

LaSalle County moves back to 'orange warning level'

Concerning rise in COVID-19 cases seen in area

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Health Department is alerting residents that as of Friday, Oct. 23, the County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics has been moved back to orange. As a reminder, orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. A warning level means that a county had increases in two or more COVID-19 risk indicators.

LaSalle County has seen a concerning rise in the number of cases. In addition, per the county-level risk metrics provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the seven-day test positivity rate has risen above 8 percent. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the community spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the

orange warning level.

As of Oct. 23, LaSalle County has reported a total of 2,314 cases.

- March - Number of cases-6; Percent of total cases-0.26
- April - Number of cases-50; Percent of total cases-2.16
- May - Number of cases-98; Percent of total cases-4.24
- June - Number of cases-67; Percent of total cases-2.90
- July - Number of cases-261; Percent of total cases-11.28
- August - Number of cases-778; Percent of total cases-33.62
- September - Number of cases-504; Percent of total cases-21.78
- October - Number of cases-550; Percent of total cases-23.77 (as of Oct. 23)

The department's contact tracing efforts continue to show small clusters of cases among families and household contacts. Social and family gatherings, household sharing, workplace exposures, long-term care outbreaks and community spread have all contributed to the increase in cases. Getting together in groups, both small and large, without taking appropriate precautions such as social distancing and wearing face coverings is leading to increased transmission and will continue to lead us in the wrong direction. All residents are encouraged to wear a face covering, maintain 6 feet of social distance, wash hands frequently, avoid gatherings with people not in your household and stay home when ill.



In addition, this year it is more important than ever to get a flu shot. Getting a flu vaccine can help you avoid co-infection with COVID-19 and flu. It takes the body several weeks after receiving the vaccine to build up antibodies that will help protect you from flu, so get it now to help protect you and others. Roll your #SleeveUp and get your flu shot.

The LaSalle County Health Department also recommends that anyone who has attended a large event or a social gathering where social distancing was not being practiced should monitor themselves for symptoms. They advise anyone who has had exposure to these types of situations to consider being tested for COVID-19, five to seven days after the event or immediately if they begin to develop symptoms.

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Trick or Treat opportunities are many for Mendota children

MENDOTA – Children in costume are invited to "Trick-or-Treat" at Mendota Businesses and Shops on Friday, Oct. 30 at participating businesses located throughout the town. Shop owners will be passing out treats from 3-5 p.m. that day.

Parents are reminded to have their children look for the orange Halloween poster on the door of those businesses that will be participating. The signs say "Trick-or-Treat Here" and have the date and time on them.

This promotion is sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. Businesses wishing an orange "Trick or Treat" poster for their doors are welcome to pick one up at the Mendota Chamber office.

- Some other Halloween events in Mendota include:
- Heritage Health Therapy & Senior Care, 1201 1st Ave. Friday, Oct. 30 from 3-5 p.m. in front of building
 - Mendota Elks Lodge #1212 – Trunk or Treat in



parking lot

Friday, Oct. 30 from 3-5 p.m.

• First Presbyterian Church – Trunk or Treat in parking lot

Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m.

The Mendota City Council has set the city wide trick-or-treat for Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. Residents who would like to participate should turn on their front porch light.

Cleanup of old Mendota Manufactured Gas Plant on Black Bros. property ready to enter next phase

MENDOTA – The Mendota Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Environmental Cleanup Project is preparing to move into its next phase of work. The site of the project, where a gas plant once stood, is at the corner of Fifth Street and Ninth Avenue, on the Black Bros. Co. property.

On or about the week of Oct. 26, the next phase of work will begin. The first step is to prepare the new area for excavation by driving the final phase of earth retention metal sheeting into the ground. This activity is expected to take one to two weeks to complete. There will be increased noise at certain times associated with this activity.

After this earth retention work is completed, a crane will be brought onsite to move the temporary fabric enclosure, in

"We are pleased to report the project is progressing as planned. We are nearing completion of the first phase of excavation inside the temporary fabric enclosure."

–Bernie Anderson, Nicor Gas



three sections, to its next and last position. The enclosure is not required, but helps to minimize dust and potential odors associated with soil excavation work. After relocation, the next phase of work under the enclosure will begin and is expected to be completed in spring 2021. Then the enclosure will be removed and the project will move to the excavation of soil on city property in a section of Ninth Avenue and the creek next to the former MGP.

"The goal of the Mendota MGP Environmental Cleanup Project is to bring the property up to current environmental standards," said Bernie Anderson, regional manager, community affairs, with Nicor Gas. "We are pleased to report the project is progressing as planned. We are nearing completion of the first phase of excavation inside the temporary fabric enclosure. Your cooperation and patience as we work to complete the cleanup is greatly appreciated."

The work is being conducted with oversight by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency through its Site Remediation Program.

For more information about the project, go to www.mendotashop.com or the information repository set up at Graves-Hume Public Library. Information can also be obtained by contacting the project team by email at info@mendotashop.com or by calling Anderson at (309) 261-4155.

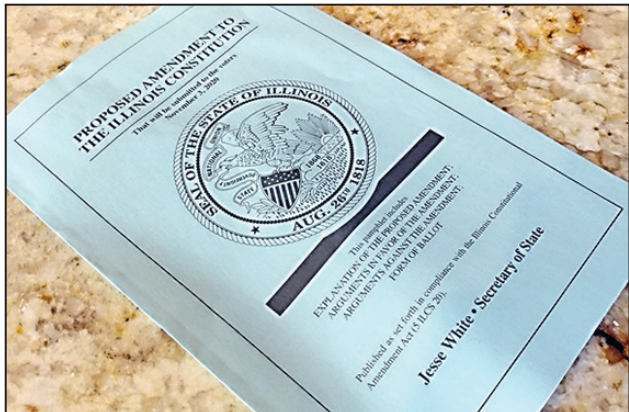
What to know about the graduated tax amendment proposal in Illinois

By JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – One of the major questions Illinois voters will answer on Nov. 3 will be on the ballot statewide – whether to amend the state's constitution to allow for a graduated rate income tax.

Strictly speaking, the amendment removes a provision from the Illinois Constitution that requires any income tax to be levied at a flat rate on any level of income – the current rate is 4.95 percent. Passage of the amendment would allow lawmakers to apply different tax rates on varying levels of income. Of the 42 states that have an income tax, 32 and Washington, D.C., have a graduated rate structure,



while Illinois is one of nine that impose a flat tax.

While the amendment itself does not set any tax rates, legislation already passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor would take effect in January if the amendment passes. The rates created by that legislation would apply

to six tax brackets, ranging from 4.75 percent on income up to \$10,000 to 7.99 percent on all income for individual filers making more than \$750,000.

Here is a look at the amendment, the accompanying rate legislation, some of the arguments being made

"The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5."

–Language of Amendment if question passes

and who is funding the advertising campaigns for and against it.

The amendment

Specifically, Article 9, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution would be amended if the ballot question passes. The new language would read:

"The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income

imposed by the State. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5."

That would replace the current language, which states:

"A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax im-

posed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the rate shall not exceed the rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5."

On the ballot, voters will see the question worded as follows:

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LaSalle Co. polling places, voter information

MENDOTA - Area polling places for the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election include:

MENDOTA 1 - City Council Chambers, 607 8th Ave., Mendota

MENDOTA 2 - St. John's Lutheran Church, 607 10th Ave., Mendota

MENDOTA 3 - St. John's Lutheran Church, 607 10th Ave., Mendota

MENDOTA 4 - City Council Chambers, 607 8th Ave., Mendota

MENDOTA 5, MENDOTA 6 and MENDOTA 7 - Mendota Civic Center, 1901 Tom Merwin Dr., Mendota

MERIDEN - Meriden Town Hall, 927 E. US 34, Earlville

TROY GROVE 1 - Troy Grove Twp. Bldg., 300 S. Vermillion St., Troy Grove

TROY GROVE 2 - Schimmer Chevrolet Buick Inc., Route 251 South, Mendota

EARL 1 - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 415 S. East St., Earlville

EARL 2 - Earl Town Hall, 1506 E. US 34, Earlville

Polis will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Early voting schedule

Early voting for the Nov. 3 General Election will be conducted at the LaSalle County Governmental Complex in Ottawa at the times listed below. Any voter validly registered in LaSalle County may vote at the early voting location during the early voting period. Please note, any vote cast is final and may not be revoked, and the voter is not eligible to cast a vote on election day.

• Oct. 26-30 at the LaSalle County Governmental Complex from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

• Nov. 1 at the LaSalle County Governmental Complex from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Nov. 3 at the LaSalle County Governmental Complex and all 119 precincts from 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

Vote by Mail drop box

LaSalle County registered voters using mail-in ballots have the option to use the Vote by Mail ballot drop box located at the LaSalle County Complex, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa (east side of the governmental complex).



NCAT providing voters with free rides to polling places

OTTAWA - North Central Area Transit (NCAT) is providing free transportation to vote in the 2020 General Election on Nov. 3.

All rides must be scheduled two days in advance by calling (833) 433-6228. Please be sure to know your voting location address when calling

to schedule a ride. Visit www.ridencat.com for trip or scheduling details. Face coverings are required to ride.

OSF Saint Paul Medical Center to host Blood & Plasma Drive Nov. 6

MENDOTA - Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota from noon until 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 in Conference Room C.



1025. For additional information, potential donors or physicians may send inquiries to patientservices@mvrbc.org.

CCP donors must be fully recovered from their COVID-19 infection and meet all standard eligibility criteria for blood donation.

Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply and schedule an appointment to give blood by calling the Community Health Services Department at (815) 539-1411 (appointments required). Please bring a photo ID for use in donor registration.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is also accepting referrals from individuals who have recovered from a COVID-19 infection and would now like to be scheduled for plasma donation to help newly diagnosed patients fight the disease. Potential donors who can provide documentation of a laboratory-confirmed positive test for COVID-19 and meet other health and safety criteria, will be scheduled for a COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP) donation. Individual donors and care providers may refer themselves or their patients via the referral form available at www.bloodcenter.org or call (833) 610-

Plasma will only be collected from donors with laboratory-confirmed tests showing they had a COVID-19 infection and must be at least 28 days from the last date they experienced symptoms. These donors will have antibodies to help fight COVID-19 and will be scheduled for a plasma donation at a nearby Donor Center or mobile blood drive.

MVRBC is based in Davenport, Iowa, with regional operations in Urbana (Community Blood Services of Illinois) and Springfield (Central Illinois Community Blood Center). The Blood Center is the exclusive provider of blood and blood components to 95 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, including 11 of 13 OSF HealthCare facilities. (For information on MVRBC's service to OSF HealthCare, see <https://newsroom.osf-healthcare.org/blood-provider-expands-service-to-6-additional-osf-hospitals/>).



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LaSalle County State's Attorney

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LOCAL AND AREA



Welcome home: Tips for introducing a new baby to pets

Many expecting parents prepare for months in anticipation of a new baby. For pet parents, this preparation also often involves encouraging appropriate and positive behaviors in their animals during the time leading up to birth.

However, even with adequate preparations, there are still important precautions owners should consider after the arrival of their new addition to ensure the safety of both pets and child.

Dr. Lori Teller, an associate professor in the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, advises new parents to approach the introduction of pets and babies with caution, even if they trust their pet to be gentle. "The most important thing to remember is that a baby and a pet should NEVER be left alone together, even if you think your pet would never hurt anybody," she said. "This cannot be overstated."

The initial introduction can be eased by acclimating pets to the baby's odor prior to bringing the newborn home. "When the baby is born, have someone bring home some of the clothing or blankets used by the baby while in the hospital for the pets to smell before the baby is discharged," Teller said.

