

MHS sets policies with return of basketball

Two tickets will be issued per player

MENDOTA – With the start of the Illinois High School Association boys' and girls' basketball seasons this week, each school will have to follow guidelines determined by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the IHSA. Each school may also determine their own policies that are not mandated by either the IDPH or the IHSA.

The following policies have been established by the administration and athletic committee at Mendota High School:

- 50-person capacity per game, per IDPH. Players, coaches, referees and other mandatory game personnel do not count toward the spectator limit.
- Two tickets issued per player.
- Each player will provide names of four immediate family members to MHS to use the two tickets.
- Two family members per player are the only fans allowed to attend. No visitor fans or anyone else who does not have a ticket will be allowed in the gym.
- Two seats will be assigned. Family members must sit in assigned seats.
- All fans will be 30 feet off the court, which will result in the first 11 rows of bleachers being empty.
- Masks must be worn properly at all times.
- Temperature checks and COVID screenings will be done before every game to all who attend.
- Parents will not receive any tickets for away games. Players only.
- No concession stand.
- Family members can stay for all three games. Players from different levels cannot be in the gym to watch the other levels play. (No varsity players in the gym to watch freshman or sophomore game.)
- Freshman and sophomore parents are allowed to take their son/daughter home at the conclusion of their game.

Mendota's boys' and girls' teams will each play five home games. For complete schedules, see Sports on page A7. The MHS spring football schedule has also been determined and can be seen on page A7.



Illini snowfan

The snowy January continued over the past weekend when a storm dumped between four and five inches on top of what was already on the ground in the Mendota area. The heavy, wet snow provided ideal conditions for snowman-building, like this one sporting an Illinois Fighting Illini stocking hat on Monroe Street. What has been a typical winter so far temperature-wise is about to change as the thermometer will fall into the teens for highs Friday, and then single-digit highs Saturday, Sunday and well into next week. Lows are expected to be below zero for seven straight days. (Reporter photo)

Resurfacing of Rt. 251 in the plans for Illinois Dept. of Transportation

City approves expenditure to make sidewalks along route ADA compliant

By KIP CHEEK

Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council handled several items of business at its Feb. 1 regular meeting.

In aldermanic reports, Jim Fitzpatrick presented a resolution for funding the city's portion of the 13th Avenue resurfacing project. The council approved an expenditure of \$17,000 to repair the sidewalks so they comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The Illinois Department of Transportation is hoping to start the process of resurfacing Route 251 throughout the city sometime this year. The agreement between IDOT and the city will be null and void if the project is not awarded by June 1, 2023.

In action from John Holland's report, the council approved a measure to amend the wage ordinance to reflect the creation of the new position of director of public works.

Mayor David Boelk commended all city workers for their excellent job in dealing with the recent snowfalls that have occurred in the



city. He thanked everyone for working together to keep the city moving.

In a weather-related comment, Boelk said extremely cold weather is expected to invade the area this weekend and last for at least a week. He said that the city building on Eighth Avenue will be open as a warming center and the Civic Center might also be open for that purpose as well.

Boelk added that February is the shortest month of the year, "so when we get out of this, we've got brighter things to look forward to."

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

FEMA provides support to state for vaccine distribution

Federal agency expedites \$43 million

CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) announced that \$43,361,000 in expedited federal funding has been made available to IEMA for costs related to the state's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan under the federal disaster declaration of Jan. 20.

This funding is an advance payment to IEMA for eligible reimbursable costs to provide contract healthcare staffing for rapid distribution and administration of available COVID-19 vaccines across the state. The grant also includes the establishment and operation of temporary facilities and vaccination assistance teams throughout Illinois, including mobile vaccination assistance teams staffed by National Guard members and contract temporary healthcare providers.

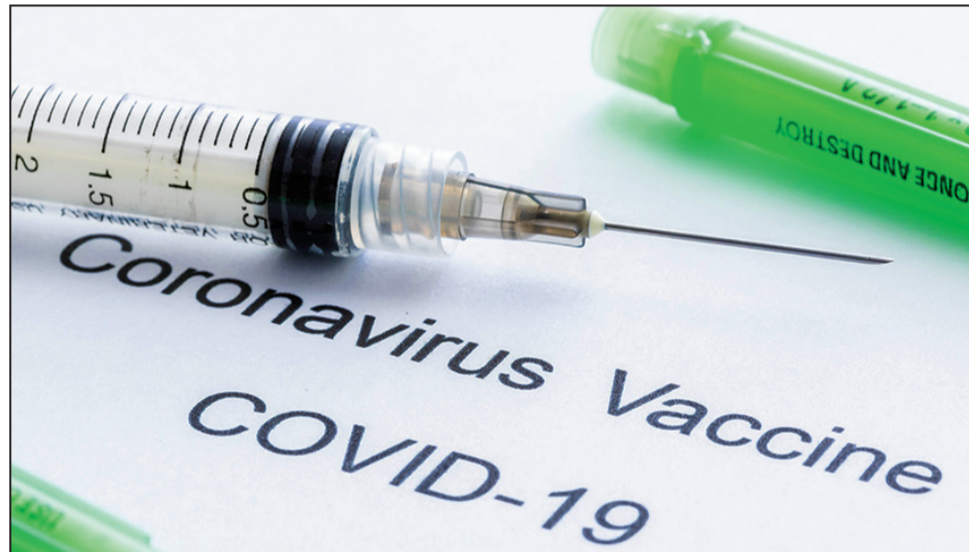
"FEMA is committed to expanding COVID-19 vaccination efforts across the country" said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator,



FEMA Region 5. "This expedited grant funding ensures the availability of critical healthcare resources to vaccinate Illinoisans and is just one part of our support to the state in their fight against this pandemic."

FEMA provides funding at a 100 percent federal share of eligible reimbursable expenses for this project.

"This federal funding will help the state of Illinois build vaccination teams that will be utilized throughout the state to help vaccinate Illinoisans eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine," said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "These additional resources will allow our state to augment the efforts of local health departments to accelerate vaccination efforts with a keen focus on equitability



With \$43 million in additional funding for vaccine distribution, Illinois will be able to further expand its vaccination operations and offer more easy-access locations for residents.

and accessibility."

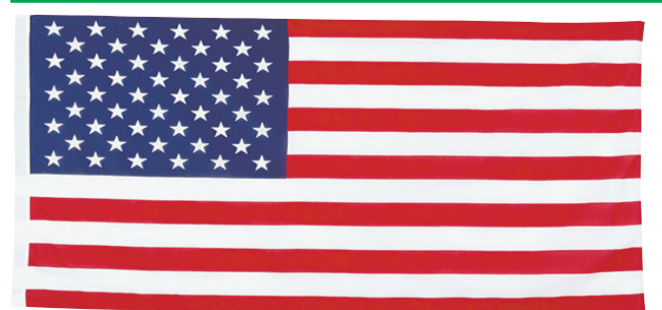
"Just two days after announcing an increase in weekly vaccine allocations to states and a deal to secure an additional 200 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the summer, I'm incredibly grateful to see another action from the federal government to speed up the national vaccination effort, our best tool for putting this pandemic behind us," said Governor JB Pritzker. "With this \$43 million in additional

funding for vaccine distribution here in Illinois, we'll be able to further expand our vaccination operations and offer more easy-access locations for our residents as the national vaccine supply increases. This is a welcome development in our Vaccination Administration Plan, and I look forward to collaborating with the federal government on bringing more vaccine and vaccination sites to Illinois."

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding to local government jurisdictions and eligible private non-profits for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure as well as costs incurred for debris removal, disaster cleanup and emergency actions taken to protect lives or property. To learn more, visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit.



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LOCAL AND AREA

'A Naturalist's Virtual Seminar' begins Feb. 22

OGLESBY - The University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist Program of Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam Counties will host a week-long virtual seminar focusing on Illinois wildlife and stewardship practices. This seminar, which is open to the public, will meet daily at 2 p.m. via Zoom for two, one-hour sessions.

The seminar will kick off at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22 with a keynote address by Abigail Garofalo, Energy & Environmental Stewardship Educator with University of Illinois Extension serving Cook County. Her talk is titled, "Conservation at Home." Detailed descriptions of each session may be found at the registration website (link below).

The seminar is free, but donations are welcome. Interested individuals must pre-register by Feb. 19. Zoom links will be sent for each session you register for and individuals may register for any session of interest, if there is space. Participants will be able to ask questions at the end of each session. Anyone with an interest in natural resources and stewardship practices will not want to miss this event.

For information and to register, go to <https://go.illinois.edu/naturalist2021>. You may also call the LaSalle County Office at (815) 433-0707 or e-mail meo@illinois.edu. Those unable to attend sessions on the given date and time can still register to receive links to recorded sessions for later viewing. Space is limited so register now to guarantee attendance.



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ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

IVCC graduates

OGLESBY - A total of 161 students graduated this fall at Illinois Valley Community College. Local graduates and their degrees or certificates include:

IVCC honors lists

OGLESBY - For the fall 2020 semester, 190 students were named to the Presidential Honors list at Illinois Valley Community College.

Local students earning Presidential Honors (3.75 to 4.0 grade point average in 12 or more semester hours) are:

Mendota: Uriel Arellano, Hector Arredondo, Francine Brandt, Jason Donahue, Jose Gonzalez, Socorro Hermosillo, Lizandra Hernandez, Devin Johnson, Madison Kleinert, Raul Perez, Guadalupe Ruiz, Juliana Sarabia, Madelyn Van Horn, Maren Wise;
Earlville: Alexander Hoelzer;
LaMoille: Hannah Weeks.

Academic Honors

There were 496 students named to

Mendota: Linda Buland, Business Technology I & II; Rylee Faber, AAS Criminal Justice; Kaitlen Frey, CNA; Maggie Kmetz-Korte, CNA; Janely Sandoval, Phlebotomy; Gerardo Sarabia, AAS

Welding Production Technology; John Wlodarchak, Advanced Automotive Technology, Driveability.

Compton: William Tyler, AAS Electronics & Electricians Technology, Basic

Renewable Energy Tech.
LaMoille: Marco Arteaga, AA, AS; Cara Motter, AS.
Paw Paw: Samuel Morris, TDT AP.
Van Orin: Bethany Pond, Medical Assistant.

the Academic Honors list at IVCC.

Local students included on the Academic Honors list (3.25 to 3.74 grade point average in six or more semester hours) are:

Mendota: Edwin Angulo, Daisy Arteaga, Keina Arteaga, Rene Arteaga, Victoria Arteaga, Piper Artman, Anthony Aughenbaugh, Amanda Barrett, Sabrina Belmonte, Marlie Boelk, Aaron Brandner, Grace Brandner, Rachel Brandner, Amellia Bromenschelk, Jenny Brown, Oscar Camarillo, Kevin Cuevas, Mary Defore, Josephine Eager, Chris Gambrel, Fabian Gomez, Elizabeth Grim, Jacob Haegele, Bonnie Hall, Ilian Hernandez, Samuel Lawrence, Grace Leifheit, Ella Massey, Mercedes Melgarejo, Jerry Menzel, Madi Mikolasek, Izabella Nanez, Jenna O'Donnell,

Natalie Orozco, Madison Pappas, Jadah Pulver, Isaac Quinonez, Octavio Rocha, Rosevelia Rocha, Valerie Rodriguez, Jannely Romero, Jasmine Ruacho, Christopher Sandoval, Laney Saylo, Theran Schmitt, Patience Stallings, Nolan Stombaugh, Cole Stremlau, Janet Varela, Harvey Vela;

Compton: William Tyler, Joanna Vasquez;

Earlville: Kelsey Chapman, Andrew Farrell, Catherine Fasking, Emma Kamin, Eve King, Lorraine Koltunczyk, Davis Sweeney;

LaMoille: Casen Cherry, Calvin Deering, Kailee Keighin, Cara Motter, Morgan Sadnick;

Troy Grove: Ashton Rodrick;
West Brooklyn: Aaron Schmidt, Jonathan Schmidt, Aiden Stewart.



