



Opening day at MHS
Mendota High School students gather at their lockers in preparation to head off to their first class during the opening day of school on Sept. 8. It is the first in-person learning day at MHS since all schools in Illinois were shut down on March 17 after the initial outbreak of COVID-19. Students and personnel are required to undergo a daily symptom screening before utilizing school district transportation or entering any school district building. All individuals in school buildings must wear face coverings at all times. MHS has also developed procedures to ensure enhanced physical distance from other persons as much as possible and will utilize sanitation procedures per recommendations of the CDC, IDPH and local health departments. (Reporter photo)

Illinois is among the last states to apply and be approved for added \$300 unemployment benefit

By REBECCA ANZEL
Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD — Illinois is one of the last states to apply and be approved for a federal program providing an additional \$300 in unemployment assistance per week to qualifying residents.
Gov. JB Pritzker announced he instructed the Illinois Department of Employment Security to submit an application “despite serious concerns about the unfairness” of the program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency certified that request.
Funding for the Lost Wage Assistance Program was redirected by President Donald Trump from the agency’s disaster relief fund. That money is typically used to finance the federal government’s response to major domestic disasters, such as assisting hurricane survivors.
Trump issued the order in July shortly after a measure creating \$600 in added

weekly benefits through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, Or CARES, Act expired.
Up to \$44 billion is available to states through Dec. 27, or until the funding runs out. Benefits can be retroactively paid to eligible Illinoisans, starting with the week ending Aug. 1.
The governor’s office, in a news release, estimated that funding will be exhausted in three weeks. It cited unspecified “economic projections for the demand of these funds.”
Only those Americans who are eligible for at least \$100 per week in unemployment benefits qualify for the extra \$300 in federal funding. That is why Pritzker said Illinois did not apply for the program sooner — about 55,000 residents will be excluded, according to his office.
As of Sept. 2, 45 states are approved to receive grants, including Illinois, which was the 44th state approved. Applications were accepted beginning Aug. 15 and the federal government has begun paying out benefits.
“President Trump’s program will likely cut off the most vulnerable workers, create needless competition

among the states for these limited FEMA dollars, and sow more confusion among the unemployed, so I want to caution that those eligible for these dollars will likely encounter frustration and unfairness brought on by the president’s short-sighted and short-lived program,” Pritzker said in a written statement.
“However, the \$300 benefit will provide much-needed assistance for those who can get it, too many of whom are facing terrible choices about whether to pay their rent, buy groceries or get medicine,” he continued. “We will do everything in our power to make sure that every eligible recipient can participate in this program.”
Other states developed a work-around to tackle the issue of residents not otherwise qualifying for the extra federal financial assistance. New Hampshire, for example, is supplementing its residents’ unemployment benefits to ensure everyone reaches the \$100 threshold.
According to the New Hampshire Employment Security Department,

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District 289 to continue remote learning through at least September 18th

❑ First in-person day planned for Sept. 21
MENDOTA — Remote learning will continue through Friday, Sept. 18 in Mendota Elementary District 289 schools.
“After discussions with the health department, our administrative team, the board and the transition committee, we have made the decision to continue with remote learning through Friday, Sept. 18, with an anticipated return to full-day in-person learning on Monday, Sept. 21,” stated Superintendent Dr. Kristen School. “The district will continue to re-evaluate the plan on a regular basis.”
School said the dismissal time for full-day learning would be 2:30 p.m. (2:20 p.m. for kindergarten). Pre-K parents will be contacted after determinations are made to the AM/PM programs.
Consideration was given to the following areas: building temperatures (heat) along with the addition of masks, the high number of cases in our community, and several schools in the surrounding area that have closed and switched to remote learning due to positive COVID cases.
“We realize this will impact every family differently and ask for your patience and support as we work through the details,” added School. “Please reach out to your child’s teacher, the building principals or me with any concerns or questions.”
“Our number one goal is to keep all students and staff safe. We work best when we work together.”

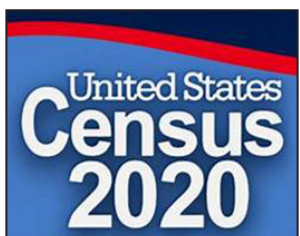


Officials urge residents to fill out census as deadline nears

❑ Residents have until Sept. 30 to submit

By RAYMON TRONCOSO
Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker promoted the 2020 U.S. Census last week as the Sept. 30 deadline for states to get their residents counted approaches.