When the baby is brought home, Teller recommends that new parents bring backup to make sure both the baby and pet are consistently monitored. "Where possible, someone else should hold the baby while the parents pay attention to the pets," she said "Encourage them to be calm while you greet them. Once everyone is calm, you can introduce your pets to the baby. If necessary, have your pets on a leash. One person can be seated while holding the baby and someone else can control the pets."

If you have multiple pets, Teller recommends introducing them to the baby one at a time.

After the initial introduction, pet owners still need to be vigilant in monitoring animal interactions with their child. Teller says owners should also actively work to maintain a positive pet-baby relationship.

See PETS, Page A4

Sullivan's ACE Mendota store to hold grand opening weekend

MENDOTA — A new Sullivan's ACE store, located at 1116 Meriden St., Mendota, opened its doors in May. However, at the time of opening, due to Covid-19, the grand opening event was delayed. Events and specials have now been planned over the course of three days, with an outdoor parking lot woodcarving demonstration on Oct. 31 to help offset the typical one day event.

Sullivan's Ace Mendota is the third Ace store owned and operated by J.B. Sullivan, Inc. The first in operation is in Winnebago, with the second store opening in Savanna in October of 2019. Like the previous two, the Mendota store has been designed to reflect the needs of the Mendota community, including solutions to everyday home maintenance needs and an array of products.

The 12,600-square foot store is filled with thousands of products and supplies from brands including Craftsman, Milwaukee, Weber, Traeger, Benjamin Moore, Stihl, Scotts, and many more. Key product offerings include paint, lawn and garden, hardware, electrical, plumbing, automotive, home décor and also niche products for hunting (to include ammunition), camping and pet supplies. Additional services include glass cutting, screen repairs, key cutting, Duracell keyless entry replacements, and an assortment of equipment rental.

Ace Hardware is not only famous for having all the best brands, they also have a reputation as "the helpful place." The new store created seven new positions, five of which were filled with local



people from Mendota, and two from neighboring communities. When shoppers walk in, they are bound to know the "helpful" person waiting on them. The Sullivan family acknowledges that John Erhardt, store manager, and staff have done a fantastic job getting the store open and set while also accommodating customers' requests and needs.

The Sullivan family would like to acknowledge the contractors who participated in the construction that was needed to improve the building: Phalen Steel, Walter Bros Inc., Carriage House Electric, all of Mendota, and Despain Construction of Savanna.

During the three-day Grand Opening Event, Friday through Sunday, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, there will be a Daily Giveaway raffle item for those who enter to win, which include an EGO Power Plus Straight Shaft Battery String Trimmer (\$229 value), a Weber Spirit Grill (\$379 value) and a Milwaukee Hammer Drill and Impact Driver Kit (\$399 value).

Other specials include 25 percent off any one regular priced item under \$30 on Friday, a free Ace five-gallon bucket (plus 20 percent off everything that fits into the bucket) will be awarded to the first 200 customers on Saturday, and \$5 off any purchase of \$25 or more of regular priced merchandise on Sunday. In addition, watch for the upcoming Grand Opening ad as it will announce a host of hot buy items at extremely low prices.

Additionally, the store is excited to also host a Stihl wood-carving demonstration by Waton's Woods in the parking lot from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

A ribbon-cutting will be officiated by the Mendota Chamber of Commerce at noon on Friday, Oct. 30. Grand opening festivities will take place during store hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call the store at (815) 538-4694.

• SUBLETTE NEWS

Fire dept. makes TV appearance

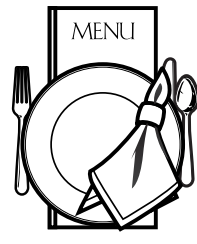
SUBLETTE — The Sublette Fire Department was recently featured on the "This Week in AgriBusiness" TV program. Nick Dinges, Assistant Fire Chief, was interviewed by Max Armstrong regarding volunteerism in rural fire departments. The interview was videoed at the Sublette Fire Station.

Trick or Treat

SUBLETTE — Trick or Treat hours for Sublette have been set for Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. Residents with treats will have their porch lights lit. The Sublette Fire Department will be patrolling the streets for the safety of trick or treaters.

'Dining Out without Filling Out' free virtual class offered Nov. 6

MENDOTA - Putnam County Community Center is offering a free virtual class on "Dining Out without Filling Out" presented by Illinois Extension Nutrition & Wellness Educator, Susan Glassman. The class will take place on Friday, Nov. 6.



These days, portions at restaurants are quite a bit larger than they were several years ago. One entrée can equal three or four servings. Studies show that people tend to eat more when they are served more food.

Is it possible to order-in or dine-out and still practice a healthy lifestyle? This program will discuss clues to finding healthy choices when looking at a menu, how to spot extra calories, and how to estimate portion sizes

with Extension's handy guide. Discover how to enjoy ordering-out or dining-out for a delicious, nutritious meal without any dishes to wash.

Dining Out without Filling Out will take place from 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Nov. 6. Register online at <https://go.illinois.edu/dineout> or call (815) 224-0889. After registration, you will receive the Zoom meeting link to save in your calendar. The day of the class click on the Zoom link and watch the virtual class from the comfort of your own home. The program is free, available to all and includes helpful tips and a handout.

For more information, please contact Susan Glassman at susang@illinois.edu or call (815) 224-0889.

CARL'S QUIZ

Where would you find the Sea of Tranquility?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Trick or Treating did not get started in the U.S. until the 1950s.

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

Mendota Weather

Oct. 28, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 53 Low: 35

Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 32

Friday
Mostly Sunny
High: 49 Low: 33

Saturday
Sunny
High: 55 Low: 40

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 38

Monday
Cloudy
High: 59 Low: 44

Tuesday
Sunny
High: 61 Low: 45

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 53°, humidity of 57%. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 75° set in 2014. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 35°. East wind 5 to 10 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 30°. The record low for Wednesday night is 19° set in 1976.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	53/36	pc	51/33	mc
Champaign	56/42	pc	55/36	sh
Chicago	54/40	pc	52/37	mc
Freeport	51/30	s	48/27	mc
Joliet	54/38	pc	52/35	sh
Moline	53/35	s	49/31	mc
Peoria	55/39	pc	51/35	sh
Rockford	51/33	s	49/30	mc
Springfield	56/41	pc	53/35	sh

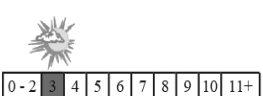
Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	48	39	61/38	0.00"	0.83"
Tuesday	54	39	60/38	0.04"	0.73"
Wednesday	57	45	60/37	0.40"	+0.10"
Thursday	81	48	59/37	0.24"	Average temp..... 48.1°
Friday	55	42	59/37	0.15"	Average normal..... 48.1°
Saturday	47	34	58/36	0.00"	Departure..... 0.0°
Sunday	46	38	58/36	0.00"	Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Full 10/31	7:24 a.m.	5:55 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	4:20 a.m.	New 11/15
Wednesday	7:25 a.m.	5:54 p.m.	5:26 p.m.	5:19 a.m.	
Thursday	7:26 a.m.	5:53 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	6:18 a.m.	
Friday	7:27 a.m.	5:51 p.m.	6:13 p.m.	7:18 a.m.	
Saturday	6:28 a.m.	4:50 p.m.	5:40 p.m.	7:18 a.m.	First 11/22
Monday	6:30 a.m.	4:49 p.m.	6:11 p.m.	8:19 a.m.	
Tuesday	6:31 a.m.	4:48 p.m.	6:47 p.m.	9:20 a.m.	

Local UV Index



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

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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 70 in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 88 in Ocala, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 83 in Sorrento, La. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 72 in Eagle Point, Ore. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 85 in Palm Springs, Calif.

Weather Trivia

What is dew point?
ANSWER: A measure of atmospheric moisture.

Weather History

Oct. 28, 1987 - Thunderstorms over the San Joaquin Valley of California produced three-quarters of an inch of rain in 30 minutes at Placerville and caused numerous power outages due to lightning. Rain diminished in the northeastern United States but flooding continued.

Oct. 29, 1956 - A violent tornado, or a series of tornadoes, moved along a path more than 100 miles in length from south of North Platte, Neb. into Rock County, Neb. It was an unusually late occurrence of such a storm for that area.

Do You Know An AMERICAN HERO?

The Mendota Reporter is again putting together a section featuring Veterans and military personnel and would like you to send or bring us a military picture of yourself or favorite military hero along with a short biography of their service history, present or past.

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves or Merchant Marines.

Our **FREE** special section featuring your own local heroes will be published on **November 11th.**

Deadline for submitting Photos/Information is **Thursday, Nov. 5.**

If you submitted a photo last year, there is no need to resubmit. We have it on file! Just tell us to honor your hero again this year.

Name: _____

(Optional Information)

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

Present Address: _____

Location of Training: _____

Dates in Service: _____

Tours of Duty: _____

Any Other Interesting Information: (limit 50 words, please)

Phone Number for questions (will not be published): _____

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Sheila K. (Gordon) Duttlinger

MENDOTA-Sheila K. (Gordon) Duttlinger, 60, of Mendota passed away peacefully in the early morning of Oct. 22, 2020 at Journey Care Center, Barrington surrounded by her husband and daughters.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota with Rev. Ken Gibson officiating. Private burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the Merritt Funeral Home. Face masks and social distancing are appreciated. The family requested no photos be taken during the viewing hours at the funeral home and church.

Sheila was born March 18, 1960 in Mendota to Leslie and Doris (Catterton) Gordon. She married Gary Duttlinger in 2005.

Survivors include her husband of Mendota; four daughters, Christina McClure of Menifee, Calif., and Nicole Edgcomb, Charnelle (Andrew) Fara and Bethany (Aaron) Lijewski, all of Ladd; three stepchildren, Jessica (Todd) Foreman, Andrew (Amy) Duttlinger and Josh (Tara) Duttlinger; three brothers, Charles, Jimmy and Steven Gordon; two sisters, Colleen Borman and Carol Politsch; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, two brothers and one daughter, Rachel Abrams.

Sheila graduated from Mendota High School in 1978. She received her Associate's degree in human services from Illinois Valley Community College. She was a valued member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was a dedicated Sunday school teacher for many years. She was employed as a machine operator at Sundstrand for 23 years and also worked at the Mendota Laundry Center. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the favorite charity of the donor's choice.



Tiffany E. Blake

SUBLETTE - Tiffany E. Blake, 49, of Sublette died unexpectedly on Oct. 18, 2020 at her home.

A private family funeral was held on Oct. 28. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled in the spring and all are invited. Arrangements were handled by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Tiffany was born Dec. 11, 1970 in Dixon to Ronald and Marlene (Conway) Egler.

Tiffany was blessed to have three children who survive, Alexis (Cassy Fey) Ferguson of Ky., Morgan (Caylan Phillips) Ferguson of Amboy, and Lucas Blake of Henderson, Nev.; bonus son, Tristen (Jessica) Blake of Maryland and bonus daughter, Chelsea Heerd of Dixon; two beautiful grandchildren, Jaxen and Jacey Phillips, who lit up her life with so much happiness; two bonus grandchildren, Rylenn Durham and Andi Blake; and Don Erbes, her soulmate who shared her life and her family. She is also survived by her parents; three brothers, Chad (Heather) Egler of Mendota, Ryan (Araceli) of Saratoga Springs, Utah and Miguel (Maca) Celestino of Madrid, Spain; many nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles, whom she loved dearly; her children's fathers, Scott Ferguson and Jeff Blake; and special friends, Nick Wittenauer and Tim Ikens.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Joe and Dorothy Conway, and paternal grandparents, Donald Egler and Ellen and Gifford Fordham.

Tiffany had an infectious smile that would light up a room and a heart of gold. She enjoyed spending as much time as she could with family and friends and loved being a grandma, playing games on her iPad and creating beautiful diamond art. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.