Expressions Salon welcomed by Chamber

The Chamber Ambassadors welcome Expressions Salon as a new member of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce with a \$2 bill. The salon is located at 709 Illinois Ave., Mendota. Holding the ribbon are Ambassadors Lee Stocking, left, and Kim Kennedy. Front row, left to right, are Jenny Colin, stylist; Marion Quintana, owner; Shelby Weide, President and CEO of the Chamber; and Christin Atherton, Ambassador. Back row, left to right, are Ambassadors Erin Lauer, Kristi Carroll and Nancy Bogle. (Reporter photo)

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Aurora University dean's list

AURORA - Aurora University has named two Mendota students, Gloria Bauer and Ashley Diaz, to the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester. Bauer is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education and Diaz, who earned a perfect 4.0 for the semester, is seeking a Bachelor of Social Work.

The dean's list recognizes full-time undergraduate students who earn a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors have earned a perfect 4.0.

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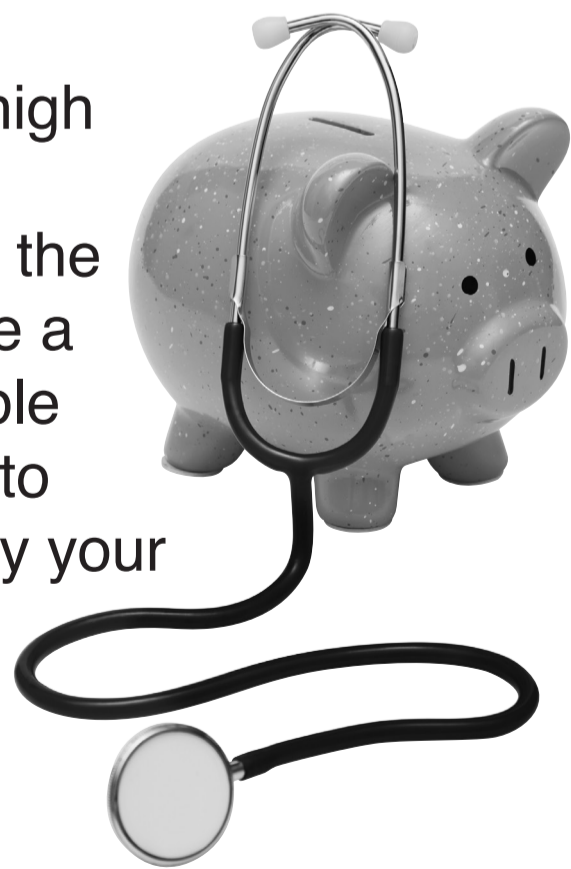
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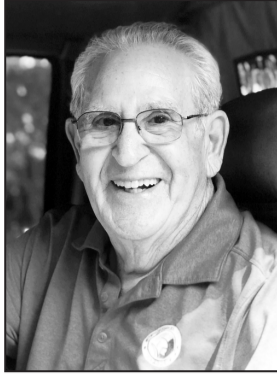
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LOCAL AND AREA

Lopez recognized for 60-year career at Spartan

MENDOTA - On Feb. 1, former Mendota resident Al Lopez celebrated 60 years working at Spartan. Lopez began his career there in 1961 when the company was under its former name, Conco Engineering Works.



Lopez

Having just graduated from college, Lopez was married and needed to find a good job. He came to Mendota to interview with Conco, which manufactured overhead cranes and material handling equipment. He got the job in accounting for \$100 a week and thought, "You can't get any better than that!"

Four years later, the company changed to Spartan Tool, and the president asked Lopez to join the inside sales team. He did so well with inside sales that just one year later, he was asked to go to New York to open a Spartan Tool warehouse there. Opening that warehouse led to him staying in New York and working there for 10 years. After a successful decade in New York, he was asked to become territory manager for the Baltimore, Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia area where he has been ever since.

Lopez has always had a good relationship with customers and says the key is to be flexible and understand that there are lots of different types of people out there. He might meet with the purchasing manager of a large corporation in the morning and after that, meet with someone who is the owner and only employee of a plumbing company based in his garage.

Knowing how to work with all types of people is an important skill, one that Lopez has in abundance. In 2019, he was awarded the Spartan Tool Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant contributions to the success of the company. With the ability to talk to anyone about anything, Lopez is an expert at putting people at ease and is a large part of why Al has been so successful with Spartan for so many years.

Working at Spartan has allowed Lopez to put all five of his children through college. Additionally, he was able to work during the day, which allowed his wife to work nights as an RN and meant that someone was always at home with the children. Lopez is very proud of their children, who have grown up to be successful and given him nine wonderful grandchildren.

In his free time, Lopez is very involved in his church as a lector, Eucharistic minister and Mass coordinator and he distributes communion at the hospital twice a month. Because of his extensive work in the church, he received the Medal of Honor from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which was presented to him by the Bishop of Baltimore. Additionally, Lopez recently learned he is a Hall of Famer after his 1951 high school football team was inducted into the hall of fame.

Free STEAM kits for youth

MENDOTA - LaSalle Public Library is joining LaSalle County 4-H to invite area youth to participate in 4-H's STEAM kit program. This partnership will allow all area youth, ages 8-18, to receive monthly activities providing educational experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math.

Illinois 4-H Innovation Grant Funds are making it possible to offer these kits to area communities at no cost.

LaSalle Public Library Youth Services Librarian, Donna Blomquist, who will oversee the project for the Library, enthusiastically supported this new partnership. "The LaSalle Public Library welcomes the opportunity to work with the LaSalle County University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development to further extend and expand our ongoing youth STEAM programming," she said. "This free monthly program includes diverse and engaging, hands-on projects that will build science knowledge through memorable and entertaining project-based learning. Youth need not be LaSalle Public Library cardholders to participate in this unique and free program, and kids keep their kit materials as inspiration for future projects."

Participants will sign up through the LaSalle Library to receive their free kits. A limited number of kits are available per month with the program running March through May. Kits will be picked up at the LaSalle Public Library during their regular business hours.

To reserve a kit for this program or for more information, contact the library at 815-522-2341.

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Virtual program: 'The History of the Hershey Chocolate Company'

LASALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host lecturer Laura Keyes on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. when she presents a look back at "The History of the Hershey Chocolate Company."

Today the name Hershey is synonymous with quality milk chocolate, but that was not always the case. Milton S. Hershey worked hard and failed many times before his chocolate company finally became successful. When he eventually became a household name and earned a vast fortune, Milton and his wife, Catherine, decided to give it all away.

Because of their generosity, tens of thousands of orphans have been saved, protected and educated. Find out more about this American success story and the philanthropy engendered in this illustrated biographical lecture.

Keyes graduated from UW-Madison with a Master's degree in library studies and has been giving presentations on historic topics for over 10 years. She enjoys researching literary symbolism and is contracted to write a book on that subject. Keyes is currently the director of the Dunlap Public Library District.

This program is free and open to the public and will be presented via Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. To register for this program online, go to <https://bit.ly/3p1P2KC>.

Those who prefer to connect to this program using an iPad or smartphone, need more information, or have questions, please contact Rachael Blomquist, Digital Content Librarian, at rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us or call the library at (815) 223-2341.

Pioneer State Bank announces retirement of Jim Bann

EARLVILLE - Jim Bann, Director of NBE Bancshares, and Chairman and Director of Pioneer State Bank, has chosen to step down from these roles, effective in January 2021. Bann has served Pioneer State Bank, and before that, the National Bank of Earlville, since 1964 as an officer, president and ultimately chairman of the board.

During that period, Bann oversaw the construction of what is now the home office of Pioneer State Bank along with the acquisition of the State Bank of Paw Paw by NBE Bancshares. Bann has guided the bank through economic periods both challenging and prosperous, and, his wisdom and expertise have helped to ensure that Pioneer State Bank is the successful bank it is today.

In addition to his years of service to the bank, Bann has also served the City of Earlville with great dedication, as a member of the

IVCC Foundation Board, the Earlville Library Board, the Earlville School Board, as well as a member of the Earlville Lions Club for over 50 years.

Michael Stevens is replacing Bann as Chairman of the Board of Pioneer State Bank. Stevens, who has over 30 years of banking experience, has served as the CEO of Pioneer State Bank since 2013. During that time, Stevens oversaw the merger of the National Bank of Earlville and the State Bank of Paw Paw as well as the acquisition of Farmers State Bank of Sublette.

While Bann is retiring from an active role with NBE Bancshares and Pioneer State Bank, he will serve in an advisory capacity as Chairman Emeritus of NBE



Jim and Geri Bann

Bancshares, advising the board as needed. Pioneer State Bank wishes Bann, his wife Geri, and his family much happiness and health in the years to come.

Despite the challenges and difficulties of the past

year, Pioneer State Bank remains both profitable and highly capitalized. As a true small-town bank, Pioneer State Bank takes great pride in supporting each of the communities in which they serve.

CARL'S QUIZ

How many eyes does a bee have?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Comedy series "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" won the most Emmys in 2018.

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

Mendota Weather

Feb. 3, 2021

Seven Day Forecast

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| | Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 30 Low: 20 |
| | Thursday Scattered Rain High: 37 Low: 17 |
| | Friday Chance Snow High: 22 Low: 8 |
| | Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 18 Low: 5 |
| | Sunday Mostly Cloudy High: 17 Low: 2 |
| | Monday Partly Cloudy High: 15 Low: 3 |
| | Tuesday Mostly Cloudy High: 16 Low: 1 |

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 30°, humidity of 83%. South southeast wind 3 to 9 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 48° set in 1987. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 20°. South southeast wind 11 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 18°. The record low for Wednesday night is -33° set in 1996.

Regional Cities

| City | Hi/Lo | Wx | Hi/Lo | Wx |
|-------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| Aurora | 30/24 | pc | 37/18 | ra |
| Champaign | 35/28 | pc | 42/23 | rs |
| Chicago | 32/26 | pc | 38/20 | ra |
| Freeport | 30/24 | mc | 36/13 | sn |
| Joliet | 30/24 | pc | 38/19 | ra |
| Moline | 37/31 | mc | 39/15 | rs |
| Peoria | 37/32 | pc | 42/20 | ra |
| Rockford | 30/25 | mc | 37/16 | ra |
| Springfield | 41/33 | pc | 45/24 | ra |

Last Week's Local Almanac

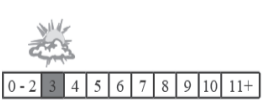
| Date | Hi | Lo | Normals | Precip | Rainfall |
|-----------|----|----|---------|--------|---------------------------|
| Monday | 34 | 28 | 27/11 | 0.01" | 0.47" |
| Tuesday | 31 | 20 | 28/11 | 0.01" | 0.31" |
| Wednesday | 23 | 6 | 28/11 | 0.00" | +0.16" |
| Thursday | 22 | 3 | 28/11 | 0.00" | |
| Friday | 32 | 17 | 28/11 | 0.00" | Average temp..... 24.7° |
| Saturday | 35 | 31 | 28/11 | 0.42" | Average normal..... 19.4° |
| Sunday | 33 | 31 | 28/11 | 0.03" | Departure..... +5.3° |

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Wednesday | 7:05 a.m. | 5:15 p.m. | Prev Day | 10:31 a.m. |
| Thursday | 7:04 a.m. | 5:16 p.m. | 12:12 a.m. | 11:01 a.m. |
| Friday | 7:03 a.m. | 5:17 p.m. | 1:26 a.m. | 11:35 a.m. |
| Saturday | 7:02 a.m. | 5:19 p.m. | 2:39 a.m. | 12:15 p.m. |
| Sunday | 7:01 a.m. | 5:20 p.m. | 3:50 a.m. | 1:03 p.m. |
| Monday | 7:00 a.m. | 5:21 p.m. | 4:55 a.m. | 2:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 6:58 a.m. | 5:22 p.m. | 5:51 a.m. | 3:04 p.m. |

Local UV Index



UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure
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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated snow, highest temperature of 47 in Cairo, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 68 in Key Largo, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 81 in Zapata, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated snow, highest temperature of 49 in North Bend, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 70 in Jal, N.M.

Weather Trivia

How far can lightning spread out after striking the Earth's surface?
ANSWER: Lightning can spread out as far as 60 feet.