He was joined by Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton and U.S. Rep. Jesús “Chuy” García among others in Berwyn.
Pritzker and Stratton both emphasized the importance of an accurate census count, as response rate and population estimates are tied to federal funding and the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. A low response rate can also put millions of dollars in federal funding at risk across Illinois.
“The higher the count, the more of your federal tax dollars come back to Illinois instead of going to other states,” Pritzker said. “Just a 1 percent undercount, could result in the state losing over \$195 million in federal funds at a time when we frankly need the full funding we can get from Washington (D.C.) the most.”
That amounts to approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 lost in federal funding per person undercounted in the census, according to García.
“We come together today to remind our neighbors and families that everyone counts, regardless of citizenship and age,” García said. “In 10 minutes, you secure



\$20,000 over the next 10 years for our communities, for your families.”
According to Pritzker, Illinois is one of 10 states that pays more in federal taxes than it receives in federal funding. A high response rate to the 2020 census can change that.
As the novel coronavirus pandemic wreaks havoc on the U.S. economy and tax revenue across the country and in Illinois, Pritzker stressed the importance of the census as it pertains to aid. Apportionment of federal funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES, Act is partially based on 2010 census counts.
Stratton also emphasized the need for Latino Illinoisans to participate in the census and addressed fears of retaliation.
“Our census doesn’t hurt, it helps. The census questionnaire will not ask your citizenship status,” she said. “Your personal information will not be used against you in court or by any government.”

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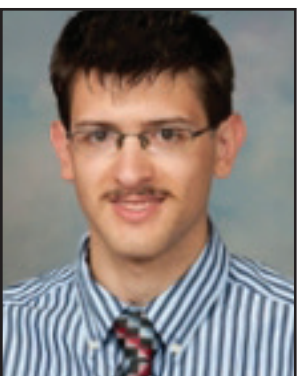
LOCAL AND AREA

NIU Center for Governmental Studies helps rural Illinois communities adapt, respond and carry on

DE KALB - The Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies (CGS) recently released



Walzer



Langloss



Evans

three policy profiles that will help civic leaders better understand and shape the future of localities in Illinois.

These profiles all respond to significant demographic and economic realities that are shaping the present and future of Illinois: rural areas in the state are seeing a decline in the overall number of residents, a variety of communities are seeing a shift towards older populations, and communities are facing a number of fiscal management and economic challenges which also come with opportunities. The policy profiles are available in full at go.niu.edu/policy-profiles.

While current population shifts are concerning for community leaders, particularly in relation to worker shortages and tax revenue, CGS researchers also see many ways for communities to respond creatively to adapt and succeed in the face of these challenges.

The first policy profile, a case study of Dixon, explores the major challenges facing rural communities in the 21st century, especially the loss of manufacturing jobs and the aging of the rural population. Dixon serves as a model for medium-sized rural communities because this active regional hub, home to about 15,000 residents, has employed a successful planning and development model focused on enhancing quality of life to retain and attract residents, especially

young families and retirees.

According to the profile's authors, Norman Walzer and Danny Langloss, the experience of Dixon "offers other rural Illinois communities both a reason to be positive about their future and useful insights into a process of change to make that future possible." In particular, Dixon has quickly shifted its focus from job creation to quality-of-life enhancements, which are attractive to workers increasingly willing to work at home, telecommute or commute longer distances.

The second policy profile focuses on helping local governments understand the growth in their senior populations. The profile's authors, Norman Walzer, Mim Evans and Andy Blanke, write that, "By 2029, residents 65 years and older could represent 25 percent or more of the population in as many as 23 rural Illinois counties — a substantial increase from only five counties in 2019."

While an aging population can create challenges, the profile's authors nonetheless see potential for rural areas to "accommodate growth in elderly populations and provide opportunities for them to help stimulate local economies."

The profile notes that the same elements that make a community most attractive to older residents are also appealing to all age groups: "Safe neighborhoods, walkable environments, access to

recreation and entertainment, affordable housing, and educational opportunities are desired by many residents, regardless of age."

The third policy profile focuses on the changing fiscal landscape. It offers strategies municipalities can consider to effectively fund local services in the face of shifting demographics and thus a changing tax base. By examining property tax structures in Illinois and other states, the profile's authors offer some creative approaches communities might use to fund local services while relieving pressure on local property taxes.