Sister M. Dominic Joerger, OP

SPRINGFIELD - Dominican Sister M. Dominic Joerger, OP, 96, died Oct. 9, 2020 at Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield.

Private Mass of Resurrection was held at Sacred Heart Convent on Oct. 12. A private burial was held at Calvary Cemetery on Oct. 13. A Memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Convent at a later date.

Sister M. Dominic was born Sept. 22, 1924 in Mendota to Lawrence and Julia (Jones) Joerger and baptized Mary Ann at Holy Cross Parish, Mendota. She joined the Dominicans in 1943 and professed her vows in 1945 at Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield.

Survivors include two brothers, Raymond (Kathy) and Blaine (Gloria) Joerger, and one sister, Sister M. Concepta Joerger, who resides at Sacred Heart Convent. Among the dozens of nieces and nephews who survive are three siblings who are also religious: Sisters M. Paulette and Marian Joseph Joerger are Springfield Dominican Sisters. Their sister, Sister Ann Marie Joerger, is a contemplative Cistercian nun.

Sister M. Dominic was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Fr. Leo, Robert, Paul and Frank Joerger; and one sister, Dorothy Fane.

Sister M. Dominic was the consummate primary school teacher, preferring to prepare little ones to read and learn their faith. For 43 years she taught mostly first and second grades in Springfield, Chicago, Mendota, Sauk Village, and Jacksonville, and in Duluth, Minn. The exception was teaching - to her delight - her relatives in the middle grades in Mendota. She was principal of Christ the King School, Springfield, 1964-1968.

In 1993, after completing her educational ministry at St. Patrick School in Springfield, her "retirement" project was to establish St. Martin De Porres Center, a food and clothing distribution center, in a vacant fast food restaurant near the parish. She continued her volunteer service at St. Martin's as long as she was able.

In lieu of flowers or visits, donations may be made to the Dominican Sisters Retirement Fund, 1237 W. Monroe St., Springfield, IL, 62704.

The family is being served by Butler Funeral Home-Springfield, 900 S. Sixth St., Springfield.

Louise M. Stremlau

NORMAL - Louise M. Stremlau, 101, of Normal, formerly of Mendota, passed away Oct. 25, 2020 at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Due to COVID-19, Mass of Christian Burial will be private. Pallbearers will be J.T. Byrd, Frank Kobilsek, Kevin Stremlau, Luke Stremlau, Steve Stremlau, and Andy Wujek. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Louise was born Jan. 16, 1919 in Ottawa to Joseph and Ethel (Aubry) Goetsch. She married Joseph Stremlau on Nov. 29, 1945 at St. Columba Catholic Church, Ottawa. He preceded her in death on June 2, 2008.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Stremlau Byrd of Enon, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Lucy Stremlau Williams of Normal; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Louis (Barbara) Goetsch of Ottawa; and one sister, Shirley Argus of California.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Marty on Oct. 31, 2006; two brothers, Robert Goetsch and James Goetsch; and two sisters, Marjorie Fosse and Bernice Koker.

Louise graduated from Ottawa High School in 1937. She was an accomplished homemaker and farm wife and was very active in her community. She was a teaching assistant at Sts. Peter and Paul and Holy Cross Schools, volunteered at Mendota Community Hospital gift shop and Heritage Manor Nursing home, and did clerical work for Abigail Women's Clinic. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Dimmick-Troy Grove Home Extension, Mendota Hospital Auxiliary, St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society of Peterstown, Mendota Museum and Historical Society, and was an election judge for many years.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Pets

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"It's important to find a way to pay attention to your pet while your baby is awake and active. You want your pet to know that the baby is a part of the family and everyone can enjoy time together," she said. "You can toss a few treats or verbally praise your pet for good behavior around an active baby. Unwittingly, by only paying attention to your pet when your baby is sleeping, you are teaching your pet that the baby is a negative in the pet's life."

Pet owners should keep in mind that changes to their home environment can pose a danger to their animals. Some baby supplies, such as pacifiers, baby bottle nipples,

and small toys, can all be swallowed by pets and may require surgery to remove. Many medications, such as diaper rash ointment, can be toxic to pets and should be kept in a secure location.

Teller also recommends that owners are careful to keep their pet away from dirty diapers. "Pet supplies should also be kept away from a baby," Teller said. "These include medications, such as heartworm and flea and tick preventives. Pet toys and chew bones are also not appropriate for a baby to put in his or her mouth. When bathing your pet with a medicated shampoo, make sure your pet is dry before interacting with the baby."

Pets also may pose a hazard to a new baby because, by nature, it is sometimes difficult to predict the behaviors of animals. Even if a pet owner fully trusts their furry friend to be gentle, the unfamiliar presence of a baby could put the pet on edge. "An owner needs to be concerned if the pet growls, hisses, or otherwise tries to interact with the baby in a negative manner," she said. "Any kind of negative interaction should be stopped immediately. If your pet is acting aggressively, it should be isolated and you need to speak with your veterinarian."

Ensuring the safety of a new baby is the top priority

of any new parent, and proper precautions can help build a safe and positive relationship between the new baby and existing pets. "There is tremendous sweetness and beauty in watching a child and a pet develop a mutually caring and loving relationship," Teller said. "Make sure your pet is encouraged and rewarded for good behavior. As your baby grows, make sure they understand how to treat a pet kindly as well - no pulling on ears and tails or trying to take a pet's food or toys. Reward your child's good behavior as well."

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.

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The county-level metrics are intended to be used for local level awareness for each county's progress during Phase 4 and will help local leaders, businesses, local health departments, and the public make informed decisions and promote healthy behaviors. The risk factors include several indicators that are monitored by the Illinois Department of Public Health in order to measure the health burden of COVID-19 in each county and aid in determining the county's ability to respond to the virus.

The measures are updated on a weekly basis and are based on the timeframe of Sunday to Saturday of the week prior. The metrics are compared to a target value or expected trend. Each county is assessed to determine whether it is meeting or exceeding each indicator target. Using a color-coded system, counties will be able to determine whether they are meeting or not meeting set targets. Blue indicates that the county is experiencing overall stable COVID-19 metrics, while orange indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county.

The eight metrics used to measure COVID-19 rates at a county level are:

- New cases per 100,000 people. If there are more than 50 new cases per 100,000 people in the county, this triggers a warning.
- Number of deaths. This metric indicates a warning when the weekly number of deaths increases more than 20 percent for two consecutive weeks.
- Weekly test positivity. This metric indicates a warning when the seven-day test positivity rate rises above 8 percent.
- ICU availability. If there are fewer than 20 percent of intensive care units available in the region, this triggers a warning.
- Weekly emergency department visits. A warning is triggered when the weekly visits to Emergency Departments for COVID-19-like-illness increase by more than 20 percent for two consecutive weeks.
- Weekly hospital admissions. A warning is triggered when the weekly number of hospital admissions for COVID-19-like-illness increases by more than 20 percent for two consecutive weeks.
- Tests performed. This metric is used for context and increased awareness of testing resources, but is not a metric that is used to trigger a county warning. Test positivity at or under 8 percent indicates there is sufficient testing. If the test positivity exceeds 8 percent, then the number of tests is considered insufficient.
- Clusters. This metric looks at the percent of COVID-19 cases associated with clusters or outbreaks and is used to understand a large increase in cases. It is also an indicator of successful investigation of cases to a known source. This is not a metric that is used to trigger a county warning.

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed on the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone interested in receiving the Health Department's weekly coalition bulletin directly may sign up to have the bulletin sent to their e-mail. Please visit their website or social media pages to access to link to be added to the distribution list.

For questions or to schedule a flu shot, please contact the Health Department at (815) 433-3366. For additional information, visit the Health Department's website at www.lasalle-county.org.

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"The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution."

They'll be able to vote "yes" or "no," and the amendment has two paths to passage. If it receives 60 percent of the vote from those voting on the question, it passes. But if it fails to reach the 60 percent threshold for those voting on the question but still musters "yes" votes from more than half of those voting in the election, it would still pass.

The rate structure

The proposal to put the amendment question on the ballot was approved with support from only Democrats, as was Senate Bill 687, the accompanying legislation to set graduated rates beginning in January 2021, should the amendment pass. Again, the current rate is 4.95 percent on any taxable income.

The new rate structure would create six tax brackets, with rates applying to margins of taxable income instead of every penny of an earner's income, except for those in the top bracket. The rates would be:

- 4.75 percent on single or joint filers' first \$10,000 of taxable income
- 4.9 percent on single or joint filers' income from over \$10,000 to \$100,000
- 4.95 percent on single or joint filers' income from over \$100,000 to \$250,000
- 7.75 percent on a single filer's income from over \$250,000 to \$350,000 and joint filers' from over \$250,000 to \$500,000
- 7.85 percent on a single filer's income from over \$350,000 to \$750,000 and joint filers' from over \$350,000 to \$1 million
- Once a single filer exceeds \$750,000 or joint filers exceed \$1 million, the top rate of 7.99 percent will apply at a flat rate to every penny of income. For all other earners, the previous brackets apply.

Those rates effectively mean anyone earning

\$250,000 or less will pay the same or lower income tax rates under the graduated structure, while those earning above that amount would pay higher rates.

The measure also raises the corporate tax rate to 7.99 percent from 7 percent and does not change the Corporate Property Replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent, which already exists in current law.

It also raises the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and creates a \$100 per-child tax credit for joint filers earning less than \$60,000 annually and single filers earning less than \$40,000 annually. The tax credit would decrease by \$5 per child for every \$2,000 of income a filer has above those amounts.

In estimates released before the COVID-19 pandemic, the governor's office said the graduated tax is expected to bring in about \$1.2 billion for the current fiscal year as it would be in place for only part of it, and \$3.4 billion once it is in place for a full year.

Neither the amendment nor the accompanying legislation would change the level of authority lawmakers have to raise tax rates. A simple majority vote from both chambers in the General Assembly and a signature from the governor is all that is needed to raise rates currently, and that would remain the case with the passage of the amendment.

The fiscal picture

For proponents of the measure, the amendment and the rates approved are all about raising more revenue without increasing rates on middle-income earners or making drastic budget cuts to state services, education and public safety.

Pritzker frequently notes he inherited a state government "hollowed out" by budget cuts from previous administrations and a two-year state budget impasse during which the state spent roughly \$5 billion more than it took in each year, driving a backlog of unpaid bills up to \$16 billion.

Pritzker has estimated the budget shortfall for the current fiscal year at \$6.2 billion, as the COVID-19 pandemic has blown a hole in state finances. Without the graduated tax, which would be in effect for only half of the fiscal year, the shortfall could reach \$7.4 billion, he said in April.

To fill that gap, the governor has left open the option of borrowing billions from the federal government and has lobbied for greater aid to states in another federal stimulus package.

But even before the pandemic, Pritzker pegged Illinois' structural, year-af-

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ter-year budget deficit at \$3.2 billion, and he has framed the graduated tax debate as a choice between 15 percent across-the-board cuts to state government, a 20 percent flat tax hike or passage of the graduated rates.

On Sept. 24, Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said lawmakers "will be forced to consider raising income taxes on all Illinois residents by at least 20 percent, regardless of their level of income" if the graduated income tax fails. That would push the current tax rate to about 6 percent, and would require a simple majority vote in a Legislature dominated by Democrats with or without the passage of the amendment.

But opponents argue that without spending reforms, particularly to unfunded state pension obligations, which exceed \$137 billion, voters should not consider sending the state more revenue. They also note both graduated tax measures are devoid of any meaningful immediate property tax reforms. Property taxes are levied and collected locally, not by the state, and they fund such things as schools, local governments, fire departments and libraries.

Those in favor of the amendment argue the added revenue could make it easier to fully fund the evidence-based funding formula for K-12 schools, which — years down the line, they say — could alleviate property tax pressures by shifting funding responsibility from local taxes to the state.