Weather History

Feb. 3, 1988 - Arctic air continued to invade the central United States. The temperature at Midland, Texas plunged from a record high of 80 degrees to 37 degrees in just three hours. Morning lows in the higher elevations of Wyoming were as cold as 38 degrees below zero.
Feb. 4, 1887 - San Francisco experienced its greatest snowstorm of record. Nearly four inches of snow was reported in downtown San Francisco, and the western hills of the city received seven inches. Excited crowds went on a snowball-throwing rampage.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Winafred A. Lovgren

OHIO - Winafred A. "Winnie" Lovgren, 90, of Ohio passed away peacefully Jan. 27, 2021 at Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton with her daughter at her side.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments in Princeton. Social distancing, masks and Illinois guidelines and tier mitigation were followed. A private family service followed at 1 p.m. with Pastor Gene Vincent officiating. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. at Elm Lawn Memorial Park, Princeton and all wishing to participate were invited.

Winafred was born March 11, 1930 in Princeton to Allan and Minnie (Hoffman) Spooner. She married Donald Lovgren on Nov. 24, 1955 at the Ohio United Methodist Church, Ohio and spent 43 years with him until his untimely passing in 1999.

Survivors include one daughter, Molly (Paul) Lovgren Watson of Princeton; two grandchildren, Melissa Bull and Evan Bull, both of Nashville, Tenn.; her dog, Toby; a sister-in-law, Jane Lovgren and brother-in-law, Ted Etheridge, both of Amboy; and nieces and nephews, Jeff (Mary) Lovgren, Mandy (Dean) Powers, Lori (Bob) Bumpus and Jill (Hank) Groth, all of Amboy, and Joey (Tracy) Lovgren of Stillman Valley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers-in-law, Carl Robert (Bob) Lovgren and Emmanuel (Butch) Goubeaux; two sisters-in-law, Marjorie Goubeaux and Carolyn Etheridge; one niece, Tracey Etheridge; and a great-nephew, Avery Lovgren.

Winafred was a lifetime member of the Ohio United Methodist Church up until its closing. She was a current member of First Lutheran Church of Ohio. She attended Ohio Community schools and graduated with the Class of 1948. She later went on to get her teaching degree, majoring in history at Western Illinois University and then received her Master's degree in Education from Northern Illinois University. She was a lifelong educator, teaching generations of families for 51 years. Her career began teaching first grade in 1950 at Walnut Elementary School. In 1955, she taught at Lincoln School in Ottawa, and then spent her last 46 years teaching at Northbrook in Mendota. She retired from teaching in 2002. She took great pleasure in still being addressed by her former students as "Mrs. Lovgren." Not only did she enjoy her time as a teacher, she was also on the Ohio High School Board of Education for 30 years. She was a member of the National Education Association, LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association and was a recipient of the Junior Achievement Teacher of the Year Award. She was also a lifetime member of the Bureau County Historical Society.

In 1965, she had her own homecoming when she moved back to the house where her father was born in 1880, which is located on her 4th generation family farm near Ohio. She farmed alongside her husband and enjoyed raising her daughter in the country. She worked beside them raising cattle, hogs and chickens and remained on the farm until recently. She was a remarkable woman with great wit and humor. Not only did she look forward to spending time with her grandkids, she was also a sports enthusiast, cheering on the University of Illinois, the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bulls and Chicago Bears. She enjoyed reading, staying current with local news, gardening and attending horse races. She was a fan of WGN Radio, Western movies, Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud and Dr. Phil. Anyone who shared a meal with her would know that she always had room for dessert.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to St. Jude Research Hospital or First Lutheran Church's "Ohio School Buddy Bags Program."

Online memorials may be directed to www.norbergfh.com.



Lynn J. Schmidt

MENDOTA - Lynn J. Schmidt, 66, passed away Jan. 29, 2021 with her loving husband at her side at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Visitation and services will be private. Burial will take place at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Peterstown. Rev. Mary Bohall will officiate. Pallbearers will be Seth Reagen, Marty Graham, Doug and Paula Carrol, and Cody and Carrie Purcell. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to be assisting the family.

Lynn was born Aug. 15, 1954 in Spring Valley to Robert and Marion (Hoffman) Humphrey. She married Curtis Schmidt on Oct. 6, 1979 at Clarion Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband of Mendota; one daughter, Melissa (Seth) Reagen of Midtown Manhattan, N.Y.; two granddaughters, Zipporah, 6 and Aviva, 2; and one sister, Kay (Marty) Graham of Ottawa.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Lynn graduated from LaMoille High School in 1972 and from Illinois Valley Community College with an Associate of Arts in business. During her work career, she was a customer service specialist with Citizen's Bank in Princeton and until 2001, with First State Bank in Mendota. She was actively involved with Mendota Business and Professional Women and the Scleroderma Foundation.

Memorials may be directed to Scleroderma Foundation of Greater Chicago, 125 S. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60603.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Janelle M. Geiger

LA MOILLE - Janelle Marie Geiger, 44, of LaMoille, passed away Jan. 19, 2021 from injuries sustained in a vehicular accident near Princeton.

Visitation was held from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Private family burial was on Jan. 25 at Union Cemetery, LaMoille with Rev. Paul Darveau officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

Janelle was born July 27, 1976 in Rockford to Joseph and Frances (Bantista) Beattie. She married David Geiger on Dec. 12, 1997 at Zion Lutheran Church of Clarion.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Owen Geiger; one daughter, Cassidy Geiger; her parents, Joseph and Frances Beattie of LaMoille; one brother, Brian (Judy) Beattie of Mendota; four sisters, Vickie (Beattie) Arbuckle of Amboy, Denise (Beattie) Schmidt of Mendota, Connie (Beattie) Stanfield of Princeton and Shelly (Beattie) Miller of Chicago; and her mother-in-law, Anita Geiger.

She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents; one brother, Stephen Beattie; one sister, Laura Curtis; and her father-in-law, Dan Geiger.

Janelle was a 1994 graduate of LaMoille High School. She worked at Mendota Child Development on and off in between motherhood. She was an EMT for LaMoille Ambulance. She was the #1 fan of the Green Bay Packers and #1 fan of Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Jr. She loved working in her garden in the summer, summer vacations in Siren, Wis. and holidays, especially Christmas when she enjoyed baking, cooking and decorating the house.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to LaMoille Ambulance, Breast Cancer Awareness or LaMoille FFA.

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



Nathan M. Eich

MENDOTA - Nathan Milton Eich, 72, of the Illinois Veteran's Home, LaSalle, formerly of Mendota, passed away Jan. 27, 2021 at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Ottawa.

There will be no visitation or services. Cremation rites have been accorded. Private graveside services will be held at a later date at Union Cemetery, West Brooklyn with Rev. Jeff Schlesinger officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted with the arrangements.

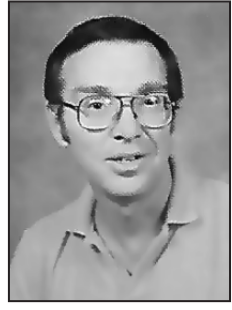
Nathan was born April 3, 1948 in Mendota to Clarence and Dorothy (Fassig) Eich.

Survivors include one sister, Marla (Roger) Sommerville of Peru and one nephew, Jacob Wojciechowski of Dalzell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Nancy Childers and Melody Wojciechowski.

Nathan was a 1966 graduate of Mendota High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970-1972 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Compton.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.



Cynthia Schlesinger

EARLVILLE - Cynthia (Phalen) Schlesinger, 61, of Earlville passed away Jan. 23, 2021 with her husband, daughter and sister by her side.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 30 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Compton. Masks were required and everyone asked to adhere to COVID guidelines and social distance at all times. A private funeral service followed the visitation.

Cindy was born March 2, 1959 in Peru to Patrick and Elaine (Green) Phalen. She married David Schlesinger.

Survivors include her loving husband of 28 years, David; her daughter, Jayde Schlesinger (Sam Lipp) and granddaughter, Eleanor Lipp of Springfield; her mother, Elaine Phalen of Peru; two sisters, Lane Bresticker of Elburn and Lori Meadows (Mike Ring) of Lake Villa; two sisters-in-law, Connie (Craig) Ganz of Mendota and Connie Schlesinger of Paw Paw; seven nephews and nieces, Brad (Marcia) Meadows, Blair Meadows (Jesse Furmanek), Michelle (Terrie) Bauer, Jason (Jamie) Ganz, Stephanie Ganz, Diane (Michael) Reppin and Scott (Katie) Schlesinger; and 5 great nephews and 2 great nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Patrick Phalen; her father- and mother-in-law, Cliff and June Adell Schlesinger; and two brothers-in-law, Rob Bresticker and Ron Schlesinger.

Cindy graduated from LaSalle-Peru Township High School in 1977. She recently retired from Illinois Valley Community Hospital after working for 41 years as an ultrasonographer, always displaying compassion and devotion to her patients. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and community.

Please visit www.TormanFuneralHome.com to sign the online guest book.



Steam

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mation, please call or stop by the LaSalle Public Library Youth Service Department during open hours.

4-H encourages participants to share photos of their experience to the LaSalle County 4-H Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LaSalleCounty4H>.

Toni Pienta, LaSalle County 4-H youth development coordinator, said the STEAM Innovation program offers 4-H a way to connect with youth who may not be in 4-H.

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LOCAL AND AREA

State GOP members hope to block proposed new teacher standards

‘Culturally responsive’ educator standards up for review Feb. 16

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Republican Illinois state lawmakers are pushing back on proposed new standards for teachers and administrators that are scheduled for a hearing before a legislative rulemaking committee later this month.

Supporters of the proposed “Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards” say they’re merely an attempt to make sure that all educators are trained in ways to reach students across all racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. But critics are calling them a form of political indoctrination that seeks to inject partisan, liberal ideology into the classroom.

The new standards would apply to teacher training programs at Illinois colleges and universities rather than K-12 school curricula. They are scheduled to come up for legislative review on Tuesday, Feb. 16, before the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR, a legislative body that has oversight authority over state regulatory agencies.

If approved, the standards would take effect in October 2025 in order to give state-approved educator preparation programs ample time to incorporate them, according to a statement from the Illinois State Board of Education.

ISBE also noted it will “offer optional professional development on the standards to current educators,” but school districts “maintain local control over what professional development they choose.”

During a virtual news conference Feb. 1, three Republican House members said they hope JCAR will block the adoption of the proposed rules.

“You know, across the country and around the world, we’ve seen politics be injected in more and more parts of our lives. And the litmus test of ‘is someone progressive enough or not’ has come up time and time again,” said Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon. “Unfortunately, the rule that’s being offered by the state board of education today, around culturally responsive teaching standards, is really just an attempt to impose further progressive politics into our education system, instead of focusing on the things that we know teachers, administrators, students and families across Illinois need.”

Demmer was joined in the news conference by GOP Reps. Steven Reick, of Woodstock, and Adam Niernerg, of Dieterich. Demmer and Reick both serve on JCAR.

Reick pointed specifically to a portion of the new standards that call on teachers to “understand and value the notion that multiple lived experiences exist, that there is not one ‘correct’ way of doing or understanding something, and that what is seen as ‘correct’ is most often based on our lived experiences.”

He also pointed to another provision calling on teachers to “(a)ssess how their biases and perceptions affect their teaching practice and how they access tools to mitigate their own behavior (racism, sexism, homophobia, unearned privilege, Eurocentrism, etc.)”

Another provision calls on educators to “(b)e aware of the effects of power and privilege and the need for social advocacy and social action to better empower diverse students and communities.”

“Let’s be clear. This rule is not an improvement to education,” Reick said. “It’s an attempt to interject

politics into the classroom. The standards that ISBE wants to impose are beyond misguided. Requiring certain political viewpoints in our school systems is simply unacceptable.”

JCAR is a 12-member group that is evenly divided between House and Senate members and between Democrats and Republicans. Its main function is to review proposed agency rules to make sure they do not conflict with state law and to make sure administrative rules reflect the General Assembly’s intent when it passed a law authorizing such rules.

In most cases, the panel makes a finding of “no objection,” meaning the agency is free to adopt the final rule. Occasionally, when JCAR members have some concerns about a proposed rule, they will vote to make a “recommendation” that the agency go back and clarify a point or tighten up its language.

But JCAR also has authority to issue an “objection” to a proposed rule if enough members believe it is inconsistent with state law, that it would have an adverse economic impact on small businesses, municipalities or nonprofit organizations, or that it fails to meet some standard or requirement of the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act.

An objection may also be accompanied by a “prohibition” against adopting a proposed rule if JCAR believes it constitutes a threat to the public interest, safety or welfare.

