase 7

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GARY STEWART, MARILYN STEWART, 900 ROCK CITY RD LOT 31, BALLSTON SPA, NY, 12020, according to the Mortgage dated August 23, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 17161, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9092014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0384, Use Period Number(s) 11 Phase 3

LUIS TORRES, KARINA

ROJAS GARCIA, 13455 S MACKINAW AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60633, according to the Mortgage dated February 16, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 03869, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3042014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086, Use Period Number(s) 28 Phase 2

TINA VILLALTA, YSMAEL VILLALTA SILVA, 2840 DOROTHY DR, AURORA, IL, 60504, according to the Mortgage dated December 28, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 00879, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1152015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0207, Use Period Number(s) 27 Phase 4

ELIZABETH WHITE, 12510 S GREEN DR APT 1301, HOUSTON, TX, 77034, according to the Mortgage dated December 28, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014 01622, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1292014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 31 Phase 6

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GRACE YOUSSEF, SONJI HARRIS, 5220 SHADY AVE, SAN JOSE, CA, 95129, according to the Mortgage dated November 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24215, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12152014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00200, Use Period Number(s) 24 Phase 1

GRACE YOUSSEF, SONJI HARRIS, 1032 S MAYFIELD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated November 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24215, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12152014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00200, Use Period Number(s) 24 Phase 1

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CHERYL ZELLMER, HANS ZELLMER, 09149 35TH ST, GOBLES, MI, 49055, according to the Mortgage dated May 04, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 10996, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5222013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 33 Phase 2

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

Other terms may be announced at the public auction. Silverleaf Resorts, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company
By: Deborah A. Quirk
Its: Agent
No. 0301
(3/3, 3/10, 3/17 2021)

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
LASALLE COUNTY
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(ADULT)**

Request of:
Virginia Lyn Hanson
Case Number:
2021MR000045

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Virginia Lyn Hanson to the new name of: Virginia 'Jenny' Lyn Zinke

The court date will be held:
On April 30, 2021 at 10:00 am, at 119 W. Madison St. Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois in courtroom #305.

Dated: February 22, 2021.
Virginia Lyn Hanson

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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NOTICE OF COURT
DATE FOR REQUEST
FOR NAME CHANGE
(ADULT)**

Request of:
Virginia Lyn Hanson
Case Number:
2021MR000045

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Virginia Lyn Hanson to the new name of: Virginia 'Jenny' Lyn Zinke

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NEWSPAPER CARRIERS Wanted. (Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

MOWING & LANDSCAPE Work Help Needed. Call 815-562-5279 Leave Message. (03-28-21)

Applications are now being accepted for workers at the Mendota Swimming Pool for the 2021 season. Applications can be obtained at the Mendota City Clerk's office, 800 Washington St., and must be returned by April 29.

301 ANTIQUES

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The City of Mendota is looking to hire part-time summer help to work in its streets/parks/ public property department.

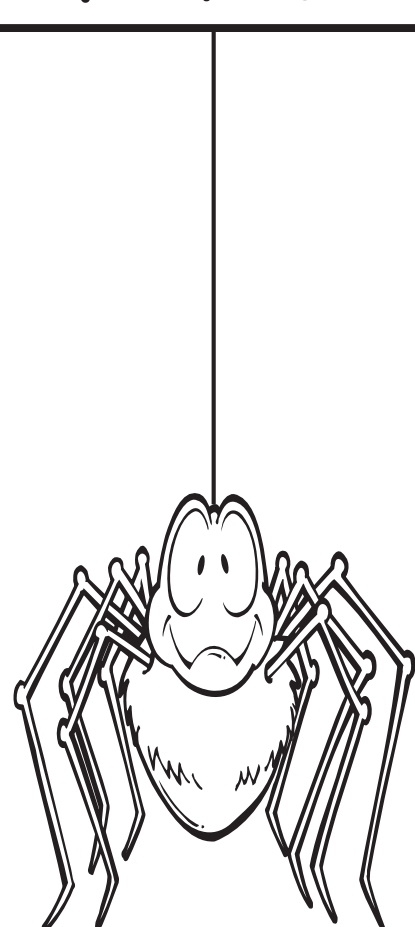
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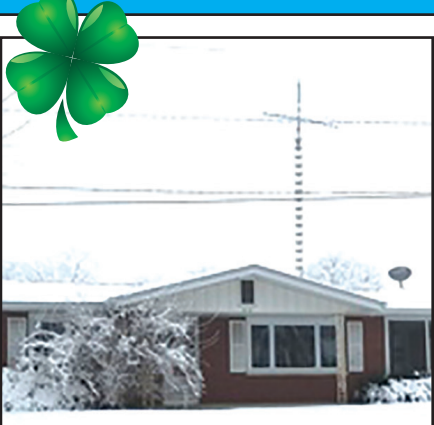


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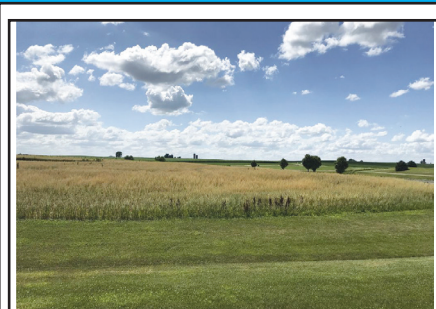
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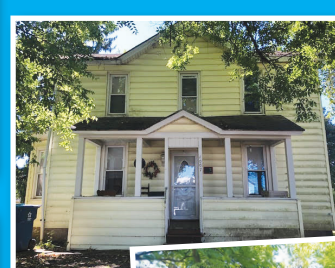


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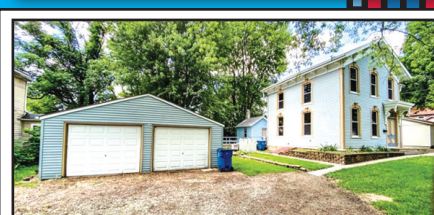
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