But opponents are skeptical of what the added revenues would be used for, as the amendment and accompanying legislation contain no guarantees and the state's pension burden continues to increase.

Opponents also point out that Illinois' combined total tax burden — including state and local sales taxes, income taxes, property taxes and others — is the highest in the country, according to the personal finance website Wallethub. The graduated tax would only add to that, they say, claiming that it might drive high-earning residents from the state. Pritzker has said it is middle-income earners who have thus far been more likely to leave the state because, he says, the tax burden is "unfairly" distributed.

Proponents of the amendment, including Pritzker, cite a breakdown that shows the bottom 20 percent of Illinois earners pay 14.4 percent of their total income to state and local taxes, while the top 1 percent of earners pay 7.4 percent of their income in taxes. That's according to a report by the left-leaning Washington D.C.-based Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

Other arguments

Opposition, led in large part by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, has centered on what the tax would do to businesses and what lawmakers might do in the future if voters give them the opportunity to levy taxes on portions of the electorate at any one time, rather than on every taxpayer at once.

They also point out the added revenues would not cover state budget deficits amid the pandemic and would require further tax hikes in the future, which could mean adjusting the brackets to raise rates on middle-income earners.

The idea, according to much of the advertising against the amendment, is that giving Springfield politicians the authority to raise taxes on just a small group of taxpayers at any one time makes it easier politically to raise taxes, even though the simple majority vote threshold remains unchanged.

Opposition groups also point to June comments from Treasurer Michael Frerichs, a Democrat who has no role in setting tax rates, who said it was "worth a discussion" to consider taxing retirement income on certain brackets.

While the graduated tax would make it possible to implement taxes on high-earning retirees without taxing all retirees, Pritzker has said he and Democrats in the General Assembly oppose taxing any retirement income, and the idea remains widely unpopular in Illinois — one of 12 states that do not tax retirement income. Of those 12, nine do not levy income taxes at all.

The senior advocacy group AARP held a news conference earlier this month noting added revenue from the graduated tax could make lawmakers less likely to tax retirement income in order to fill budget gaps.

But opponents continue to point to Frerichs' comments, although the treasurer has since said he does not support a retirement tax.

While those against the measure say the increase to the corporate tax rate will hit job creators hard at a time when the pandemic is already making it difficult to remain afloat, proponents note that businesses structured as pass-through entities — such as S corporations, sole proprietors and others who claim business income on personal taxes — will see taxes decrease if they earn less than \$250,000 annually in taxable income.

Opponents also take issue with the amendment's removal of language, which states "there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations," claiming the removal of the language allows for tax bills such as "education surcharges" or other such fees on top of the regular income tax.

Those in favor of the bill, however, say the prohibition on levying multiple income taxes was simply a companion to the requirement for a single flat tax rate. The framers' inclusion of the language, proponents say, was aimed at stopping lawmakers from creating a multi-tiered tax structure through a series of limited flat taxes on different levels of income. Allowing for a graduated tax renders the language moot, they argue.

The funding

The omnipresent TV and social media advertising regarding the amendment has largely been funded thus far by two billionaires whose combined donations top \$100 million.

The first is Gov. JB Pritzker, who has donated \$56.5 million of his personal fortune to the Vote Yes for Fairness ballot initiative committee.

The other is Kenneth Griffin — Illinois' wealthiest person, founder of the hedge fund Citadel and former major donor to former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner — who has donated \$46.75 million to the Coalition to Stop the Proposed Tax Hike Amendment, a business-tied group led by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

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The big tax debate

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – When it comes to the proposed income tax amendment to the Illinois Constitution, neither side is being particularly honest.

Sadly, that's come to be expected in any political campaign, but it doesn't make it any easier for voters to make an informed decision as they cast their votes before polls close Nov. 3.

What the proposal would do is move Illinois from its current flat income tax rate of 4.95 percent to a graduated income tax that takes a higher percentage of folks' income as they earn more money.

Gov. JB Pritzker and other advocates of the change say it will lower taxes for 97 percent of Illinoisans and raise it for just 3 percent.

Maybe. But probably not the case for the long haul. Here's why. The rates aren't included in the constitutional amendment. The amendment empowers the Illinois Legislature to set the rates at whatever it sees fit.

It is true that the Legislature has passed a measure setting rates that would very slightly reduce taxes for most people and jack it up for top earners. But – and this is a big but folks – Illinois lawmakers could change rates at any time for anyone. So, the rates they are proposing almost certainly won't be permanent.

In fact, since top earners derive much of their income, not from paychecks but from investments, fluctuations in the stock market would make it hard to depend on revenue under the proposal year-to-year.

That's why it's likely the higher rates will spread downward to those earning much less.

When the state constitution was drafted in 1970, a flat tax rate was created as a deterrent to lawmakers routinely raising rates. The idea was that if all voters would see more withheld from their paychecks, lawmakers would think twice before increasing taxes.

On the other hand, opponents of the change haven't exactly been paragons of virtue either.

For example, one of the most oft repeated lines is that creating a progressive income tax will lead to taxing retirement incomes.

Lawmakers could tax retirement income now, but choose not to. They could choose to tax retirements if the constitutional amendment is passed, but it's a stretch to think one causes the other.

One often shared meme on social media is, "Every state with a progressive income tax, taxes retirement income."

Well, only three states – Illinois, Pennsylvania and Mississippi – don't tax proceeds from retirement accounts or pensions. But Mississippi has a progressive income tax, so that statement isn't accurate.

Also, Alabama and Hawaii don't tax pensions but both have progressive income taxes.

So, the argument is spurious at best.

That said, there are sound reasons not to alter our state's constitution and give greater taxing powers to legislators.

I routinely receive letters and emails from readers saying they are leaving the state because of the high taxes levied here. It's not just the income tax, it's the aggregate load of property, income, sales and business taxes that are fueling this exodus.

Passing this amendment will spur more wealthy individuals and businesses to leave for better managed, tax-friendly states.

And when businesses leave, workers will follow.

Somehow, we need to stem the flow of people and jobs from this great state.

The governor and Democratic legislative leaders need to embrace reform before they even think of asking voters for more taxing power.

Here are some good places to start:

- Reduce the number of governmental entities in Illinois. Illinois has about 7,000, much more than any other state and this is an expensive, inefficient way of delivering services. Whether it is mosquito control boards, townships, libraries, school districts or a host of other entities, we need to consolidate.

- Bring pension reform to Illinois. The Land of Lincoln has the worst funded pension system in the nation and desperately needs to reduce its liabilities. For too long, lawmakers have talked but failed to act on ways of reducing costs that contribute to an unfunded liability that exceeds \$130 billion.

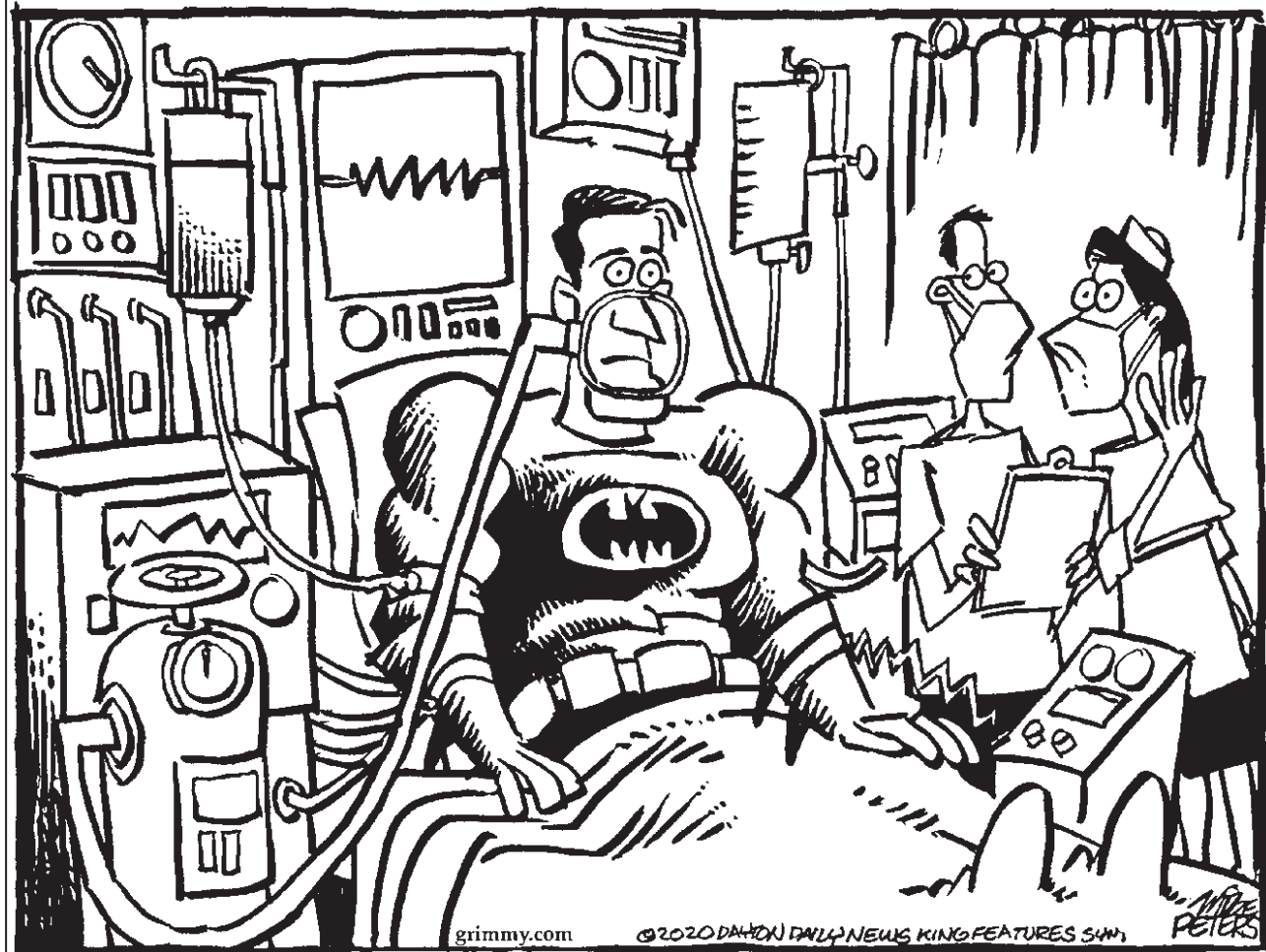
- Embrace ethics reform. Four of the last 10 men elected Illinois governor have ended up in prison. Commonwealth Edison is cooperating with federal prosecutors in an apparent corruption investigation of House Speaker Michael Madigan. And a host of legislators and other state officials have gone to prison over the years on corruption charges. It's time for lawmakers to implement reforms and end this culture of insider deals and pay-to-play politics.

These are reforms well within the power of the General Assembly to address. And, yet, they haven't. Only after they have done so, should we even consider amending our constitution.

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An unforgettable Homecoming game – 1983

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Oct. 29, 2003.)

By Jessica Nashold

Homecoming games are memorable for different reasons. During Homecoming 1983, the game was memorable for being played "in mist and mud."

It was also memorable for the circumstances of its 13-6 victory over Rochelle in double-overtime. Jeff Barrett returned the opening kickoff by Rochelle for 86 yards and a touchdown. The point-after was missed, and the score remained 6-0 for the home team through three quarters and until only two minutes remained in the game. At this point, Rochelle tied the game, having also missed the point-after following a touchdown.

The game went into overtime, although the few fans remaining were described as "soaked and muddied." The team, too, battled the weather as much as their opponent. In the second overtime, Keith Countryman pushed across the goal line to give the Trojans a 13-6 advantage. This time, the point-after was scored. Then just as Rochelle was about to catch up, Barrett intercepted the pass, which might have kept the game going if it had been caught.