An objection or prohibition, however, requires a vote of at least eight of the 12 members. That means even if all six Republicans voted to object, they would still need at least two Democrats to go along.

Carmen Ayala, the state superintendent of education, defended the proposed rules, arguing that they are intended to help address the wide achievement gaps between

different racial and ethnic student groups.

“Culturally responsive teaching and leading helped me improve the reading and math skills of every one of our student groups when I was a district superintendent and to achieve double digit growth among my students of color,” Ayala said in a statement. “Cultural responsiveness is inclusive of all of the experiences our educators, students, and families bring to the classroom.”

The state of Illinois administers standardized tests each year in English language arts and math to students in grades 3 through 8 and once in high school.

According to scores from the 2019 tests, the most recent scores available, only 37.4 percent of all students met or exceeded the state’s standards for English language arts. That included 47.7 percent of all white students but only 25.6 percent of Hispanic students and 17.7 percent of Black students.

In math, only 32 percent of all students met or exceeded the state’s standards, including 41.7 percent of white students, 20.4 percent of Hispanic students and 11.8 percent of Black students.

Republicans at the news conference said that’s an indication that schools need to focus more on teaching basic reading, writing and math skills, not on cultural sensitivity lessons. But Ayala argued that the two go hand-in-hand.

“As we help students recover from learning loss due to the pandemic, giving our teachers opportunities to learn about effective, equitable, and research-based strategies like cultural responsiveness could not be more important,” she said. “Every student deserves to feel welcomed, included, and accepted at school. Students are more engaged when they see their cultures represented in what they learn at school.”

IVCC hosting series of ‘Lunch & Learn Sessions’ in February

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College’s Phi Theta Kappa is hosting virtual “Lunch and Learn Sessions” with professionals from different disciplines at noon Tuesdays in February via Zoom to help students discover what path is best for them.

Business is featured Feb. 9, engineering Feb.

16 and education Feb. 23. Each session will consist of a panel of three-to-four professionals discussing a “day in the life” of their work; students are encouraged to think of questions beforehand.

Assistant Director of Admissions, Records, and Transfer Services Aseret Loveland said, “We’re excited to offer these ses-

sions via Zoom. Choosing a career path can be overwhelming. For students having trouble choosing a major, we hope these sessions will give them insight.”

Register at www.ivcc.edu/visit. For information, contact Loveland at aseret_loveland@ivcc.edu or Gracelyn Quesse at gracelyn_quesse@ivcc.edu.

Efforts continue to seek independent political redistricting in state of Illinois

By COLE LAUTERBACH
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Spring in Illinois is not only going to see a contentious conversation about how to address the state’s unbalanced budget but also how its political boundaries will be drawn and who will hold the pen.

Illinois’ lawmaker districts at the state and federal level are diced into jurisdictions by a process triggered by reapportionment. Once the president and Congress receive the decennial Census figures, they’re forwarded to each state. The clock then begins for either an independent commission or the ruling political party to rearrange the districts according to population.

Long-time Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan had traditionally held the cards when new population figures came down from the federal government’s decennial Census, but that power is now in question after Democrats handed the gavel to Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside.

Madigan is still the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois, a position responsible for furthering the success of the state’s largest political organization. Emails to Madigan and Welch were not returned immediately as of Thursday afternoon.

“How things roll out here in the near future’s going to be very interesting to see what kind of influence Mike Madigan is going to have moving forward, within redistricting and within the Democratic Party overall,” said state Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield.

Butler filed legislation that, if enacted,

“The longer we wait, the less likely this is to happen, and the more we’re going to get trapped in the old ways we’ve drawn maps in Illinois on a partisan basis.”

—state Rep. Tim Butler

would create a nonpartisan redistricting commission that would redraw the state’s political boundaries. The measure was struck from the ballot by the Illinois Supreme Court.

“The longer we wait, the less likely this is to happen, and the more we’re going to get trapped in the old ways we’ve drawn maps in Illinois on a partisan basis,” Butler said. “Whether it’s Democrats or Republicans, we’ve both taken advantage of gerrymandering districts to our own benefit. People are done with it.”

One particular wild card in 2020 is the delay of Census data due to COVID-19. Should the delay creep up against Illinois’ Constitutional deadline of June 30 and the state not finish the rearrangement, a bipartisan commission would be created to do so. The fifth member, and the swing vote, would be decided by drawing names out of a replica of Abe Lincoln’s hat. That could result in Republicans taking over the process for the first time since 1991 when that situation played out, handing control of the state Legislature to the GOP.

Butler said Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who pledged to veto any map he deemed “unfair,” should interject in the process.

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Judge Heiple left his mark

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Jim Heiple was one of the brightest people I’ve ever met who said some of the politically dumbest things I’ve ever heard.

The former Illinois Supreme Court Justice from Pekin died recently at age 87.

As I journalist, I always liked to talk to Heiple because he said whatever crossed his mind. He was brilliant but lacked the filter that most successful people in public life develop.

One time, the two of us were wandering through the Supreme Court building and he remarked that the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials should never have taken place. Why? Well, his contention was that the Nazi leaders didn’t break the law.

Sure, the Holocaust was morally reprehensible but the Third Reich had no law prohibiting genocide. So, he contended the men hung at Nuremberg by the Allies were convicted of crimes that didn’t exist at the time they were committed.

It’s an interesting academic argument. But most politicians are savvy enough when they mention “Nazis” to follow it with something like, “may they rot in hell forever.”

Not Jim Heiple.

“When my Dad considered the law, it was not based on what the outcome should be, only on what the proper application of the law was,” his son, Jonathan, a Peoria lawyer told me.

Heiple was a judge for 30 years on all three levels of the Illinois judiciary. He left the state’s top court 20 years ago. His opinions were razor sharp and his legal sparring partners occasionally bore scars.

And he had some self-inflicted scars of his own. He resigned as chief justice, but not from the court itself, when legislative committee looked into his behavior during police traffic stops.

“He did things like not roll down his window when he got pulled over and drive away when the officer walked back to his police car,” said Retired Justice Ben Miller, who served on the court with Heiple.

I remember visiting Heiple in the living quarters above the courtroom. As we stood before a dinner table, he explained that the jurists sat at the table in the order of their seniority.

“When I was chief justice, I sat at the head of the table but I had to give that up, so now I have to sit over there,” he said a bit wistfully as he pointed to an empty chair further down the table.

Heiple is best known for his decision in the Baby Richard and Baby Joe cases.

The child known as Baby Richard was removed in 1995 from the home of his adoptive parents and transferred to his biological parents. In the opinion written by Heiple, the high court ruled the boy’s biological father was entitled to custody because the boy’s mother had lied to him, telling him the child died at birth.

Following this decision, Chicago Tribune columnist Bob Greene launched a journalism crusade against Heiple, authoring more than 50 columns critical of his handling of the case. Chicago anchorman Walter Jacobson called him “evil” and “dangerous,” broadcast Heiple’s home phone number and asked viewers to call and say, “We beg you, your honor Judge Heiple, please stop destroying the lives of children.”

“That was a particularly hard time for my father,” Jonathan Heiple said. “Our mother was dying and he was home caring for her.”

Heiple told the Chicago Tribune he had no regrets about that opinion. “We don’t decide cases on the basis of feeling sorry for somebody. We decide cases on the basis of the law and the evidence.”

In the Baby Joe case, a loving foster family, Craig and Karyl Findley, were rearing the 2-year-old who they hoped to adopt.

Instead, Heiple ordered the child returned to his previous family saying they shouldn’t be denied the opportunity to rear the child because they weren’t “picture perfect.”

But Joe’s court-ordered parents divorced and his adoptive father was charged with beating his mother, and he allegedly exposed the boy to pornography. At age 8, Joe was charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault against his adoptive younger sister. The boy pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and was placed in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Craig Findley, a kind and decent man who I’ve known for decades, told me recently, “Heiple never understood that he should rule in the best interest of the child.”

Appellate Justice William Holdridge was a close friend of Heiple, and described him as a brilliant “renaissance man” who loved to learn and hated school.

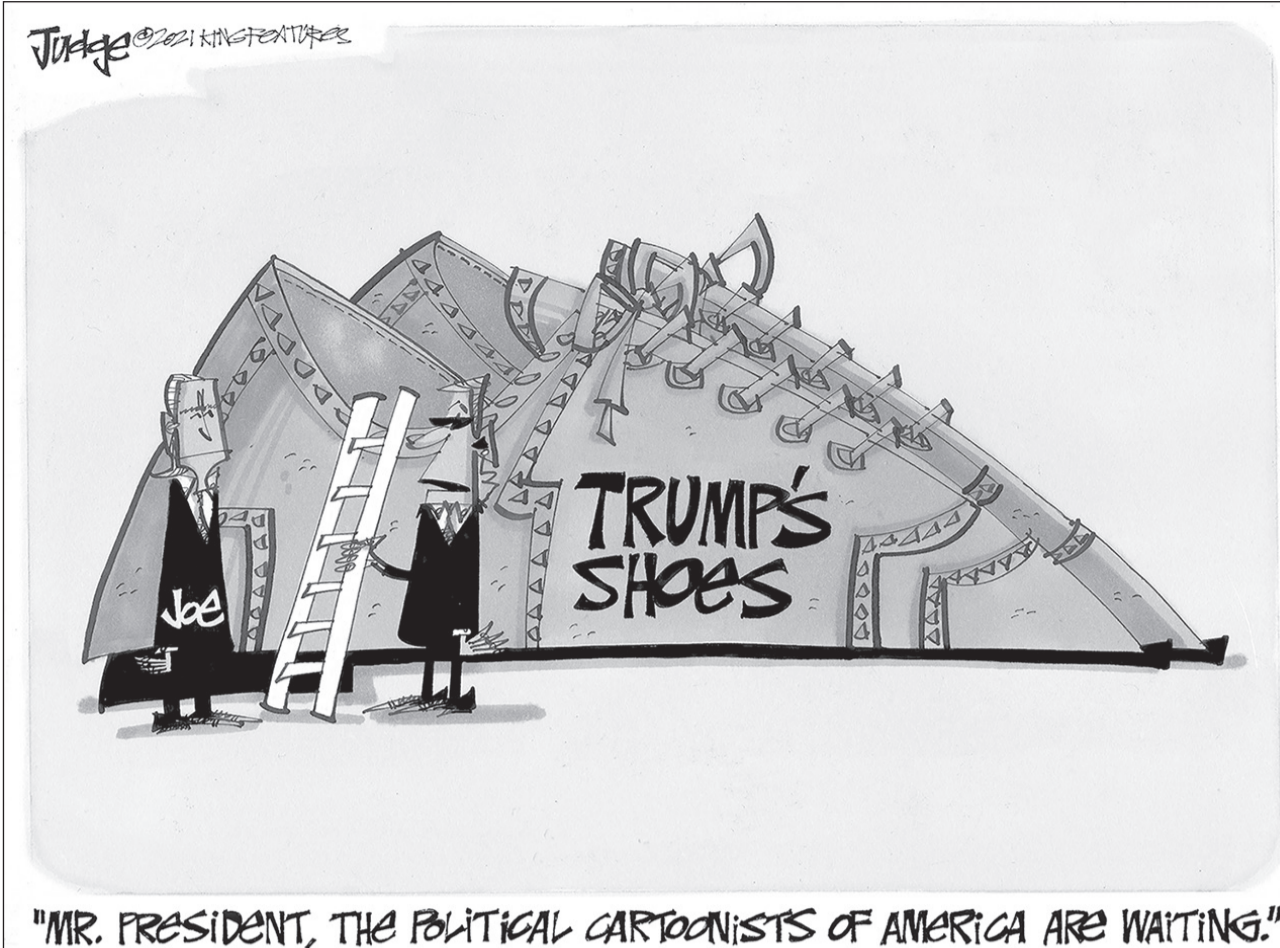
“Jim viewed the law as a trade. He wasn’t particularly impressed with someone who had a degree from Harvard or Yale. He was more impressed by what they knew and what they could do,” he said. “A lot of people graduate from law school and don’t even know how to file a deed.”

In 1956, Heiple was kicked out of Indiana University’s law school after punching out a classmate’s two front teeth and fracturing his jaw. He later obtained a law degree at the University of Louisville.

“Jim did not like bullies and he would stand up to them,” Holdridge said.