The NIU Center for Governmental Studies serves local governments in an advisory role and is available to help municipalities and counties respond, recover and even prosper during challenging times.

"Our teams at CGS have been objective and knowledgeable partners with communities and state agencies across Illinois. We collaborate with them to analyze the past and present, and build on their strengths and capabilities to continue to serve and succeed," says CGS interim director Greg Kuhn.

These three policy profiles are an outgrowth of the center's 50th year anniversary celebration conference, which occurred this past fall. They are available at go.niu.edu/policyprofiles.

Learn more at cgs.niu.edu.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

NIU announces summer graduates

DeKALB - Several Mendota students were among more than 550 students who received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in August. The local graduates included Jasmin Arteaga, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology; McKennon Escatel, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Technology - Applied Manufacturing Technology; Jennie Espinoza, Bachelor of Science, Human Development & Family Sciences: Family Social Services; and Kyle Wood, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology.

Northern Illinois University is a nationally recognized public research university with expertise in a wide variety of fields, including the sciences, humanities, arts, business, engineering, education, health and law. NIU offers more than 100 courses of study while serving a diverse student body of about 19,000. For more information, visit www.niu.edu.

BEST, Inc. receives grant for apprenticeship expansion

MENDOTA - BEST, Inc. has received a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as part of the state's and US Department of Labor's effort to expand apprenticeship opportunities. BEST, Inc. is partnering with Illinois Valley Community College, Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Illinois Economic Development and Rock Island Tri-County Consortium to deliver outreach to area businesses across all industry sectors.

Outreach will include making businesses aware of the benefits of sponsoring an apprenticeship program including the positive return on investment, the process of developing an apprenticeship program, and linkage to the US Department of Labor's Office of Appren-

ticeships.

Thousands of occupations and companies have benefited from the apprenticeship model and the State of Illinois is looking to expand those opportunities by another 800 apprentices over the course of the grant period. Locally the project looks to add 20 new registered apprentices along with five new programs.

Nikelle Tellier has been hired to act as project manager and will be responsible for coordinating efforts among the partnering entities. Area businesses are encouraged to participate in upcoming events, as they are scheduled, that will further define the advantages of the apprenticeship model to train and retain their workforce or to reach out to Tellier by e-mail at nikelle_tellier@best-inc.org.

Midland States Bank announces upcoming improvement plan for Mendota branch

EFFINGHAM - Midland States Bank has announced plans for further investment in select branch locations including the Mendota branch at 801 Washington St. The branch improvement projects range from updating drive-thru lanes to new builds, with construction anticipated beginning spring 2021.

"We understand customers' needs are shifting and are excited to implement changes in order to meet them," commented Jeffrey Mefford, President of Midland States Bank. "We take our customers' needs seriously and continue to adapt to meet them. Our current drive-up at Mendota will

be built out and modernized to be a self-standing branch."

Other area locations scheduled for physical improvements include branches in Diamond and Sterling.

More details about the Mendota branch investment project will be shared in early 2021.



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Virtual travelogue explores the Missouri River

LASALLE - Travel 2,321 miles of the Missouri River without leaving your home! Join the LaSalle Library at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 when they host, virtually, Illinois historian and world traveler John Lynn as he presents a unique program about the Missouri River.

The sprawling Missouri River flows from its origin at Three Forks, Mont. to the Mississippi River. Along the way, it has been the river of Native people, Lewis and Clark, traders, trappers, mountain men, homesteaders, cavalry posts, cattle barons, flatboats and steamboats, gold and silver rushes, oil and gas booms, and now sport fisherman and paddlers.

In this "armchair travel" virtual presentation, explore America's longest river with Lynn and experience the adventure of paddling all 2,321 miles of "The Big Muddy" through Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. Lynn, who lives in Peoria, has photographed all 2,400 Illinois cities, villages, and towns. He has also hiked, biked, and canoed enough historic and scenic trails, roads, and rivers in North America and Britain to circle the globe.

This program is free, open to the public and presented in a live virtual format via Zoom. To receive the viewing link, please register by going to: <https://bit.ly/2YGHbHo>.

For more information, please contact Rachael Blomquist, Digital Content Librarian, at rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us or call the library at (815) 223-2341.

Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in LaSalle County

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Health Department received confirmation that mosquitoes from Ottawa tested positive for West Nile virus. The mosquitoes were collected on Sept. 3 and Environmental Health staff conducted the confirmatory test on the mosquitoes at the Health Department. This is the first documented West Nile virus activity in LaSalle County this year.