It seemed appropriate that Barrett had already been elected Homecoming King by the student body. Kathy Gorecki was 1983 Homecoming Queen.

The annual meeting of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce in 1983 was held on Oct. 26 in Peterstown Hall. Jim Wade, retiring president, received a certificate of appreciation for guiding the Chamber through a successful year. Tom Merwin was recipient of the award for Outstanding Community Service.

Halloween was celebrated big time in Mendota in 1983. The Chamber sponsored a Moonlight Madness Sale during which it sponsored a Scavenger Hunt. Shoppers competed in identifying items assigned to different stores. Their lists were counted at the Chamber office.

The press covers for Biden

By Rich Lowry

Joe Biden is the most cosseted presidential candidate in memory.

He's run a minimalist campaign that's avoided the press as much as possible, while the press hasn't been braying for more access and answers, but eager to avoid anything that could be discomfiting to the campaign.

Never before has the media been so openly fearful of asking or reporting something that might hurt a presidential candidate. Even the lowest common denominator of news -- simply being interesting -- has been tossed aside. Boring and uneventful is the new newsworthy.

The tendency reached a new level in the media's handling of New York Post reports on emails obtained from a laptop that Hunter Biden reportedly left off at a Delaware computer repair shop.

Here was a story with enough mysteries and plotlines to keep a couple of newsrooms busy. Are the emails, putting Hunter Biden's sleazy overseas business dealings in a more sinister light, legitimate? Did Hunter really take the laptop to the shop and forget about it? And, more importantly, what do the emails say about what Joe Biden knows or should have known about Hunter's work that depended so heavily on proximity to the vice president?

Instead, the press has been uninterested at best and hostile at worst. It's the opposite of a feeding frenzy. The media has deployed its bomb disposal unit for fear that a potentially explosive story might detonate.

What Biden has to say about the emails is inherently of interest. Yet, he wasn't asked about it at his recent ABC News town hall. Never mind that his response would have made headlines afterward and the clip would have been shown in every TV segment about the debate.

Subsequently, CBS reporter Bo Erickson betrayed his

Backtracks & Sidetracks

and Mary Wear won the first prize of 43 Mendota Dollars.

A Chamber Pumpkin Decorating Contest brought entries to the First State Bank parking lot on Halloween night, for judging and prizes. They were displayed until 8 o'clock. The Kiwanis Halloween party for children kindergarten through sixth grade was held in the Mendota Community Center (former Kanteen). It featured a movie, games, prizes for costumes and treats.

The Jaycees transformed the Firemen's Building into a haunted house on Oct. 29-30 from 6:30-9:30. Also at 6 p.m. on Sunday, a costume parade formed at Veterans Park at 6 p.m. and marched to the bank parking lot for judging and prizes. Residents prepared for trick-or-treaters were asked to have their porch lights on from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 30.

The Optimist Club reported an ice skating rink had been blacktopped at Blackstone Park the last week in October 1983. Mike Phalen, president, Ken Purvis, Mike Brauhn, Ray Rebholz, Joe Hochstatter and Dave McDonald were active in promoting the rink.

The Mendota Nautilus Fitness Center opened in November 1983. It was operated by Bruce and Jim Christmann.

Mendota and Amboy received a Head Start grant of \$34,128 in 1983. In Mendota, it provided a class for 16 preschoolers at the Baptist Church. It was taught by Susan Wujek.

David M. Kaleel opened a legal practice in Mendota in November 1983. He shared an office with attorney Edward Baler at 605 Sixth St.

Franklin Ogden Jr. became an intern in school psychology in Mendota in 1983. Working under the supervision of Robert Criss, he served Mendota High School and grade schools in Mendota, Ophir and Earlville. He had received his Master of Science in school psychology from Western Illinois University in Macomb.

Grade school enrollment was down in Mendota in 1983. Total enrollment in September was 1,124. Kelly Miles volunteered to teach classes for gifted children at Blackstone and Northbrook schools. She would take on this additional work only at times not required by her other classes.

Reporter readers were reminded that State Rep. Myron Olson of the 7th District would be available to constituents on the fourth Thursday of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the municipal building. When the legislature was in session, members of Olson's staff would take over.

To date, not many have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Mrs. Elliot Faulk donated models of body parts used by her late husband in his medical practice to Mendota grade schools. A board member commented that the school could not have afforded to purchase them, but they were much appreciated by eighth grade students and the relevant instructor.

Brian Doughty and Brian Sondgeroth, members of the Mendota chapter of Future Farmers of America, addressed Mendota Kiwanis at its Oct. 24, 1983 meeting at LeBistro. They noted that while qualifying for trophies at local, district, state and national levels, they learned much about the organization of a farming community. As FFA representatives, they presented Kiwanis with a certificate of appreciation for its continuing support of agricultural programs in the school.

profession by asking Biden his response to the Post story on a tarmac. He got slammed by Biden, "I have no response, it's another smear campaign, right up your alley, those are the questions you always ask."

No one rallied to Erickson's defense. Instead, respectable figures on the center-left shamed Erickson for having asked a politician an unwelcome question -- which, the day before yesterday, would have been considered Journalism 101.

Much of the press has pronounced the Post story debunked without doing any work to debunk it and believes as a matter of faith that it is Russian disinformation. Rather, the focus has been reporting on how the Post reported the story, as the press works to discredit media outlets that don't toe the correct political line -- you know, just like Woodward and Bernstein did during Watergate.

This tendency toward "anti-reporting" has long characterized Biden coverage. The New York Times took 19 days to cover Tara Reade's sexual assault allegation against him, not wanting to burden its readers with information about a newsworthy charge too quickly.

Any Biden misstep is quickly explained away. The press doesn't seem to mind that the campaign is prone to declare "lids" -- or the end of the candidate's public day -- early and often.

Usually, the media loves candidates who make good copy, who provide drama and color. In its hatred and fear of President Donald Trump, though, it has thrown in its lot with the dull and meandering Joe Biden, bringing to the effort all the complacency and pointed incuriosity it can muster.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Will there be another season of "You" on Netflix? Are they going to turn him into a "Dexter" where he just continues his crimes season after season? -- *V.E.*



Badgley

A: "You," starring Penn Badgley as a stalker named Joe, premiered on the Lifetime network, but wasn't a big ratings hit. It took off when season one re-aired on Netflix, and Netflix acquired the rights and developed season two, where a new woman named Love (Victoria Pedretti) became Joe's obsession.

I do see the similarity between "Dexter," a Showtime series about a serial killer who outsmarted the law season after season, and Joe. Like Dexter, Joe has settled down with his girlfriend who is expecting a child, but domestic bliss isn't likely to change his murderous ways.

Fans will be thrilled to learn that a third season of "You" is in the works. Joining the cast this season will be Shalita Grant, a catty mom who befriends Love, and Travis Van Winkle, an affluent

neighbor who, according to E!Online, "invites Joe into his inner circle."

Q: Whatever happened to Becca and the man she chose on "The Bachelorette"? I never heard if they got married. Are they still engaged? -- *P.C.*

A: Becca Kufirin, who was selected to be "The Bachelorette" after auto racer Arie Luyendyk Jr. broke her heart by rescinding his proposal on "The Bachelor," is single again. She's only 30, but after her relationship with her chosen one, Garrett Yrigoyen, fizzled this past summer, she announced that she's undergoing fertility treatments and freezing her eggs in hopes of having a child someday.

Many speculated that she dumped him because of his political opinions on social media, but Kufirin stressed on her podcast, "Bachelor Happy Hour," that there were several factors. "Garrett and I came to this decision [to split] after many conversations. It wasn't something we just arrived at one night. There's much more to it."

The newest season of "The Bachelorette," which was filmed under quarantine restrictions, is airing Monday nights on ABC. It's a most

unusual season for many reasons, so stay tuned.

Q: Is "The Flash" TV series ever coming back with new episodes on the CW or is it finished? -- *S.R.*

A: As of this writing, a return to production of "The Flash" is imminent, but when those episodes will air is the big question. The original plan was for the seventh season to premiere in January, but that's been pushed back.

Other CW series such as "Riverdale" and "Batwoman" are reportedly in the early stages of production. The shows film in Vancouver, Canada, and according to Deadline.com, there was a big backlog of pending COVID-19 tests contributing to the delay of start-up.

Season two of "Batwoman" will introduce a new actress in the lead role after the departure of Ruby Rose. Javicia Leslie will take over the part. If she looks familiar to you, she played Ali on the short-lived series "God Friended Me."

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

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Zac Efron's reboot of the late '80s



Zac Efron

TV series "Baywatch" (2017) grossed \$178 million, thanks to teaming him with Dwayne Johnson. But his first starring film, "Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile," tanked, earning only \$9.8 million. Next he'll need to be teamed with two male stars for the remake of "Three Men and a Cradle" (1987), which earned \$240 million thanks to Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. Then Efron will top line the remake of Stephen King's "Fire Starter" (1984), which -- despite Oscar winners George C. Scott, Art Carney and Louise Fletcher, plus Drew Barrymore, Martin Sheen, Heather Locklear and David Keith -- pulled in only \$19 million at the box office. The question is: Will Efron's fan base be strong enough to make these films successful?

Don't think Angelina Jolie has been distracted fighting

Brad Pitt for custody of their kids, because she's been busy making films. "The One and Only Ivan" was released by Disney in late August, with Bryan Cranston and the voices of Jolie, Sam Rockwell, Chaka Kahn, Helen Mirren and Danny DeVito. That will be followed by "Come Away," with Michael Caine and David Oyelowo, based on "Alice in Wonderland" and "Peter Pan." Next up is the neo-Western thriller "Those Who Wish Me Dead," with Nicholas Hoult and Tyler Perry, and Marvel's "The Eternals," with Salma Hayek, Richard Madden, Kit Harington and Kumail Nanjiani, which has been pushed back to Nov. 5, 2021, because of the pandemic.

"The times they are a changing!" Imagine if the Bible and the Torah were combined to create one entity to make their religions stronger. Once upon a time there were two powerful show business daily bibles in Hollywood: Variety and The Hollywood Reporter. Because most magazines were going out of business, The Hollywood Reporter became a weekly in 2010 and Variety became a weekly in

2013 so they could survive. Now, as newsstands disappear and both publications have become mostly online entities, they have joined forces with Billboard, Rolling Stone, Vibe, Deadline, IndieWire and WWD (Woman's Wear Daily) under one company, PMC, and will present new TV, film and live events. The combination of a suite of publications fighting for the same audience may help them survive the pandemic, which saw advertising evaporate because films, award shows and events were canceled.

Chris Hemsworth's Netflix film "Extraction" did so well that Netflix signed him to star in the future-themed film "Spiderhead" (written by "Deadpool" writers Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick), with "Friday Night Lights" and "Birds of Prey" star Jurnee Smollett and Miles Teller (due soon in "Top Gun: Maverick"). Then Hemsworth shoots the next "Thor" installment, "Thor: Love and Thunder," for a February 2022 release. Do you love him, or his hammer?

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

If you're looking for some frighteningly fun films this Halloween, you're in luck. Spooky and scary topics play well on the small screen, and there's plenty to choose from -- witches, pumpkins, ghosts and more. But what to watch? It depends on the audience.

For a mixed group, you need a crowd-pleaser: safe enough for the kids, but real entertainment for the adults. For family friendliness, you can't do better than the following -- all of which are suitable background viewing for a spooky Halloween gathering.

"Hocus Pocus" is a Halloween classic where a trio of witches (Bette Midler chief among them) is freed in Salem, and a couple of kids must take action to stop them from their wicked plans for immortality.