Holdridge said of his friend, “I used to say he missed the course in ‘salesmanship.’ He just said whatever he was thinking.”

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(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Feb. 5, 1997.)

By Jessica Nashold

Ten years ago, on Feb. 2, 1987, the Mendota city council approved purchase of two parcels of land, abandoned by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. A six-acre parcel extending from Division Street south to the sewer plant had a price tag of \$5,000. It was comprised of the east 50 feet of the former railroad right-of-way. The west 50 feet would be the property of Vade Weymeyer. By including the six-acre acquisition in a TIF District, funds would be generated to pay for needed improvements to the sewer system.

A 12-acre parcel lying north of Meriden Street, between East Main and West Main streets, was purchased for \$27,000, less than 10 cents per square foot. A number of uses for this land were considered, among them creation of a park for walking or bicycle paths. Some of the land would be used for construction work at the intersection of I-251 and U.S. 52.

Conflicting opinions on allowing the Illinois River Skiers Club to use Lake Mendota for practice during a six-week period in May and June were aired at a council meeting.

The Sportsmen’s Club presented a petition with 280 signatures, opposing the permission. They contended that the Sportsmen had spent thousands of dollars for fish each year and even local people were not allowed to put boats in Lake Mendota. Spawning would be seriously disrupted.

The Skiers withdrew their request.

The Northern Illinois Industrial Development Corp. was reorganized with two Mendotans on its 24-member board of directors – Harry D. Conkey II and J. Leonard Schaller.

A raid by eight police officers on The Lunch Bucket, 712 Main St., resulted in confiscation of a pool ta-

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ble, poker table and video machines “allegedly used for gambling.” Owner David G. Yepsen and two customers were arrested. The raid was led by Mendota’s police chief, Don Parks, and officer John Pakenham.

The poker game had been conducted in the basement with access through a trap door and down a set of stairs.

Since winning the Christmas Classic in Plano, the Mendota Trojan basketball team had won five of six games.

The Trojan victories were close and their NCIC battle with Ottawa was no exception.

It was a seesaw evening. Coach Kilmartin’s comment:

We missed some shots down the stretch, but we didn’t self-destruct.

The final score – Mendota 50, Ottawa 49.

Mendota Community Theatre began tryouts for its 100th production on Feb. 2-3, 1987, at its office above the K.W. Pohl Agency, 801 Jefferson St. The play was Thornton Wilder’s “Out Town.”

Director was George Likeness, “the only remaining continuously active charter member.”

MCT’s most prolific director began with “John Loves Mary” in 1954, continuing through “Goldfinger,” his 23rd, a year ago.

The business department at Mendota Community Hospital was computerized.

Each patient treated will be issued a card with a permanent patient number, name and birth date.

On subsequent visits, information

from previous visits will be immediately available.

Postmaster Larry Minniear announced a change in delivering city mail. Five sub-compact Chevettes were being leased for the five city carriers. A similar system several years before, in which carriers were supplied with cars owned by the postal service, had been abandoned when the price of gas and cost for repairs skyrocketed.

For a time, it was considered more cost-effective to have the carriers deliver mail on foot.

Using leased vehicles, the cars would average a cost of about \$6.50 per day.

The post office does not have to pay for repair costs or for gasoline, both covered under contracts.

The need to renovate the Mendota swimming pool was addressed. The original builder, Pascal P. Paddock, submitted figures. Declaring the pool in remarkable shape considering it had been built in 1958, Paddock estimated a \$2,500-\$3,000 expense to make it eligible for use in the 1987 season. Major changes, needed long term, would be \$260,000-\$280,000. Some state or federal funding might be forthcoming to help with the major changes. Dwight Heckert was named to head fundraising for pool renovation.

The Waltham Curling Club Junior Men’s Team won the Illinois State Championship in Chicago. Team members were Karl Raeff of Mendota, Lance and Joe Yednock of Ottawa and Pete Carmichael Jr. of Yorkville. They were scheduled to play for the national championship in Medford, Wis.

Jim Edgar, Secretary of State and State Librarian, called on Illinois residents to write him about books that had been important in their lives. Because 1987 was the Year of the Reader, Edgar was compiling a volume to be entitled, “Books That Made a Difference.”

‘Free speech for me, but not for thee’

By Rich Lowry

Long a stalwart defender of the First Amendment, the American media is now having second thoughts.

For decades, it was a commonplace sentiment among journalists that freedom of the press was one of the glories of our system. It helped to make the government accountable and to air diverse points of view -- even unpopular ones -- to be tested in the marketplace of ideas.

Media organizations were at the forefront of the fight to vindicate First Amendment rights, with The New York Times involved in two landmark Supreme Court decisions (New York Times Co. v. Sullivan and the Pentagon Papers case) and tended to rise as one against any perceived threat to their prerogatives and freedoms.

This advocacy has been sincere, although, if nothing else, journalists should be First Amendment purists out of a sense of self-interest. In a 2018 essay in The Atlantic representing the bygone conventional wisdom, titled “Why a Free Press Matters,” the longtime newscaster Dan Rather noted, “As a working journalist, I know I have a stake in this concept.”

One would think so.

Yet, now journalists have lurched from finding a threat to freedom of the press in every criticism of reporters and news outlets by former President Donald Trump to themselves calling for unwelcome media organizations to be shut down.

They’ve become the thing they profess to hate -- closed-minded censors who want to stifle free expression, First Amendment be damned.

Perversely, the TV program and email newsletter of the top media analyst at CNN, Brian Stelter, has been a clearinghouse for such advocacy, whether it is demands to get right-wingers removed from social media or -- more astonishingly -- to keep conservative cable networks off the airwaves.

Stelter’s colleague, media reporter Oliver Darcy, tweeted about his effort to get cable companies to answer why they carry pro-Trump channels like Newsmax and One America News Network. “Do they have any second thoughts about distributing these channels given their election denialism content?” he asked on Twitter. “They won’t say.”

In the same vein, Washington Post columnist Max Boot drew a direct line between how we deal with foreign terror groups and how we should treat right-wing media organizations. “We need,” he wrote, “to shut down the influencers who radicalize people and set them on the path toward violence and sedition.”

Boot noted, approvingly, that the U.K. doesn’t have the equivalent of Fox News because regulators won’t allow it. The U.K. also doesn’t have a First Amendment, a small detail that might be worth considering if the point is to protect our freedoms rather than destroy them in a fit of ideological vengeance.

A writer at the progressive publication Mother Jones argued for an advertiser boycott instead of regulatory action in a post called, charmingly, “It’s Time to Crush Fox News.”

A boycott wouldn’t violate the First Amendment like a direct crackdown on Fox and others. Still, it would be private action undertaken in the service of a profoundly illiberal goal, running counter to the country’s culture of free speech.

All of this would be bad enough if it weren’t people who write and comment on TV for a living advocating it. But journalists have been moving in this direction for a while now, as Armin Rosen catalogues in a disturbing report for Tablet magazine.

The author, Steve Coll, who is no less than the dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, said last December, “Those of us in journalism have to come to terms with the fact that free speech, a principle that we hold sacred, is being weaponized against the principles of journalism.” The former managing editor of Time magazine, Richard Stengel, has written: “All speech is not equal. And where truth cannot drive out lies, we must add new guardrails.”

And so, its erstwhile champions are ready to retreat from strict adherence to the First Amendment to a new rule of “free speech for me, but not for thee.”

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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SPORTS

IHSA sets sports schedule for remainder of 2020-21

BLOOMINGTON – The IHSA Board of Directors met for a special board meeting on Jan. 27, where the Board provided an updated sports schedule and other guidance for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

“We understood the high level of anticipation surrounding today’s announcement, along with the scrutiny that will accompany it,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “Ultimately, the Board adhered to its stated goals throughout the pandemic: providing an opportunity for every IHSA student-athlete to compete safely this year and maximizing opportunities for traditional IHSA spring sports after they lost their entire season a year ago. I recognize that many schools and coaches could likely offer a tweak here or there that would have, in their opinion, made it ‘better’ for their school or sport. Our Board faced an impossible task with a litany of factors. They were conscientious in considering every possibility and I believe their decisions today are a positive step for the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of our students. We are excited to channel our energy into creating as many positive experiences for Illinois high school students as we can between now and the end of this extraordinary school year.”

The Board approved the following schedule for the remainder of the school year:

- **Boys’ & Girls’ Basketball** – Practice starts ASAP. Seven dates before first game. No state series. Season ends March 13.
- **Boys’ & Girls’ Bowling** – Practice starts ASAP. Seven dates before first match. No state series. Season ends March 13.
- **Boys’ Soccer** – Practice starts March 1. Seven dates before first match. No state series. Season ends April 17.
- **Football** – Practice starts March 3. First game March 19. No state series. Season ends April 24.
- **Girls’ Volleyball** – Practice starts March 8. Seven dates before first match. No state series. Season ends April 24.
- **Baseball** – Practice starts April 5. Seven dates before first game. State series TBD. Season ends June 19.
- **Girls’ Soccer** – Practice starts April 5. Seven dates before first match. State series TBD. Season ends June 19.
- **Softball** – Practice starts April 5. Seven dates before first game. State series TBD. Season ends June 19.
- **Boys’ Tennis** – Practice starts April 5. Seven dates before first match. State series TBD. Season ends June 19.
- **Boys’ & Girls’ Track** – Practice starts April 5. Seven dates before first contests. State series TBD. Season ends June 19.

• **Wrestling** – Practice starts April 19. Seven dates before first contest. No state series. Season ends June 12.

“The Board wants to do everything in their power to prevent spring sports from going two consecutive years with no postseason IHSA play,” said Anderson. “There are obviously no guarantees, as risk levels by sport and local region mitigation statuses will factor significantly. Postseason could mean being limited to a Regional or Sectional level of competition, but we have not ruled out the idea of playing a full state tournament in these traditional spring sports if possible. The overwhelming feedback we have heard from athletic directors and coaches was that returning to play in all sports should be the main goal.”

With the exception of football, which requires individuals to participate in practice on 12 different days, all sports will be required to hold practice on seven different days prior to holding a contest. Holding multiple practices on a date does not impact that timeline. If student-athletes transition from basketball into football, they will need to participate in practice on 10 different days prior to their first contest. Winter sport contests could begin as early as Jan. 27, dependent on when a school’s Region reached the appropriate mitigation status and when they began practices.

The IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) issued a statement reminding all student-athletes, coaches, and schools on the importance of acclimatization:

“The IHSA SMAC reminds member schools that student-athletes may need additional conditioning in order to participate in a full schedule this season. In addition to season/practice requirements, care needs to be given to each student’s individual acclimation as they return to play. When building schedules, attention needs to be given to academic pressure, changes from in-person to remote learning, changes between tiers of mitigation, time spent traveling to events, appropriate time to practice/learn the sport between games, etc. to ensure the student experience truly enhances the academic day.”

IHSA guidelines require all student-athletes to participate in masks (with the exception of swimming & diving, gymnasts on an apparatus and outdoor events where social distancing can occur) and for all game personnel not participating in the contest to also wear masks and adhere to social distancing.

“We still have regions of the state that need to make strides in order to be able to play basketball this winter,” said Anderson. “That underscores the importance of our schools following all the mitigations and precautions. We need to maintain a positive trajectory not only to get winter sports

going, but to make sure we do not have any regions regress before spring and summer sports have their opportunity. We can all do our part by wearing a mask and socially distancing.”

The Board also agreed to consider other participation opportunities for a given sport, like basketball, if the sport is unable to be played in a specific region.

“We have said from day one that if and when we were allowed to play again this year, the situation would be fluid,” said Anderson. “We don’t feel great about the notion of some schools falling behind based on their Region’s status, but also recognize that we are running out of time and can’t afford to hold back the Regions that can play.”

In October, the Board ruled that students who play sports (football, boys’ soccer, girls’ volleyball) that were displaced from their traditional season could participate on high school and non-school teams simultaneously. The Board affirmed this position in Wednesday’s meeting with additional sports moving out of their traditional seasons, and also ruled that girls’ and boys’ basketball players will need to cease non-school team participation within seven days of their first high school game.

All sports that are out-of-season can conduct contact days through June 4. Contact days are limited to three days per week per sport with a maximum of six hours of contact per week with no interscholastic competition.