Chris Pozzi, Director of Environmental Health, "This is the time of year we expect to see West Nile virus activity increase. It is important that people be conscientious about self-protection whenever they are outside during the evening hours. In hot, dry weather, mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus breed in stagnant water and multiply rapidly. The best way to protect yourself against illness is to wear insect repellent and to get rid of any stagnant water

around your home to reduce the number of mosquitoes."

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex pipiens mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 60 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

Monitoring for West Nile virus includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, and robins, as well as testing

humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, or robin should contact the health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

There are some simple precautions you can take to Fight the Bite. Precautions include practicing the three "R's" – reduce, repel and report.

REDUCE - make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

REPEL - when outdoors,

wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

REPORT – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, old tires, stagnant pools, or other unattended water holding containers that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito eggs.

A complete listing of West Nile statistics for LaSalle County is available at www.lasallecounty.org. A state-wide listing is available at the Illinois Department of Public Health's website www.dph.illinois.gov.

State awards nearly \$340,000 in Radio Information Service grants

Funds provide support for radio stations for residents with print disabilities

SPRINGFIELD - Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded almost \$340,000 in Radio Information Service Grants (RIS). The RIS grants totaling \$338,048 support a group of 10 radio stations whose mission is to ensure that residents of Illinois, who are unable to read standard print material due to a print disability, have equal access to the information that is published in newspapers and magazines.

"By providing audio versions of printed material, residents who have a disability, are able to access printed information for educational, informational and recreational purposes," said White. "The service allows people to remain engaged in their local communities by providing detail reporting usually only found in print or over the Internet."

Many informational service programs are

broadcast daily and include hours of local programming. Local newspapers are read and usually include additional news reports as well as comics, grocery ads and obituaries. RIS stations also produce public affairs programs and listener call-in shows.

Due in part to the grant from the State Library, thousands of Illinois residents are able to use the RIS stations each day to listen to broadcasts of local news. These programs are broadcast on a special radio called a sideband receiver. These receivers are distributed at no cost to qualified recipients. Anyone who has a visual or physical disability which impairs his or her ability to read may be eligible to obtain a sideband receiver. The stations can also be accessed through Internet streaming on computers, smart phones and tablets.

Radio stations receiving grants include:
MindsEye Radio in Belleville: \$51,777
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale: \$21,353
Chicago Lighthouse, Chicago: \$68,599
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb: \$28,273
Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey: \$17,438
Western Illinois University in Macomb: \$36,968
Wabash Valley College, Mount Carmel: \$27,185
Augustana College, Rock Island: \$27,700
University of Illinois at Springfield: \$28,384
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: \$30,371

For information about the grants, contact Sharon Ruda at (217) 782-9435 or SRuda@ilsos.gov or online at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/TBBS/ris.html>.

IV Beekeepers to meet at new location

LASALLE - The Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association will hold their next meeting on Friday, Sept. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LaSalle Knights of Columbus, 209 Gooding St., LaSalle. Please note the different location of this month's meeting.

Discussion this month will include preparing your hives for the winter and more.

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

CARL'S QUIZ

When born, a Dalmatian puppy is always?

- 1.) Black, 2.) Black with white spots, 3.) White, 4.) White with black spots, 5.) Gray

The answer to last week's quiz is: In 1888, several years after the contentious presidential election of 1884, several U.S. states began using a secret ballot system to replace the practice of the oral ballot.

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

Mendota schedules L.E.A.S.E. preschool screenings

MENDOTA - L.E.A.S.E. will hold preschool screenings for Mendota District 289 on Monday, Sept. 21 at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota. The screenings are for children who will be 3 to 5 years old by Sept. 1 and who are not currently enrolled in kindergarten. L.E.A.S.E. will screen key developmental areas such as motor development, speech, language, vision, hearing and

general readiness.

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

All children must be screened to be eligible for the Preschool for All Program. Any child currently enrolled

in the Mendota District Preschool for All Program does not need to be screened again. Applications for Preschool for All will be available at the screenings.