"Halloweentown" centers around a 13-year-old girl who finds out on her birthday that she comes from

a family of witches and is transported to a magical town by her grandmother, played by Debbie Reynolds.

"The Addams Family" and its sequel "Addams Family Values" have a young Christina Ricci as Wednesday Addams and Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston as Gomez and Morticia.

"Beetlejuice" isn't strictly Halloween, but it delights all age groups, with Michael Keaton as an undead offender who tries to get a recently deceased couple to bring him back to life permanently.

"Practical Magic" tells the story of two witchy sisters, each with a unique approach (and repercussions from) love as they fight to break a family curse. This one's aimed at a slightly older crowd.

There's plenty more: "The House with the Clock in Its Walls," "Nightmare Before Christmas," "Casper," "Goosebumps," "Sleepy Hollow," "Hotel Transyl-

vania" and "Disney's The Haunted Mansion."

Now, how about those terrifying treats for after the kids go to bed? Classic slasher franchises include "Halloween," "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Scream." For throwback thrills, check out "Child's Play," "The Amityville Horror," "Pet Sematary," "Children of the Corn," "Carrie" and "The Exorcist."

For more modern horror, look no further than director Jordan Peele's "Get Out," where a young man (Daniel Kaluuya) visits his girlfriend's family, and their behavior goes from suspicious to shockingly and terrifyingly unexpected. Another from Peele, "Us" centers around a woman (Lupita Nyong'o) who brings her family to visit her childhood home and ends up having to fight off a gang of doppelgangers.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* In the early 1800s, a railroad marketer set up a head-on collision between two trains as a publicity stunt. Some 40,000 people came to watch, and the resulting boiler explosion killed three spectators. But ticket sales soared, and railways everywhere staged train crashes right up until the Great Depression.

* The Zombie tit is a species of bird that has learned to track down tiny bats, split open their skulls, and feed on their brains.

* On average, a 4-year-old will ask 400 questions in one day.

* One of the weirdest scandals in sports history occurred in 1973 when New York Yankees players Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich decided to trade families -- wives, children, even dogs! After the couples became close friends, Peterson fell in love with Kekich's wife and vice versa. "It's a love story. It wasn't anything dirty," Peterson told a reporter in 2013. Peterson is still married to the former Mrs. Kekich, but Kekich and the former Mrs. Peterson later split up.

* Dustin the Turkey, a hand puppet from an Irish TV show, has campaigned for president of Ireland in two separate elections -- representing the "Poultry Party."

* Pepper spray and tear gas are technically classified as chemical weapons and thus are forbidden in warfare.

* When Prohibition started, alcohol could only be bought for medicinal and religious purposes, from a pharmacy or a doctor. "Medicinal whiskey" was prescribed for just about anything and used to treat conditions such as toothaches and the flu. With a prescription, a patient could legally purchase up to one pint of hard liquor every 10 days.

* The human body gives off enough heat in 30 minutes to bring a gallon of water to a boil.

Thought for the Day: "I would rather die a meaningful death than to live a meaningless life." -- Corazon Aquino

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Trivia Test

- MEASUREMENTS: What does a hygrometer measure?
- TELEVISION: What was the postman's name on the sitcom "Cheers"?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "For many days, we had been tempest-tossed"?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Adriatic Sea lies east of which country?
- HISTORY: Who was the first woman appointed to a U.S. president's cabinet?
- ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot was named Poppin' Fresh?
- LANGUAGE: What is a mondegreen?
- GAMES: How much is the Luxury Tax in the board game

- Monopoly?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only president to attend Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar?
 - U.S. STATES: What does the name Nevada mean in Spanish?
 - Answers: 1. Humidity 2. Cliff Clavin 3. "The Swiss Family Robinson" 4. Italy 5. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, 1933-45 6. Pillsbury 7. A misheard word, phrase or song lyric 8. \$75 9. Bill Clinton 10. Snow-covered
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- Easter entree
- "The Thin Man" dog
- Verve
- Past
- Use scissors
- Sudden temperature drop
- Christian Andersen
- Dueler's ally
- Pass by
- Watch chain
- Foolish
- Andrews or Edwards, for ex.
- Path
- Gaggle members
- Conks out
- Joke
- Paint crudely
- "Yes we can" man
- Off-tattooed word
- Kan. neighbor
- Mr. Gingrich
- Tear
- Curvy-horned antelope
- Time of the mammoths
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- Guiding principle
- Not working
- Under the weather
- Takeout phrase
- Start a garden
- Nutritional qty.
- Health centers
- Purse
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- Embarrassed lyricist
- Crisp-pod legume
- Supermarket stack
- Church section
- Winter forecast
- Drag along
- Commotion
- Little white lie
- Tall thin person
- Thanksgiving
- veggie
- Seek damages
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- Slandered
- Ape
- Piercing tool
- Cinderella's horses, really
- Long-snouted critter
- Nuisances
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by Linda Thistle

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC Board honors essay contest winner; approves safety projects

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Nasrina Bellel of Marseilles was honored Oct. 8 for winning the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Paul Simon Student Essay Contest and read her "compelling story of hope restored" to the board.

Bellel, a single mother of five and small business owner, had read her essay at the college's May 16 virtual commencement. She said she was at a low point in her life when she applied to IVCC in 2019.

"The life I had worked dutifully on for years was fractured. I felt hopeless. I was unsure how much I would be able to accomplish with a high school diploma issued 14 years ago, limited employment history, and a struggling small business.

"I was terrified at the notion of starting over, yet I knew moving forward was the only way back to the real me – the person with hopes and dreams beyond the title of wife or mother," she said.

"Acceptance into IVCC did just that. It reignited a spark in me that I hadn't felt in years. Everybody I've met, from the instructors and advisors, to the security guard who directed me to bookstore, have been kind, caring, and helpful.

"Becoming a student at IVCC has changed my life immeasurably in a mere matter of months. It has restored my self-worth and placed me on a path lined with attainable goals to help shape my future and ensure my success.

"I've never felt more driven or confident in my own ability to create a better life for my children and myself," Bellel said.

Board chair Jane Goetz said Bellel is the first IVCC student to earn the statewide Simon award but not the first to have her life transformed by the college.

"Nasrina, your essay is representative of

the experience of so many of our students," Goetz said. "You came to IVCC in search of hope, direction and a promising future. You received all three from our talented and supportive faculty and staff. Thank you for sharing your beautifully moving and inspirational story."

ICCTA President Jon Looney awarded Bellel a certificate and \$500 check. He was accompanied by ICCTA Director of Finance Stephanie Spann and Director of Communication Kim Villanueva.

Looney said Bellel's essay was a "story of hope restored," adding, "You are the reason why colleges like IVCC exist."

In other business, the board approved an engagement with Kroll for data breach notification and communication support for \$259,157.

Kroll will also provide consumer identity monitoring, fraud consultation and identity theft restoration for students and staff who were potential victims of the April data breach.

Kroll was recommended by the law firm of McDonald Hopkins. In their experience working with Kroll, McDonald Hopkins noted Kroll "provided the best client experience."

The board also approved:

- Authorizing President Jerry Corcoran to begin preparing the 2020 tax levy. A tentative levy will be presented Nov. 12 for approval and a final levy Dec. 10.

- Protection, Health and Safety Projects for the 2020 tax year include \$738,590 for a key card system upgrade and \$100,419 for replacement of the Fireplace Lounge wheelchair lift with an ADA-compliant ramp. The latter project includes adding stairs off the Fireplace Lounge deck.

- Continuation of the cash farm lease with tenant Luke Holly for 146 acres of college

farmland at \$308.25 per acre or \$45,004.50 annually.

- Offering a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan through SURS. Employees can now deposit funds in either the TIAA-CREF-administered plan which was established in 2004 or the SURS plan.

- The annual \$10,000 local match to support Project Success, the federally-funded program serving approximately 165 low-income, first-generation and students with disabilities annually. Specifically, IVCC's match helps low-income students offset tuition, books and supplies.

- High deductible health plan-health savings account contributions for full-time employees. In January, IVCC will contribute \$2,500 for individual coverage and \$5,000 for "employee plus one" and family coverage.

- A certificate in Advanced Dental Office Management for students seeking employment in a dental office, rather than chair-side dental assisting. It incorporates more complex business courses in marketing and management.

- Accepted with regret the retirement of longtime nursing instructor Deb Pumo effective Dec. 31. In her retirement letter, Pumo said, in part, "It is with a heavy heart that I hang up my stethoscope and leave my position at IVCC, which I have loved and performed for the last 37.5 years ... While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I will dearly miss friends, colleagues, and of course the main reason I teach, my students. As a retiree, I will continue to support IVCC, a little 'diamond' in the valley, which offers superb educational opportunities to students."

- Semester calendars for fall 2021, spring, summer and fall 2022 and spring and summer 2023.

The board learned:

- A recent IVCC Foundation Giving Day raffle raised over \$900.

- Corcoran said the Foundation office is working on a 21st Century Scholars Society virtual ceremony to highlight this year's class of scholars and Society members.

- A total of 153 employees completed health screenings.

- In a campus update, Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Anderson discussed institutional learning outcomes. "Four institutional learning outcomes reflect the values, skills, and abilities our faculty believe all college educated persons should possess: communication, inquiry, social consciousness and responsibility," Anderson said.

- Corcoran and Vice President for Business Services and Finance Cheryl Roelfsema met with Oglesby Mayor Dominick Rivara to further discuss the city providing electricity to the college including a potential solar energy-generating facility. "Right now, all we need to do is wait and see what's brought forward by the mayor and his team," Corcoran said.

- Southern Illinois University's new chancellor, provost and others met virtually with IVCC Student Services officials regarding "new and very attractive options" for IVCC students considering transfer to SIU through a unique 3 + 1 arrangement. "In the student's third year, they would pay IVCC's tuition rate instead of SIU's; in other words, a 2 + 2 at the cost of a 3 + 1," Corcoran said.

- The Association of Community College Trustees recently published Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (2020): A Checklist and Implementation Guide for Community College Boards. "We're hoping it can be the focus of review by the college's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee under the auspices of the Strategic Leadership and Planning Council," Corcoran said.



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THE FARMER'S REPORT

U of I receives funding to create, expand mental health resource network for farmers

URBANA – Even without the added stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, agricultural producers experience high levels of anxiety, depression, substance use, and death by suicide. Researchers at the University of Illinois and Illinois Extension are working to ensure producers and their families have the resources and access to services to manage their stress and mental health.



stress-related programs and resources.

Under the 2019 North Central FRISAN grant, Illinois Extension is offering Mental Health First Aid courses to Extension, agribusiness, and agricultural stakeholders across the state.

In spring 2020, Illinois Extension collaborated with Michigan State University Extension to prepare and publicly offer, at no cost, a Rural Resiliency course online for the public to learn more about farm stress. Also in spring 2020, Illinois Extension worked with MSU Extension to gain access to the Farm Stress train-the-trainer program, enabling nine Illinois Extension educators to become facilitators in two different programs—Weathering the Storm, a workshop for farmers and farm families, and Communicating with Farmers under Stress, for professionals who support farmers. Both courses include information about agricultural economic trends, unique stressors to farmers, how to communicate with a distressed producer, and warning signs of suicide.

In March 2020, Illinois Extension and Illinois AgrAbility co-hosted the Ag Mental Health Summit with Illinois Farm Bureau. Over 55 Extension, agribusiness, public health, and healthcare professionals participated in this one-day summit to identify the resources and services available to agricultural producers, explore collaborations, and identify programming, resource, and service gaps.

In summer 2020, the Illinois Extension farm stress group created brief videos called, “A Moment for Mental Health,” played during commercial agriculture webinars to introduce topics such as identifying stress, coping strategies, how to find a mental health professional, and mindfulness.