The IHSA Board of Directors issued the following statement on the day’s events:

“Unprecedented circumstances create extraordinary decisions. The IHSA Board of Directors faced one of the most difficult decisions in the Association’s 100-plus year history today. Please know that we did so with great diligence, empathy, and understanding. There were an immense number of factors that went into today’s decisions. We knew there would be obstacles no matter what we decided. Whether those hurdles included overlapping seasons for multi-sport athletes, equity between sports, preseason acclimatization guidelines, the prioritization of spring sports, facility conflicts for schools, officiating, and that is just naming a few. Please know that each potential roadblock was recognized and given consideration. The IHSA membership, like our state, is incredibly large and diverse. Each Board member brought different concerns to the table that impacted their own school or region differently. There was never going to be a one-size fits all solution to playing 25 sports seasons in a little over four months. What did occur was collaboration and camaraderie. Each Board member may not have been able to have all of their specific concerns addressed, but we worked together to produce a schedule and plan that we believe will work for our student-athletes.”

Mendota H.S. basketball schedules

- Mendota High School Boys’ Basketball**
 Feb. 5 – at North Boone
 Feb. 8 – Rock. Lutheran
 Feb. 10 – Rock. Christian
 Feb. 12 – Byron
 Feb. 15 – at Genoa-K.
 Feb. 17 – Rock Falls
 Feb. 19 – at Winnebago
 Feb. 22 – at Dixon
 Feb. 24 – at Oregon
 March 1 – at Stillman V.
 March 3 – North Boone
 March 5-9 – Conference
Tournament
Start times:
Freshman – 4:30 p.m.
(Feb. 5 game at North Boone starts at 4 p.m.)
Sophomore – 5:45 p.m.
Varsity – 7:15 p.m.

- Mendota High School Girls’ Basketball**
 Feb. 5 – North Boone
 Feb. 8 – at Rock. Lutheran
 Feb. 10 – at Rock. Christian
 Feb. 12 – at Byron
 Feb. 15 – Genoa-Kingston
 Feb. 17 – at Rock Falls
 Feb. 19 – Winnebago
 Feb. 22 – Dixon
 March 1 – Stillman Valley
 March 3 – at North Boone
 March 5-9 – Conference
Tournament
Start times:
Sophomore – 5:30 p.m.
Varsity – 7 p.m.

Mendota H.S. football schedule

- Mendota Varsity Football Schedule**
 March 27 - at North Boone - 2 p.m.
 April 3 - Oregon - 2 p.m.
 April 10 - at Stillman Valley - 2 p.m.
 April 17 - at Dixon - 2 p.m.
 April 24 - Genoa Kingston - 2 p.m.

Grade school sports season to begin play with volleyball, boys’ basketball

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois Elementary School Association Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled winter meeting on Jan. 29. During the meeting, the Board addressed the activity schedules for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

The Board approved the following schedule:

- **Boys’ Basketball** – Practice starts ASAP. Seven practices per individual before first game. No state series. Season ends March 12.
- **Girls’ Volleyball** – Practice starts ASAP. Seven practices per individual before first game. Regional and sectional will be played. Season ends March 19.
- **Track & Field** – Practice starts March 1. Seven practices per individual before first meet. State series TBD. Season ends June 12.
- **Girls’ Basketball** – Practice starts March 8. Seven practices per individual before first game. No state series. Season ends May 9.
- **Wrestling** – Practice starts April 5. Seven practices per individual before first meet. No state series. Season ends May 30.

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Howard, Becky, Colleen and Mark

I would like to thank all the people that prayed, called or sent cards to wish me well during my recent hospitalization. Blessings to all.

Donna Gilmore

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST
Efrain Magallanes, 21, of 503 Sixth St., Mendota, was arrested at 11:55 a.m. Jan. 26 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Jennifer L. Jackson, 47, of 1002 Main St., Apt. 1, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Wisconsin Avenue and Chicago Street at 8:17 a.m. Jan. 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Solomon Craighead, 68, of St. Louis, Mo., was charged with driving while license suspended after police officers were called to the Road Ranger gas station for the report of a retail theft at 8:17 p.m. Jan. 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Ashley N. Gaines, 29, of 404 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 2:18 a.m. Jan. 29 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
Vanessa L. Bailey, 22, of Macomb, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Main and Monroe streets at 2:57 a.m. Jan. 30. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Arturo Hermsillo, 36, of 1103 Fifth Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Burlington and Main streets at 10:07 p.m. Jan. 30. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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Health professions showcase set
OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Health Professions Academic Showcase will feature therapeutic massage and other programs at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 via Zoom. Along with therapeutic massage, nursing, dental assisting, Medical Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and EMT/EMS will be showcased. The program is for current students, prospects and parents. Register at www.ivcc.edu/visit.

Intro to Sign Language course offered
OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education office is partnering with Kankakee Community College to offer "Introduction to American Sign Language" (HLR-5436-102) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 9 through March 30 in an online live format.

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BLESSED EVENTS

CURRIER – Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Currier (Erica Arteaga) of Mendota, boy, Jan. 23, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

HOLDENRID – Mr. and Mrs. Adam Holdenrid (Elaina Ambler) of Mendota, boy, Jan. 25, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

KOHR – Aaron Waltor and Samantha Kohr, boy, Jan. 26, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.


PAWLOWSKI – Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pawlowski (Ashley Smith) of Mendota, girl, Jan. 30, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

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OGLESBY - University of Illinois Extension invites area youth, ages 8-12 years old, to learn about the 4-H program and to try out some fun projects at home. Families and youth are invited to sign up and participate in the upcoming Find Your Spark! sessions.

In 4-H, youth learn by doing and they have a great time while doing it. These Find Your Spark! sessions will provide youth with a variety of experiences on a variety of fun topics. This six-week session begins Feb. 23 and is held on Tuesday evenings from 4-5 p.m. via Zoom. The cost to participate is \$5 per youth, which includes all six sessions. The sessions are aimed at youth ages 8-12 and focus on Health, Cultural Awareness, Creative Arts, Child Development, Animal Science, and Horticulture:

Health: This lesson will introduce youth to the importance of physical fitness as part of a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, they will learn about three types of exercise with the main focus being on flexibility and balance. To conclude, the group will go through a yoga flow and practice poses that have been matched to the 4-H Pledge.

Cultural Awareness: Explore a different culture through traditional meals and food etiquette. We'll learn how to use Japanese chopsticks and practice our new skills together.

Creative Arts: It is time to get creative. In this session, participants will explore different visual arts and

mediums to help them create their very own creature out of modeling clay.

Child Development: This lesson will introduce youth to the four areas of growth and development: physical, mental, social, and emotional. Participants will observe how children express emotions, learn how children are similar and different, and analyze appropriate activities for infants and toddlers, ages birth-5 years.

Animal Science: Think like a veterinarian. In this session, participants will learn about how parasites affect sheep and goats and use diagnostic tools to determine if an animal needs treatment.

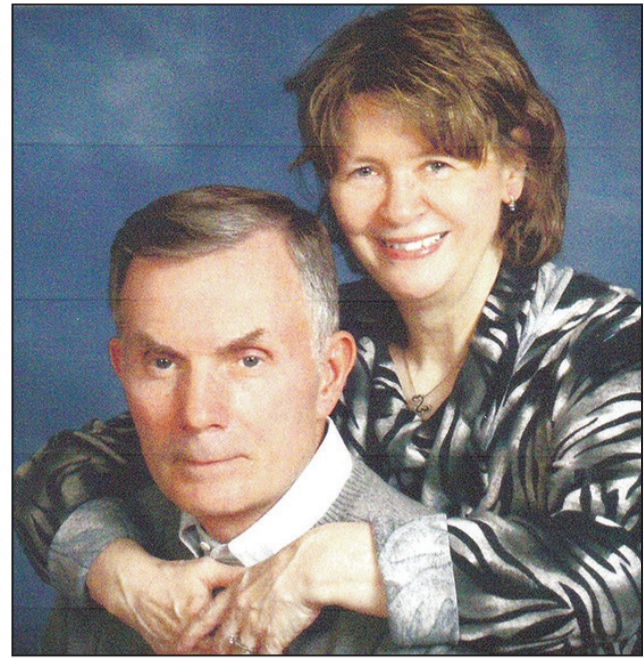
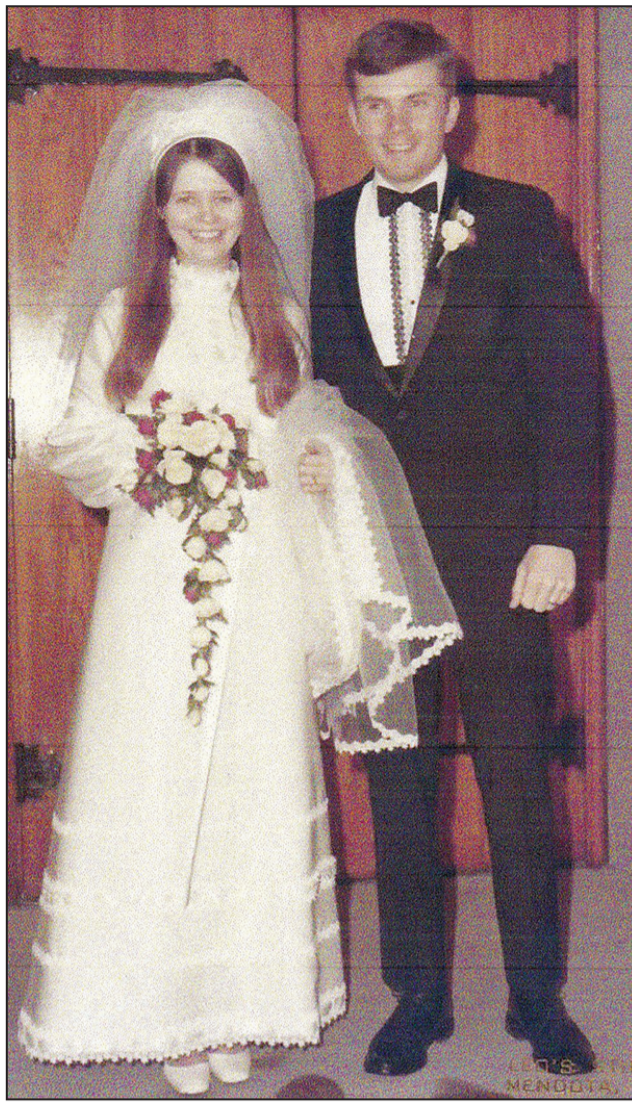
Horticulture: Discover your green thumb by learning how to grow culinary herbs. We will explore some recipes to try using your homegrown herbs and then take a look at the new herb project exhibit opportunity.

Each week an experienced 4-H educator will teach youth about a different topic and provide a hands-on activity to complete. All supplies will be mailed to participants.

Registration is required for this program by Feb. 11.

To learn more and to register for this program, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2021-02-23-find-your-spark-4-h-0>. For additional questions, you may also contact Beth Dellatori, 4-H Youth Development Educator, by e-mail at beth5@illinois.edu or call (815) 224-0889.

ANNIVERSARIES



Jim and Dawn Mathesius, 1971, left, and 2021, above.

Earlville couple to mark 50th wedding anniversary

EARLVILLE - Jim and Dawn Mathesius of rural Earlville will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 14.

They were married on Feb. 14, 1971 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota.

The couple has one son, Jeff, his wife, Carey, and two granddaughters, Becca, 11, and Jenna, 8.

Dawn is retired from First State Bank and Jim is involved with farming.

Due to COVID-19, there will be no celebration at this time.

LaMoille High School announces honor rolls

LA MOILLE - LaMoille High School has announced their 1st Semester Honor Rolls for the 2020-21 school year.

HIGH HONOR ROLL - 3.51-4.0 (*denotes minimum 4.0)

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Deering*, Dylan Lovgren*, Jason Martin

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HONOR ROLL - 3.0-3.5

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Beth Schultz, Women's Committee member, left, and Gracie Dale, Young Leader Chair, helped unload the donation of food, which totaled five overflowing shopping carts. (Photo contributed)

Community donates food to help families with children

PRINCETON - In early January, the Bureau County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and Young Leader Committee donated 485 pounds of food and \$754 to the Food Pantry in Princeton made possible in large part due to generous donations from the community.