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

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Mendota Weather

Sept. 9, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Scattered T-storms
High: 67 Low: 53

Thursday
Few Showers
High: 68 Low: 52

Friday
Few Showers
High: 69 Low: 55

Saturday
Scattered T-storms
High: 72 Low: 56

Sunday
Chance Showers
High: 73 Low: 58

Monday
Sunny
High: 71 Low: 54

Tuesday
Sunny
High: 76 Low: 61

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 67°, humidity of 77%. North northeast wind 10 to 13 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 93° set in 1978. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 45% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 53°. North northeast wind 8 to 11 mph.

Regional Cities

	Wednesday	Thursday
City	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx
Aurora	70/55 t	69/53 sh
Champaign	84/60 mc	76/57 mc
Chicago	69/59 t	68/57 sh
Freeport	59/47 sh	64/47 t
Joliet	72/57 t	70/55 sh
Moline	63/52 t	68/53 t
Peoria	74/58 t	72/57 t
Rockford	64/50 t	66/50 sh
Springfield	80/60 t	75/59 mc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	82	64	78/56	0.10"
Tuesday	73	66	78/56	0.12"
Wednesday	85	67	78/56	0.00"
Thursday	87	56	78/56	0.00"
Friday	80	49	77/55	0.00"
Saturday	83	64	77/55	0.00"
Sunday	82	58	77/55	1.08"

Rainfall 1.30"
Normal rainfall 1.05"
Departure +0.25"

Average temp. 71.1°
Average normal 66.6°
Departure +4.5°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Last 9/10	Wednesday	6:31 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	11:12 p.m.	1:34 p.m.	First 9/23
	Thursday	6:32 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	2:34 p.m.	
	Friday	6:33 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	Prev Day	3:32 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:34 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	12:45 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	
	Sunday	6:35 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	1:45 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	
New 9/17	Monday	6:36 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	2:52 a.m.	5:57 p.m.	Full 10/1
	Tuesday	6:37 a.m.	7:04 p.m.	4:05 a.m.	6:34 p.m.	

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers, highest temperature of 88 in Ithaca, N.Y. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Yazoo City, Miss. The central United States will see mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 90 in Los Fresnos, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 101 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 103 in Coachella, Calif.

Weather Trivia

What is chionophobia?

Answer: Chionophobia is the fear of snow.

Weather History

Sept. 9, 1989 - The first snow of the season began to whiten the mountains of Wyoming early in the morning as a moist and unusually cold storm system affected the state for two days. By the morning of the 11th, a foot of snow covered the ground at Burgess Junction.

Sept. 10, 1987 - A late afternoon thunderstorm roared through Austin, Texas, producing wind gusts to 81 mph and 2.17 inches of rain in just one hour. The high winds toppled six National Guard helicopters at the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport.



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Barbara A. Sondgeroth

MENDOTA - Barbara A. Sondgeroth, 74, passed away peacefully on Sept. 5, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. Due to Covid-19 masks are required and social distancing observed. A private Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 12 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Peterstown. Rev. Peter Pilon will officiate. Will follow immediately after Mass in the church cemetery and the public is welcome to share in the committal service.

Pallbearers will be Devin Matson, Aiden, Chris, Dominic and Josh Sondgeroth, and Jacob Thompson.

Barbara was born Sept. 18, 1945 in Spring Valley to Joseph and Della (Yucas) Shevokas. She married Laurence "Larry" Sondgeroth on Oct. 5, 1963 at Holy Trinity Church, Cherry. He preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 2017.

Survivors include four children, Laurence Sondgeroth of Golden Valley, Ariz., Gregory (Patricia) Sondgeroth of Orlando, Fla., Patricia (Jeffrey) Glade of Mendota and Theodore (Joan) Sondgeroth of Omaha, Neb.; nine grandchildren, Joshua (Cassie) Sondgeroth, Jessica (Jack) Wofford, Christopher Sondgeroth, Erin (Steve) Dingman, Justin (Amy) Sondgeroth, Kelsey (Jacob) Thompson, Haley Sondgeroth, Dominic Sondgeroth and Tiffany Sondgeroth; six great grandchildren, Devin Matson, Christina Sondgeroth, Aiden Sondgeroth, Nathaniel Dingman, Kinsey Wofford and Hunter Sondgeroth; one great-great grandchild, Khloe Matson; and her brothers and sisters, Florian Shevokas, Rita Becker, Joseph (Cindy) Shevokas, Charles (Lila) Shevokas and Elaine (Steve) Wasilewski.