“Farming is a complex, multi-dimensional profession that places a unique set of demands on those working in it,” says Shelly Nickols-Richardson, associate dean and director of Illinois Extension. “Our faculty are driving significant developments in mental health resources for farmers by combining cutting-edge behavioral health science with a deep understanding of the agricultural industry.”

USDA-NIFA introduced the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN), a competitive grants program reauthorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, to support projects that provide stress assistance for people in farming, ranching, and other agriculture-related occupations and offers a conduit to improving behavioral health awareness, literacy, and more favorable outcomes for them and their families.

The NCFRSAC will partner with key network collaborators in the North Central region to achieve project objectives. Collaborators include: Iowa State University Extension; Purdue University Extension; Kansas State University Extension; Michigan State University Extension; University of Minnesota Extension; University of Missouri Extension; University of Nebraska Extension; North Dakota State University Extension; Ohio State University Extension; South Dakota State University Extension; University of Wisconsin Extension; Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH); National AgrAbility; and Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF).

The USDA award for NCFRSAC was included in a recent announcement of investments totaling more than \$28.7 million, over three years, for four regional entities to ensure vulnerable agricultural producers and their families have more options for high-quality, affordable help close to home.

USDA awards nearly \$500K to support Wetland Mitigation Banking in Illinois

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CHAMPAIGN – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced it will award \$498,010 for a new wetland mitigation banking project in Illinois through the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program. This program helps conservation partners develop and/or establish mitigation banks to help agricultural producers maintain eligibility for USDA programs.

“These banks will provide agricultural producers a streamlined mitigation option to remain compliant for USDA Farm Bill programs while maintaining wetlands to support functions and environmental values. Healthy wetlands help filter our water, sequester carbon, curb soil loss, and provide habitat for wildlife,” said Ivan Dozier, Illinois State Conservationist.

The key partner in this Illinois effort is Magnolia Land Partners, LLC. They will establish two agricultural mitigation bank sites totaling 60 acres. Illinois NRCS will provide \$498,010 in funding and Magnolia Partners will contribute \$252,000. These sites will be added under Magnolia’s NRCS approved statewide agricultural mitigation banking instrument. Magnolia will coordinate the location of the sites with farm groups.

“While 60 acres doesn’t sound like a lot, the environmental benefits and water quality improvements can go a long way, given the relatively small size of wetlands typically converted for farmland,” explains NRCS Assistant

State Conservationist for Compliance, Winnie Chen. “All partners involved—as well as new partners to come—see these projects as the start of many new mitigation bank sites that can start impacting Illinois land, water, and soil for years to come,” Chen adds.

Mitigation banks create credits through restoration, creation, or enhancement of wetlands to compensate for impacts on ecosystems in developing communities. Establishing these banks serves Ag producers in more flexible ways. According to Dozier, having Magnolia facilitate and manage all the details for landowners is helpful in what can be a complex legal process. “We’ll keep everyone posted on the site locations and track progress and long-term benefits for the projects,” Dozier adds.

Producers seeking benefits through USDA programs must comply with wetland provisions by avoiding impact on wetlands. In situations where avoidance or on-site mitigation is challenging, the Farm Bill offers participants options to mitigate activities off-site through the purchase of mitigation banking credits.

This competitive grant program helps states, local governments, and other qualified partners develop wetland mitigation banks to assist agricultural producers with meeting wetland conservation compliance requirements to remain eligible for USDA programs. Nationally, USDA will award \$5 million for eight wetland mitigation banking projects nationwide.

Did you know?

Many people rely on the agriculture industry for their foods, but think little of the impact that agriculture has on the larger economy. However, data indicates that agriculture can serve a significant role in the process of solidifying the economy of a country, particularly developing nations. Agriculture also can contribute to the economic prosperity of advanced countries. IPP Media points out that the economic history of many developed countries indicates that agricultural prosperity contributed heavily to their economic advancement. When the basic food supply is strong, the national economy can be strong as well. Particularly in the early days of the United States, farming held a crucial place in establishing the American economy and culture, and still shapes the country today. Many states find that farming and other agricultural pursuits contribute much to the local and national economy. The public should not disregard how strong a factor agriculture can be in establishing a strong economic environment. Safeguarding agricultural jobs and the agricultural industry is crucial to economic stability.

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POLICE BLOTTER

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
 Hope Garza, 34, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Fourth Street and Seventh Avenue at 4:26 p.m. Oct. 19. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
 Zachariah J. Ward, 18, of Peru, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Monroe Street and 13th Avenue at 8:27 p.m. Oct. 19. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
 Brandi Burrell, 29, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 4:17 p.m. Oct. 20 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear on a charge of battery. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
 Hardison D. Edward Jr., 30, of 28902 3350 E St., LaMoille, was arrested at 3:26 p.m. Oct. 22 on a Marshall County arrest warrant for retail theft and a LaSalle County arrest warrant for driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
 Elena Foulk, 21, of 765 Fisk Road, Compton, was charged with driving while license suspended after police officers responded to a traffic accident in the 1200 block of 13th Avenue at 4 p.m. Oct. 26. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

GARAGE SALES & NOTICES

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 • Thursday 5 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.
 • Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

Judge: Municipalities exempt from Election Day 'holiday'

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois
 SPRINGFIELD — A Sangamon County judge has ruled local units of government are exempt from a law the General Assembly passed this year declaring the Nov. 3 general election as a state holiday and requiring all government offices to be closed that day, unless they are used as polling places or for other election-related services.

Lawmakers passed that measure during their special session in May as a way to protect public safety during the election amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, it was intended to allow schools, colleges and universities to be used as polling places without exposing students to members of the public who might be carrying the virus.

The Illinois Municipal League, a nonprofit advocacy group that represents local governments, filed suit in July seeking a declaratory

judgment stating that the law did not apply to its members. The case was filed on behalf of village of Bolingbrook, in Will and DuPage counties, and Southern View, in Sangamon County, against the Illinois State Board of Elections.

The plaintiffs challenged a portion of the law that reads, "All government offices, with the exception of election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be used as a location for election day services or as a polling place."

If that applied to local governments, the plaintiffs argued, it would have forced many of them to pay tens, or even hundreds of thousands of dollars for holiday pay and related expenses for law enforcement officers, firefighters, other first re-

sponders and other staff who would be required to work on that day.

In a six-page opinion released Oct. 16, Circuit Judge Raylene Grischow ruled that if the law were applied to local governments, it would amount to an impermissible unfunded mandate.

"Where the Legislature fails to make necessary appropriations allowing reimbursement of expenses, local governments are not required to implement such mandates," Grischow wrote.

She also cited transcripts of debate in the House over the bill, including a statement from Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, one of the lead sponsors of the bill, who said upon questioning that the bill would not apply to local governments.

"We applaud the court's

decision to uphold the authority of local officials," Illinois Municipal League executive director Brad Cole said in a statement. "Local leaders understand the needs of their communities and must be able to make decisions in their best interest. This decision allows them to do so in respect to Election Day. At a time when municipalities have experienced added public health costs and decreases in tax revenue, many simply cannot afford the extra costs this mandate would have created."

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SOCIAL SCENE

ANNIVERSARY



Russ & Sherry Volkert

Volkerts to celebrate 50th anniversary

MENDOTA – Russ and Sherry Volkert of 2107 Diana Drive, Mendota will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 31.

Russ Volkert and the former Sherry Demoret were married on Oct. 31, 1970 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota. Attendants were Susan Sinclair, Claudia Jewel, Chris Jones, Dennie Piller, Dean Ege and Ron Henkel.

They are parents of Tim (Penny) Volkert, Kelly Gomez and Kim (Dan) Truckenbrod. Grandchildren are Luke Volkert, the late Lauren Volkert, Lexi Wamhoff, Libby Wamhoff, Knowlton Wamhoff, Gabe Wamhoff, Alexis Gomez, Aiden Gomez, Quinton Truckenbrod, Kylynn Truckenbrod, Amelia Truckenbrod and Anthony Truckenbrod.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration will be held at a later date.



DAR honors veterans with 'Day of Service'

LA SALLE – The members of Fort du Rocher chapter of National Daughters of the American Revolution recently spent their Day of Service at the Veterans Home in LaSalle.

Since the COVID-19 shutdown does not allow visiting inside the facility, the DAR members took on a project to beautify the grounds. After a general clean-up was accomplished, nine new flowering bushes were planted, which will bloom from spring through fall. The bushes are visible to residents from their windows.

The Day of Service is a national occurrence where all NSDAR chapters determine what they are able to do to better serve their local communities. The state regent, Sharla Luken, has chosen her project during her term in office as "Serving Those Who Have Served Us" so the local chapter's selection of a project at the Veterans Home was to follow her lead.

Nine volunteers took part in the plantings. Two spouses, two adult sons and five members worked diligently to accomplish the project.



The Fort du Rocher chapter of National Daughters of the American Revolution spent a Day of Service beautifying the grounds at the LaSalle Veterans Home. Participating in the event, front row left to right, are Janet Koch, Joni Bratney, Leslie Althaus, Kathleen Bonnell and Linda Sigmon Byrd; back row, Kent Shelor, Bill Bratney, Matt De Graeve and Emerson Byrd. (Photo contributed)

Fort du Rocher's plan is to continue in the spring with phase two at the Veterans Home.

DAR membership is open to any woman over the age of 18 who can prove lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot.

Lineage assistance is available. For more information, contact Linda Sigmon Byrd at (815) 538-4166.

4-H Cloverbud Fall Fun evening for youth planned

PRINCETON - Youth ages 5-7 are invited to attend a Fall Fun evening sponsored by University of Illinois Extension 4-H. The event will take place from 4-5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16 at the Extension office, 850 Thompson St., Princeton. There is no cost to attend.



The hour-long program will include a story, craft, and other fall activities. The workshop is open to all youth, whether or not they are 4-H members.

To register, contact U of I Extension's office at (815) 875-2878 or 4-H Program Coordinator, Danielle Gapsinski at des85@illinois.edu with the participant's name. Registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 9. Space is limited to the first 12 participants. Everyone attending will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

For more information about the 4-H program, call (815) 875-2878.

Life is better with a bowl of soup • Free virtual class on soups & stews Nov. 10

MENDOTA - The Henry Public Library will offer a University of Illinois Extension virtual class on "Hearty Soups and Stews" on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Soup is nutritious and generally inexpensive to prepare. Participants will learn the many varieties of soups and how to layer different flavors, while benefitting from good nutrition.

Join Susan Glassman, Nutrition & Wellness Educator/University of Illinois Extension Education Center & Community Teaching Kitchen, in the



comfort of your own home from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Nov. 10. Glassman will demonstrate how to make a seasonal butternut squash soup via Zoom. Handouts and recipes will be available.

Register for this virtual class at <https://go.illinois.edu/heartsoups>. After registration, you will receive the zoom meeting link to save in your calendar.

On Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m., click on the link to join the class. For more information, please contact Glassman at (815) 224-0889 or e-mail susang@illinois.edu.