Seeing a need for kid related food, the committees launched a month-long food donation drop off at the Farm Bureau office in Princeton. Community members came

in all month with donations.

Feeling appreciative of all the community donations, Farm Bureau completed the donation with a \$500 check. Monetary donations generate 10 times the buying power when the food pantry purchases the food.

The committees expressed their appreciation to all members of the community and local businesses who dropped off donations during the month-long food drive and made an impact.

Festival 56 to celebrate Valentine's weekend with virtual cabaret

PRINCETON - Following on the heels of their "Holly, Jolly Follies" in December and "Rabbit Hole" reading in January, Festival 56 is shaking things up with "Love, Love Me Do!", a virtual cabaret of hit tunes and love songs from the 1950s and 1960s.

Nine artists who audiences know and love from their past performances in Princeton are returning to the virtual stage to share some of their Motown, Rat Pack, and rock-and-roll favorites.

The cabaret will premiere on the Festival 56 YouTube channel on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and will be available for viewing until midnight on Sunday, Feb. 14.

The cabaret is organized and hosted by Frank Monier and is made possible by a grant from The Arts of Starved Rock Country Fund with additional funding from the Community Arts Access Program of the Illinois Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Performers for "Love, Love Me Do!" will include, left to right from top, Victoria Sasso, Veronica Otim and Danessa Hellus; Harrison Brousseau, Astoncia Bhagat and Robert Edwards; Chelsea Hooker, Sarah-Anne Martinez and Sophia Marie Rizzo. (Photo contributed)

Working out a healthy weight and lifestyle for pets

For pet owners with an overweight animal companion, there can be a difficult balance between wanting to treat a pet and wanting to keep them in the best health possible. However, with moderation and consistency, owners can ensure their pet reaches a healthy weight without discomfort.

Dr. Lori Teller, associate professor in the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says a healthy diet is integral to successful weight loss. Treats, whether specially made for pets or table food, should not make up more than 10 percent of an animal's diet and when given, the calories of a treat should be included in a pet's total daily intake.

"Healthy treats may include green beans, baby carrots, celery sticks, or apple slices," Teller said. "There also are other ways to treat pets - many may be satisfied with attention, whether a game of fetch, a catnip toy, or a chin scratch."

Owners with an overweight pet should consult their veterinarian to set a weight loss plan that is best for their animal. As a general rule, Teller says a gradual reduction in body mass is safest.

"Weight loss should be done in a stepwise fashion; pets should be weighed monthly to determine if they are losing weight appropriately," Teller said. "Rapid weight loss can lead to



problems, such as liver disease or nutritional imbalances, and weight loss that is too slow prolongs the adverse effects of excess weight to the pet's health."

Exercise can also be a healthy tool in weight loss. For dogs, this can be walks, swimming, frisbee or fetch. If a dog resists exercise, Teller recommends starting slowly. Taking walks in new areas may help mentally stimulate your dog. As a result, your dog may not even realize that they are getting exercise.

If your dog is hesitant to get moving, Teller also recommends ruling out health problems that may make exercise painful. "Dogs that are extremely overweight may have an orthopedic problem that causes pain or discomfort with exercise," she said. "Rule out or treat underlying problems and talk with your

veterinarian about an appropriate plan. Some dogs may benefit from physical therapy to gain better mobility."

Cats and other non-walkable pets can also benefit from exercise. Cats may be encouraged to move with a laser pointer. Teller says owners can place the cat's food in a location where they will have to work to get it, such as on top of a tall cat tree. "It is possible to train a cat to walk on a leash and go for walks," she said. "This needs to be done slowly but many owners make this work."

Just as humans find themselves tempted by snacks, pets can get impatient between meals. Teller recommends breaking a pet's food into multiple meals throughout the day and provide food on a regular schedule to reduce hunger.

"One more way owners can help their pets is to feed the pet's entire daily food supply in puzzle toys," Teller said. "This is both mentally and physically stimulating. The pet will need to figure out how to get the food out of the toy. This will also make the pet eat more slowly, thus helping the pet to stay satiated for longer periods of time."

Although saying no to a begging pet may be difficult, their health is worth the discipline. "Animals that maintain at healthy weight throughout their life can live an additional two years," Teller said. "That is worth the effort!"

CLUB NEWS

IV Beekeepers to meet

LA SALLE - The Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association will hold their next meeting on Friday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LaSalle Knights of Columbus, 209 Gooding St., LaSalle.

Anyone who is interested

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

Face masks will be required and social distancing restrictions followed.

Kick off 2021 by joining 4-H

BUREAU COUNTY - Bureau County 4-H believes children can grow when they are surrounded by people who are cheering for their success. That is why 4-H brings youth together in clubs, led by caring adults, who welcome them as part of a larger 4-H community.

4-H encourages children to be themselves by exploring what is interesting to them and choosing a path that leads to happiness. Because one size doesn't fit all, there are many ways to customize 4-H to fit your family's needs.

Anyone excited to get started can begin their 4-H adventure today.

Bureau County 4-H offers clubs in many communities throughout the county. They are currently seeking youth ages 5-18 to be a part of the largest out-of-school youth organization in Illinois.

For more information on the 4-H program and how to enroll, contact Bureau County 4-H & Youth Development Program Coordinator, Danielle Gapinski at (815) 875-2878 or des85@illinois.edu.

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Welch seeks to set a new tone in Illinois House

□ New speaker talks changes to House rules, path forward for General Assembly

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

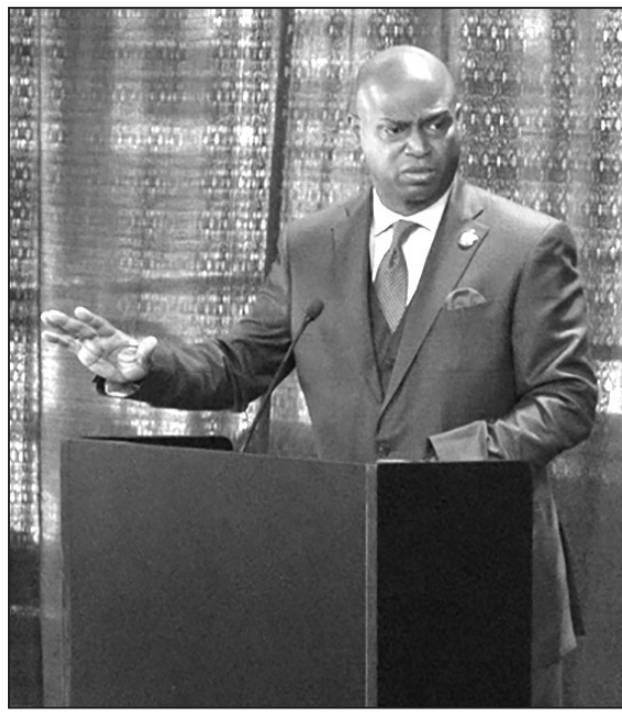
SPRINGFIELD – The election of Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives marked the beginning of a new era in state politics. Not only is he the first Black speaker in state history, he is also the first speaker in 24 years whose name is not Michael Madigan.

But Welch assumes the gavel at a precarious time in state history, a time marked by a deadly pandemic that has resulted in an economic crisis and a steep drop in state revenues, as well as a time of social unrest over racial inequities, many of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

“Well, I definitely agree that I’m taking over at a challenging time,” Welch said during a podcast interview with Capitol News Illinois. “Any one of the things that you just mentioned makes for an interesting session by itself. And I’m inheriting a situation where we’re going to have to deal with all of that all at once. And so I think that where you start is where have already started. And that’s by putting a diverse leadership team in place, a team that reflects the diversity of our state, which is our strength.”

Welch unveiled his new leadership team on Jan. 21. It includes a mix of old and new faces. Rep. Greg Harris, of Chicago, remains House Majority Leader and Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, of Peoria, remains deputy majority leader. But the team also includes some newer faces such as Chicago-area Reps. Mary Flowers, Jaime Andrade Jr., Robyn Gabel, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marcus Evans and Delia Ramirez, as well as Urbana Rep. Carol Ammons.

It will be some time, though, before the House is able to fully get back to work. Welch has already an-



Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch

nounced that the House will come back into session on Feb. 10 for the sole purpose of adopting new rules, which are expected to allow for remote committee meetings that will then occur regularly over the next couple of months. But other substantial action at the Statehouse in Springfield is unlikely to occur until at least sometime in April.

At that point, Welch said, he expects the General Assembly to move into high gear.

“As we approach April and May, as we’re getting to crunch time, I anticipate being in Springfield a lot more than we have over the past year,” he said.

Welch, 49, of Hillside, said he was born and raised in the 7th District that he now represents. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and the John Marshall Law School.

While at Northwestern, Welch also played baseball. A leftfielder who was known for his speed, he wouldn’t disclose his batting average, saying only that it was below .300, but

he described the experience as “one of the best times of my life.” But he did not play his senior year, saying he chose to focus on his grades that year “because I knew I wanted to go to law school.”

As speaker, Welch faces a challenge distinguishing himself from his predecessor. That’s because many members of the House were not even born yet the first time Madigan was elected speaker in 1983.

“I really speak very highly of Speaker Madigan,” Welch said. “We wouldn’t have 73 Democrats and a super majority in our chamber without Speaker Madigan. But I will say that I still have to be Chris Welch.”

Madigan, through much of his tenure as speaker, was known for keeping a tight grip on the House. It was often said that no bill ever reached the floor of the House for a vote unless it had his blessing, including such issues as legislative ethics reform.

Welch, by contrast, has indicated he may try to govern with a softer hand by relaxing some of the House rules.

“We’re being sincere in taking a quick, hard examination on these rules,” he said. “But you know, we can’t do much until rules are approved. And so our intent is to let this go on for the next couple of weeks. And Feb. 10, we will have a vote on the rules. I anticipate that there will be some changes to the rules from the past.”

Welch also said he hopes to repair the Democratic majority’s relationship with House Republicans, including Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, who led an effort last year to have Madigan removed from office over his role in a yearslong bribery scheme involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison.

Welch, who chaired the special investigating committee that was formed to investigate Madigan’s role in that scheme, played a key role in preventing the filing of formal disciplinary charges. But now, as speaker, Welch said he hopes to rebuild a working relationship with Republicans.

“And I actually called him this past Saturday (Jan. 23) to talk to him about the intent about going back to session to improve the rules on Feb. 10, find out who his point person is on the rules,” Welch said. “And he was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from me on a Saturday morning.”

“That’s my style,” he added. “And that’s what I intend to do going forward is to keep an open line of communication. We actually live less than five miles from each other. When things open back up, we’ll probably meet regularly for coffee.”

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Develop your vision beyond what you can see

Being a Christian and following God is a great adventure. It's also challenging because, to people who don't believe in Christ, we seem a bit odd in our way of thinking and doing things, like we're upside down compared to how the world generally operates. But the truth is, we're part of "the upside-down kingdom that is right-side up."

During His ministry on Earth, Jesus'

message was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17 NIV). His disciples believed Jesus had come to set up an earthly kingdom and rule the world, but that isn't what He was talking about at all.

The disciples didn't get it. They were thinking in physical terms, not spiritual ones.

As believers in Jesus who are born again, we are new creations in

Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17); we belong to God and are part of His kingdom (Colossians 1:12-14). The kingdom of God is unseen to the natural eye, and it is eternal.

Developing Spiritual Vision

The apostle Paul talked about seeing the unseen. In 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, he said, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (NIV).

Paul had been beaten, shipwrecked, imprisoned, and gone hungry many times, yet he considered these experiences to be "light and momentary troubles." He believed this because the kingdom of God—what is eternal—was more real to him than this earthly realm—what is temporary.

This is hard for us because we are so accustomed to only believing



what we can see with our natural eyes, and if we don't see God doing something, we assume He isn't doing anything. But instead of just looking at the world around us and our problems, we can learn to think about and see with spiritual eyes what God is in the process of doing in the midst of it all.

I've discovered that when I'm feeling discouraged because I've been praying for something a long time and I'm weary of waiting for breakthrough, instead of getting down in the dumps, I can stir up my faith and say, "God is working!"

If you want to have a steady flow of joy in your life and "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:7 NIV), learn how to believe what you can't see more than what you can see.

Open the Eyes of My Heart

In Ephesians 1:18, Paul prayed "that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you" (NIV). The eyes of your heart can see the unseen realm of the spirit and give you hope—a confident expectation of God's goodness in your life—in every situation.