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

Barbara graduated from LaMoille High School in 1963. After being main caretaker to her four children through their school years, she worked at Del Monte Foods and Plano Molding before retiring. She was a lifetime member of her parish church, Sts. Peter and Paul, Peterstown, belonged to the Peterstown Altar Society, and participated in Divine Adoration until earlier this year. She actively volunteered with Cursillo and was a member of the team that supported the TEC Group. She enjoyed several including sewing, traveling and occasional trips to the casino with her sisters and other family members. She sewed beautiful doll clothing as a hobby and often attended craft fairs with her sisters. She enjoyed travel and being with family and friends.

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

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

LaSalle Co. Veterans Assistance offers outreach in Mendota

MENDOTA - The LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission helps veterans and their families apply for benefits and file claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense and various other agencies. They can also assist with obtaining military documents and awards/medals.

The VAC holds weekly outreach hours in Mendota

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday at the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, 800 Washington St.

The VAC will help any veteran having issues with these organizations, which can sometimes be cumbersome and confusing. Just stop by the Mendota Chamber office on Thursdays or call the main office in Ottawa at (815) 433-1761 and they will do their best to help.

Loren K. Rich

MENDOTA - Loren K. Rich, 77, of Mendota passed away Aug. 31, 2020 at OSF St. Anthony's Medical Center, Rockford.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 5 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Burial was at the Troy Grove Cemetery. Visitation was from 10-11:30 a.m. on Sept. 5 at the funeral home. Per COVID-19 recommendations, masks were required and social distancing encouraged.

Loren was born July 23, 1943 in Mendota to Donald and Lela (Mann) Rich. He married Suzanne Rhea on July 7, 1963.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years; four children, Janette Smith of Peru, Martha (Chris) Dalton of Stuart, Fla., Allan (Beth) Rich of Mendota and Lorene (Raul) Diaz of Mendota; four grandchildren; two grand-dogs; nine great-grandchildren; three brothers, Donald (Margo) Rich of Chatham, Gary (Cathy) Rich of Lena and Delbert (Michelle) Rich of Dimmick; one sister, Nancy (Roger) Daniels of Osakis, Minn.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his in laws, Richard and Herberta (Champlin) Rhea.

Loren graduated from Mendota High School in 1961. He worked as a machinist for Conco Tellus/Heico Interlake and Black Brothers in Mendota before retiring. However, his life passion was farming with his parents and taking over the family farm. He was saddened when he was no longer able to get on the tractors and his dream was to some day farm again. He enjoyed spending time with family, especially all of the grandkids and looked forward to winter trips to Florida to visit his grand-dogs. He enjoyed spending time outside watching the birds and squirrels. The newest passion was being a part of the Amputee Resource Network in Rockford. This group was a great support for both Loren and Suzanne and they looked forward to every monthly meeting as well as the summer picnics and Christmas parties.

Memorials may be directed to Amputee Resource Network, c/o Virginia Calson, 6613 Buckhorn, Loves Park, IL 61111.

Cover crop premium discount program returns for 2020

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has announced the second year of the "Fall Covers for Spring Savings Program." The program is applicable for acreage in Illinois planted to cover crops in the fall of 2020 that will be planted to an insurable crop in 2021. Eligible applicants receive a \$5 per acre premium discount on the following year's crop insurance invoice for every acre of cover crop enrolled and verified in the program.

The inaugural season of the premium discount program, initiated by State Sen. Scott Bennett and Rep. Andy Manar, resulted in an additional 50,000 acres of cover crops planted in the State with 70 percent of applicants identified as planting cover crops for the first time. Farmers are encouraged to take this program into consideration when making fall planting decisions.

The discount program was designed to promote additional acres of cover crops that are not covered by other state or federal incentives. IDOA will use a combination of tools to verify acres applied for through this pilot program are planted in



cover crops. The program is only applicable for those with coverage through the United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency (USDA-RMA) crop insurance program. Confirmed applications will be forwarded to the USDA-RMA for processing and applying premium discounts to 2021 crop insurance invoices.

"Cover crops are a great way to keep soil anchored, salvage nitrogen, capture carbon and create weed suppression," said Jerry Costello II, IDOA Acting Director. In the long run, cover crops will help Illinois farmers reduce the need for fertilizer and reach the goals of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy."

Applications will be available in December on the Illinois Department of Agriculture website. Further information can be obtained by contacting the IDOA at (217) 782-6297.