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Standings as of Oct. 19
 - 1. Bad Kats 13-2; 2. CM Farm 9-6; 3. Legal Beagles 6-9; 4. Sports-N-Stuff 6-9; 5. Mendota Agri-Products 5-10

High team game (scratch) - Mendota Agri-Products 969, Legal Beagles 755, Sports-N-Stuff 746

High team game (hdcp) - Legal Beagles 1181, CM Farm 1163, Bad Kats 1152

High team series (scratch) - Mendota Agri-Products 2807, Legal Beagles 2153, Sports-N-Stuff 2062

High team series (hdcp) - CM Farm 3461, Bad Kats 3442, Legal Beagles 3431

Men's high game (scratch) - Luke Ross 257, Jose Sarabia 237, Bob Thomas 207

Men's high game (hdcp) - Jose Sarabia 278, Mike Smith 266, Luke Ross 257

Men's high series (scratch) - Jose Sarabia 621, Luke Ross 609, Bob Thomas 577

Men's high series (hdcp) - Jose Sarabia 744, Aaron Hollocker 699, Carl Reistad 694

Women's high game (scratch) - Emily Thomas 206, Kassidi Guerrero 192, Gail Sessler 176

Women's high game (hdcp) - Tara Schneider 277, Dessa Collings 268, Mick Reistad 262

Women's high series (scratch) - Emily Thomas 512, Kassidi Guerrero 488, Gail Sessler 477

Women's high series (hdcp) - Tara Schneider 773, Mick Reistad 730, Debbie Berger 705

MHS harriers race in St. Bede Regional

PERU - The season ended for the Mendota High School cross country teams at the St. Bede Class 1A Regional on Oct. 24 at Peru.

The Trojan boys finished eighth in the team standings with 191 points. Amboy won the regional championship with 50 points. Other teams placing ahead of Mendota were Sterling Newman (92), Seneca (97), Pontiac (121), Minonk Fieldcrest (129), Rock Falls (144) and Lowpoint-Washburn (152). Rounding out the team standings were St. Bede (262), Henry-Senachwine (269), Ottawa Marquette (274), Hall (312), Newark (328) and Princeton (366).

Alex Hermsillo was the first Trojan runner to finish, in 31st place with a time of 18:53. Ty Connelly was next in 35th at 18:55, followed by Trent Stamberger (38th, 18:58) and Dagen Setchell (42nd,

19:02). Also in the MHS lineup were Andrew Stamberger (51st, 19:23), Elijah Arjes (68th, 20:12) and Billy Hall (88th, 21:34).

Lucas Hoffman of Ottawa Marquette was the individual champion with a time of 16:33.

The Lady Trojans had three runners competing in the regional. Alayna Nosalik was 31st in a time of 23:43, Jamie Dooley placed 36th in 24:08 and Val Valdez was 65th in 28:07.

Calin Gaulrapp of Rock Falls took top individual honors with a clocking of 20:11. Rock Falls claimed the team title with 29 points. Other top five teams were Seneca (55), Henry-Senachwine (102), Princeton (112) and Amboy (114). Lowpoint-Washburn (172), Ottawa Marquette (177), St. Bede (190) and Minonk Fieldcrest (214) completed the team standings.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed 2020 property tax levy increase for Illinois Community College District #523 will be held on November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Kishwaukee College.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President or Jill Hansen, Chief Financial Officer, Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois, 60150, 815-825-2086, extension 9334 or 9517.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2019 were \$11,086,825. The proposed corporate and special purposes property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$11,934,648. This represents a 7.6% increase from the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 were \$4,420,406. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public commission leases for 2020 are \$4,503,586. This represents a 1.9% increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2019 were \$15,507,231. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$16,438,234. This represents a 6.0% increase from the previous year.

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B



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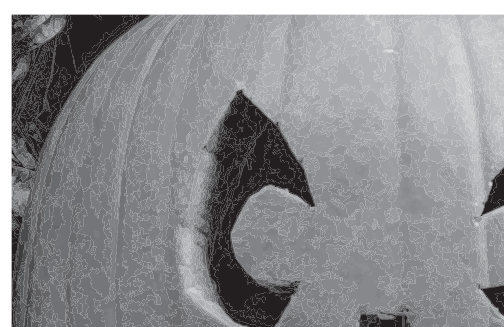
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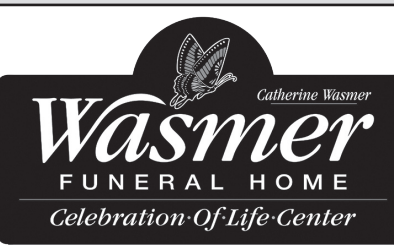


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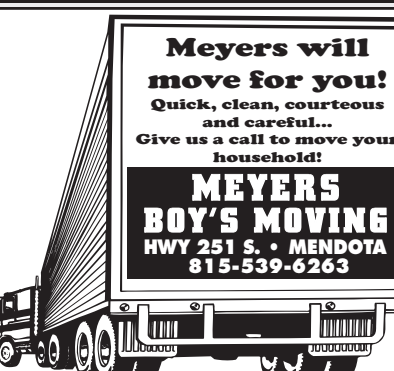
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But to attain this peace and rest, I had to learn to be patient while God was working in my life, because it didn't happen overnight. I had to learn to trust God while His peace was being cultivated in me, which is something we all learn in our walk with Him.

A trusting attitude and a patient attitude go hand in hand—when you trust God, you're able to be more patient. And, when you let go and learn to trust God, it releases joy in your life. The truth is patience is not just about waiting for something... it's about how you wait, or your attitude while waiting.

The key to it all is humility. Philippians 2:5 (AMPC) says, "Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility]."

Humility may well be one of the most difficult characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit to be cultivated in us—and to maintain. And without humility, it's not likely that you will put your complete trust in God.

I have learned from personal experience that putting trust in God means there will be some unanswered questions. That was a hard lesson for me because I naturally want to understand everything...to know what's going on so I can feel like I'm in control.

It's just human nature to try and figure things out. So, when we're in the midst of a situation, we usually try to reason our way through it. We generally want to know "Why, God, why?" or "When, God, when?" We want to know the outcome now. Our pride just has a hard time with not knowing, because not knowing means we're not in control. But humility submits to what God is doing. This is where we must make a decision.

Where Will You Put Your Trust?

Deciding to trust God releases us from feeling like we have to have all the answers. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." The truth is we are just not smart



enough to run our own lives...but God is!

And the good news is He will not promise us something and then leave us on our own to make it happen. His Word tells us that "no [one] who believes in Him [who adheres to, relies on, and trusts in Him] will [ever] be put to shame or be disappointed" (Romans 10:11).

Here's something else I've discovered: God won't give us the ability to solve our own problems. He's got that covered. But He does give us the capacity to help someone else solve theirs. So, while we are putting our trust in Him to work in our situation, the best thing we can do is focus on being a blessing to others.

Check Your Attitude While You Wait

As I mentioned earlier, another essential part of trusting God is having patience. It is very important to realize this, because even when a decision is made to trust God, it doesn't mean that things will just fall into place right away. We may have to wait—

and wait longer than we think we should have to—on some things.

It's important to understand that while we're waiting, having a negative, impatient attitude will not make God hurry. The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness on what could have been an 11-day journey, mainly because of their attitude! When things were not going like they wanted, they began to murmur and complain and ultimately, they sinned against God, simply because they got impatient and stopped trusting Him.

A good question to ask yourself is, Will I continue to trust and obey God when I'm not getting what I want? Will you exercise patience while you wait on Him to work things out for you?

I encourage you to remember Proverbs 3:5-6. Make a conscious decision to put your trust in God...to entrust yourself and everything in your life to Him. Then you will free yourself to focus on loving and being a blessing to

others, while you are peaceful and confident that God is working on your behalf.

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3. In which book's 22:18 does it state, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"?
- Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews
4. From I Samuel 16, what king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit?
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
JAMES B.)
ARMSTRONG,)
Deceased.)
Case No.: 20 P 193

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of James B. Armstrong, of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 8, 2020 to Mary Noonan, 2025 Egert Cove, Fort Wayne, IN 46814, whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the representative, or both, on or before May 1, 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 that 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 10 days after it has been filed.
No. 1003
(Oct. 14, 21, 28, 2020)

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

FIRST STATE BANK,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
TERENCE M.)
LEWNARD,)
UNKNOWN)
TENANTS OR)
NON-RESIDENTIAL)
PROPERTY)
OCCUPANTS,)
UNKNOWN)
OWNERS)
and NON-RECORD)
CLAIMANTS,)
Defendants.)
No. 2020 CH 70

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above-entitled cause, on October 7, 2020, in favor of First State Bank in the amount of \$97,469.74 (\$93,620.27 in principal, interest and other charges + \$1,961.25 in attorneys' fees + \$1,888.22 in costs) (the "Judgment"), Ron Hain, Sheriff of LaSalle County, or his Deputy, will on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., at the LaSalle County Court Lobby, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, Illinois sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment to wit:

THE NORTH 136 FEET OF THE EAST 75 FEET OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 35 IN WEST'S ADDITION TO MENDOTA AND ALSO THE SOUTH 24 FEET OF THE PARCEL OF LAND IN BLOCK 35 IN WEST'S ADDITION TO SAID CITY OF MENDOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, THENCE SOUTH 160

FEET; THENCE WEST 75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 160 FEET; THENCE EAST 75 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENDOTA, IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT TAX NO.:

01-33-133-019
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The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Michael A. O'Brien, Esq. (630) 871-9400
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Wheaton, Illinois 60187
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Fax: (630) 871-9435
Atty. No. 6216625/6224495
WITNESS:
/s/ Greg Vaccaro
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court, and the seal thereof, LaSalle County, Illinois
10/13/2020

DATE

Published in Mendota Reporter on: October 21, 2020, October 28, 2020 and November 4, 2020.
No. 1004 (10/21, 10/28, & 11/4, 2020)

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CITY OF MENDOTA,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
SCOTT D.)
PAPENDICK,)
UNKNOWN)
OWNERS,)
UNKNOWN)
OCCUPANTS and)
UNKNOWN)
CLAIMANTS,)
Defendants.)
Case No.: 2019 CH 157

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale order entered on October 16, 2020, by the Court in the above entitled case, Thomas J. Templeton, Sheriff of LaSalle County, will, on November 19, 2020 at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the LaSalle County Courthouse, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to the sale terms set forth below, the following described premises in LaSalle County, Illinois: PARCEL 1: THE SOUTH 45 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 9, IN THE ILLINOIS CEN-

TRAL RAILROAD COMPANY'S ADDITION TO MENDOTA, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENDOTA, COUNTY OF LASALLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PARCEL 2: THE SOUTH HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT, TO WIT: THE NORTH 15 FEET OF LOT 3 AND THE SOUTH 22.5 FEET OF LOT 4, ALL IN BLOCK 9 IN THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY'S ADDITION TO MENDOTA, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENDOTA, COUNTY OF LASALLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
PIN: 01-33-219-015
Common address: 905 6th Avenue, Mendota, Illinois 61342
The judgment amount was \$13,937.85.
The real estate is a vacant lot, the structure having been demolished pursuant to a demolition order. Sale terms: 10% down to the highest bid by cash or certified funds at the close of auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at a rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in cash or certified funds, is due within thirty (30) days. The sale will be subject to general taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against the real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any presentation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being made and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a Receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a certificate of sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser a deed upon court confirmation of the sale. THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A SIX (6) MONTH RIGHT OF REDEMPTION. THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION SHALL EXPIRE SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SALE. Once expired, all rights of redemption shall be waived. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against Plaintiff, Defendants or Plaintiff's attorney. The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, please contact Plaintiff's attorney, MICHAEL S. GUILFOYLE/KATHLEEN M. STEVENSON, of Guilfoyle and Stevenson LLP, 1316 Meriden St., Mendota, IL 61342, (815) 539-6711, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. City of Mendota, By: Guilfoyle & Stevenson LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Prepared by: Guilfoyle & Stevenson LLP
Michael S. Guilfoyle / Kathleen M. Stevenson
1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342
Telephone: (815) 539-6711 / Fax: (815) 539-3337
No. 1005
(Oct. 21, 28 & Nov. 4, 2020)

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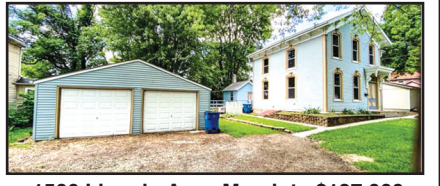
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