With this kind of

hope, when hard times come, we can look beyond what we see in the world around us and realize that there are good things going on. God has done, and He's doing, so many things in our lives!

- He loves us and has good plans for us to give us hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

- He's always with us and will never leave us or forsake us. (Deuteronomy 31:6; Hebrews 13:5)

- Jesus paid the price to heal and restore every kind of brokenness in our lives. (Isaiah 53 and 61)

- And He's preparing a place for us so we can be with Him throughout eternity! (John 14:2-3)

THIS is the truth we need to live by.

Refuse to Give Up!

I wonder what God is up to in your life. I know it's easy to get discouraged and fearful when hard times come and it seems things will never change. But if you're a believer in Christ and you're praying according to the truth in God's Word, then you can be assured He is working. So don't stop believing because you're not getting an answer as quickly as you'd like.

Keep believing no matter how long it takes. And remember that just because you haven't seen the final outcome

yet, it doesn't mean God isn't doing something. Make a determined decision to trust Him and believe what He says no matter what you think or feel or how things look. And pray for God to enlighten the eyes of your heart so you "know the hope to which he has called you" in His kingdom.

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

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2. In which book's 13:12 does Jesus predict children rebelling against their parents to be a sign of end times?
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. After hearing many things, what did Job call the ones after they tried to console him? Sore losers, Miserable comforters, Wretched sons, Cowardly lions
4. From 2 Samuel 4, what 5-year-old boy was dropped by his nurse and lamed for life? Moses, Mephibosheth, Peter, Andronicus
5. How many times in the Bible (KJV) do the words “Christian” or “Christians” appear?
3, 13, 30, 300
6. What prophet was the son of Elkanah and Hannah?
Samuel, Huldah, Daniel, Nathan

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Mark;
3) Miserable comforters (Job 16:2);
4) Mephibosheth; 5) 3 (Acts 11:26,
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under File No. R2001 22899, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8032001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0052, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 1 CAFFERY JOSEPH, LAQUITA JOSEPH, 734 S MESA HILLS DR APT 184, EL PASO, TX, 79912, according to the Deed dated April 25, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 14638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6092009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0052, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1 CAFFERY JOSEPH, LAQUITA JOSEPH, 601 PERSEUS, KILLEEN, TX, 76542, according to the Deed dated April 25, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 14638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6092009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0052, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1 RONNIE L. 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KEELER AVE., ALSIP, IL, 60658, according to the Deed dated August 28, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 24656, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9162005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0047, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1 BARBARA J. LACHICA, JUDITH A. PHELAN, BREAANNE J. WRIGHT, 9209 MAYFIELD AVE, OAK LAWN, IL, 60453, according to the Deed dated August 28, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 24656, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9162005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0047, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1 BARBARA J. LACHICA, JUDITH A. PHELAN, BREAANNE J. WRIGHT, 10608 LOCKWOOD AVE, OAK LAWN, IL, 60453, according to the Deed dated August 28, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 24656, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9162005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0047, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1 JUAN J LOMELI, SANDRA LOMELI, 719 WATSON ST, AURO-RA, IL, 60505, according to the Deed dated May 17, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 32137, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11072002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0136, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 2 ARTHUR MADLOCK JR, CARLENE MADLOCK, 10124 S NOR-MAL AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Deed dated May 23, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7072011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0214, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 4 LYLE MOORE, RHON-DA MOORE, 4592 DARROWBY DR, POWDER SPRINGS, GA, 30127, according to the Deed dated August 15, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 21990, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10301998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0395, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 6 FREDERICK D. PERSON, TIFFANY A. BEECHAM, HENRY PERSON, LILLIE PERSON, 15131 PAULINA ST APT D135, HARVEY, IL, 60426, according to the Deed dated April 27, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 16183, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2232011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0097, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 FREDERICK D. PERSON, TIFFANY A. BEECHAM, HENRY PERSON, LILLIE PERSON, 25 165TH ST, CALUMET CITY, IL, 60409, according to the Deed dated April 27, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 16183, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7142008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0131, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2 DONNA L NEVANS, 322 LA CLEDE AVE, ROCKFORD, IL, 61102, according to the Deed dated December 17, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2008 02948, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2082008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0208, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 4 RONALD NICEWON-DER, DAWN NICEWONDER, ANGELA NICEWONDER, 6819 PHIBES TRAIL, SPRING, TX, 77379, according to the Deed dated January 16, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 07404, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3191999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0220, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 4 RANDY A ROBINSON, MAMIE L ROBINSON, 2909 N SHERIDAN RD APT 402, CHICAGO, IL, 60657, according to the Deed dated October

NICEWONDER, 22623 RIVER BIRCH DR, TOMBALL, TX, 77375, according to the Deed dated January 16, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 07404, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1182009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0386, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 6 KENNETH P ROBY, CATHERINE L ROBY, 1122 ROMONA TER-RECE, MACHESNEY PARK, IL, 61115, according to the Deed dated July 12, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 21494, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8182000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0141, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 2 ORLANDO RODRIGUEZ, RAMONA RODRIGUEZ, DALIMAR RODRIGUEZ, 3016 JULLIP DR, KISSIMMEE, FL, 34744, according to the Deed dated August 22, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 31372, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12052000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 2 JOE ROY RUIZ, 20940 CABOT AVE, LAKEVILLE, IN, 46536, according to the Deed dated May 23, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007 14782, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6212007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0126, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 2 HOWARD J SACH, STELLA M SACH, 11151 BRIGHTON LN, FRISCO, TX, 75033, according to the Deed dated October 02, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 28154, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12181998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0037, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 JUDITH A. SEELEY, WILLIAM S. SEELEY, 754 NEEDLEGRASS PKWY, ANTIOCH, IL, 60002, according to the Deed dated December 30, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2005 01272, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1172005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 1 JENNIFER SOTO, 8301 TOWER RD, WILLOW SPRINGS, IL, 60480, according to the Deed dated November 12, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 25039, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12062011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0205E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 4 KELLY TAYLOR, MAGDALEN NAVARRO, 7543 S RIDGELAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60649, according to the Deed dated May 03, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 12488, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6082011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more parti-

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ularly described as Unit No. 0282, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 4 WINNIE R TAYLOR, 3714 TUTTLE ST, DANVILLE, IL, 61832, according to the Deed dated May 19, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 16088, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6232005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0376, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 3 DOUGLAS L THOMPSON JR., SHELIA ASHBURN, 7711 S CONSTANCE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60649, according to the Deed dated September 21, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 22652, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10082008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0121, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2 OSVALDO TORREBLANCA, HILDA TORREBLANCA, 5418 W SCHUBERT AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60639, according to the Deed dated December 22, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014 00456, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1092014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0153, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 2 BLANCA TRUJILLO-RAZO, ARSENIO RAZO, ARSENIO RAZO JR, 9241 KESWICK DR, WOODRIDGE, IL, 60517, according to the Deed dated September 28, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 23419, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10172013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0099, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 2 RICHARD A. WALTON SR., SHIRLEY A. TAYLOR, 3800 MOUNT NEBO RD, DE KALB, MS, 39328, according to the Deed dated April 07, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 11226, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4252001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0157, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 RICHARD A. WALTON SR., SHIRLEY A. TAYLOR, 1051 N CENTRAL AVE, CHICAGO,

IL, 60651, according to the Deed dated April 07, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 11226, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4252001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0157, Use Period Number(s) 39, 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 managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction. Fox River Resort Club, An Illinois Not-for-profit Corporation By: Deborah A. Quirk Its: Attorney-In-Fact No. 0201 (2/3, 2/10, 2/17 2021)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER) OF THE ESTATE OF) GEORGE E.) THOMPSON,) DECEASED.) NO. 2020-P-000253

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of George E. Thompson, of Peru, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 29, 2020, to Robert P. Thompson of Katy, TX, as INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354. Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Downtown County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed

in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Dated: January 11, 2021 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0103 (1/20, 1/27, 2/3 2021)

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

To All Owners And Occupiers Of Lands Lying Within The Boundaries Of The LaSalle County Soil And Water Conservation District: Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the 18th day of February 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 1691 N 31st Road, Ottawa, IL. A ballot box will be located in the outer lobby. Masks are required. Two (2) Directors will be elected to serve the LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois. All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Regis W. Biers

LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District DATED this 7th day of January, 2021. No. 0104 (1/20 & 2/3 2021)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF) Beverly Bassing,) Deceased) Case No. 2020-P-171

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Beverly Bassing of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were

issued on September 3, 2020 to Kimberly Duitsman of 539 Quail Creek Drive, Grayslake, IL 60030 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 30, 2021. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed. No. 0105 (1/27, 2/3, 2/10 2021)

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 2021 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Jurassic Bark located at 207 E. 6th Street., Mendota, IL 61342. Dated: January 6, 2021. Tiffany Aska Applicant. No. 0106 (1/27, 2/3, 2/10 2021)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION FOR NAME CHANGE

In Re the Petition of:) Patrick Kevin Biers) To Change the) Name of Adult.) Case No: 2021MR2

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, March 5th, 2021 in Courtroom 204 of the LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, a Petition will be heard in said Courtroom for the change of name of Patrick Kevin Biers, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/21-101 et. seq. Dated: January 29, 2021, at Mendota, Illinois. Patrick Kevin Biers pro se, Petitioner No. 0202 (2/3, 2/10, 2/17 2021)

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property taxes - \$219,931; Replacement tax - \$5,539; Membership fees - \$3,960; Fines and forfeits - \$4,302; Donations and memorials - \$10,401; Interest income - \$19,971; Grants - \$9,215; TIF income - \$16,940; Library service contract - \$5,762; Program fees - \$8,219; Other - \$726.

TOTAL REVENUES: \$304,966

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
COMPENSATION: \$25,000 and over: Emily Kofoid, Pamela Schmidt; \$15,000 to \$24,999: Carolyn Ohlendorf; Under \$15,000: Christina Beetz, Jenifer Bresley, Holly Christman, Sandra Collings, Tara Hass, Angelica Ortiz, Brenda Schroeder, Jean Simkins, Alexis Sterling.

TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$141,959

VENDORS: Baker & Taylor, Inc. - \$5,523; Comcast - \$1,618; Com Ed - \$5,566; First State Bank (Visa) - \$19,623; Frontier - \$1,169; Internal Revenue Service - \$10,860; I.M.R.F. - \$23,682; Johnson Controls - \$5,733; Marco Inc - \$1,080; Meyers Furniture - \$12,615; Nicor Gas - \$1,433; PrairieCat - \$8,777; The Gale Group/Cengage Learning - \$4,632; United Fire Group - \$6,688; Wipfli LLP - \$4,700; W.T. Cox - \$2,782; All other vendors under \$1,000 - \$26,208.

TOTAL VENDORS: \$142,689

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$282,034

| | General | Special Revenue | Fiduciary Fund Type | Trust | Total |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|
| Beginning fund balance | \$851,774 | \$74,942 | \$96,749 | \$1,257 | \$1,023,465 |
| Revenues | \$212,268 | \$91,441 | \$- | \$- | \$304,966 |
| Expenditures | \$236,533 | \$45,501 | \$- | \$- | \$282,034 |
| Other financing sources | \$38,610 | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$38,610 |
| Other financing uses | \$- | \$37,353 | \$1,257 | \$- | \$38,610 |
| Ending fund balance | \$866,119 | \$83,529 | \$96,749 | \$- | \$1,046,397 |

The Library's investment in fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation, was \$389,052 as of June 30, 2020.

I, Adriana Calamaco, Treasurer of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Subscribed and sworn to this 14th day of January, 2021.

Adriana Calamaco
Treasurer
No. 0203
(2/3/ 2021)

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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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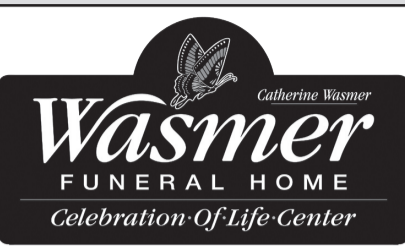
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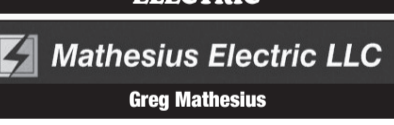
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