Lois A. Etheridge

MENDOTA - Lois Arlene (Brandstatter) Etheridge, 87, passed away Sept. 6, 2020.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at Restland Memorial Gardens, Mendota. Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Sept. 9 with a funeral service immediately following at the Conkle Funeral Home, 76 N. Avon Ave., Avon, Ind.

Lois was born Feb. 11, 1933 in Hennepin to John and Darlene Brandstatter. She married Frank Etheridge.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years; two children, Sue Etheridge of Kansas City, Mo. and Mike (Joyce Jensen) Etheridge of Indianapolis Ind.; one grandchild, Rev. Bob Etheridge of Buffalo Grove; one brother, Don (Nancy) Brandstatter of Chillicothe; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

She was a long-time resident of Mendota and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota. Online condolences may be shared at www.conklefuneralhome.com.

Small Bus. Development Center releases fall training schedule

OTTAWA - The Illinois Small Business Development Center at the Starved Rock Country Alliance has released its fall training schedule for 2020.

While most of the center's education is being offered virtually, there are some in-person classes scheduled for October.

This fall's class offerings include:

- **Building Credit:** Learn how to find your score, how it gets measured, and some tips to building (and rebuilding) a strong credit score toward obtaining business financing.
- **How to Start your Business in Illinois:** Interested in starting a business, but have questions? This Starting a Business in Illinois workshop will go over the basics of starting a business, legal structures, licenses and permits, financing, and more.
- **Grant Prep - GATA Pre-Award & NOFO Preparation Sessions:** Important! When grants are released, we want you to be prepared. Grant Accountability and Transparency Act Pre-Award prep sessions will help you prepare to immediately take action on Notice of Funding Opportunities.
- **Let's Talk eCommerce:** Whether expanding your retail operation or launching a new offering, eCommerce is opening many opportunities for businesses to thrive. The session will cover eCommerce as a whole and then do a deep dive in setting up an eCommerce store on the simplest of platforms.
- **Let's Crowdfund! Raising funds while building raving fans!:** Crowd-

funding is a great way to get funding for a specific project. It takes energy and creativity, but it can bring in much-needed funding and attract a whole new audience of supporters for your business. Receive guidance through common crowdfunding platforms and learn tips to have you on your way to fundraising success.

- **NEW - Protecting Confidential Information:** How can you protect the data that your business accumulates? Information about employees, clients, financial data, and intellectual property all need to be protected, especially as eCommerce gets involved. The goal of this training is to heighten awareness of protocols that secure the basic protection of confidential information for your business.

Dates and times for each class can be found on the center's website at www.alliancesbdc.org.

Illinois Small Business Development Centers offer no-cost, confidential, one-on-one business advising to people with ideas, people with dreams and plans to open their own small businesses, and small business owners looking to grow or shift their business.

The Starved Rock Country Alliance is a non-profit organization consists of local business owners, municipal leaders, and other stakeholders who desire to see the regional growth of local business and entrepreneurship.

Questions may be forwarded to (844) 369-8898 or info@alliancesbdc.org.

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Census

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ment agency like ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement). For far too long some members of our Latino community have been told to keep their doors closed and not be seen, but no more. You have the power, and you deserve to be seen and counted," she said.

The Trump administration attempted to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census, but those efforts were blocked by multiple federal courts last year. It does not appear on the final form, and any respondent information is kept confidential by law.

As of Sept. 2, Illinois was number 7 in terms of self-response, with a 69.8 percent rate. Illinois ranks 12th in total "enumeration," or the percentage of households in the state that have been counted in the census, at 89.8 percent. Among states with a population over 10 million, Illinois ranks first in both categories.

In 2010, which only allowed self-response via mail, Illinois had a 70.5 percent response rate. The 2020 census allows for residents to self-file a form online, through mail or by phone.

The state is on track to meet its 2010 response rate, but structural obstacles to filling out the census have kept response rates low in some parts of the state, including some rural counties and several census tracts on the south and west sides of Chicago among others.

Lack of access to broadband internet, the prevalence of PO boxes, which the Census Bureau does not send forms to, and the difficulty census door-knockers have reaching rural residents all factor into some county's having response rates as low as 33.4 percent.

The state has just three weeks to increase its response rates after the Trump administration shortened the deadline for reporting from the end of October to the end of September.

A federal lawsuit to restore the original deadline is ongoing. Illinoisans can fill out the census by mail, online at 2020census.gov, or by calling 844-330-2020.

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American Lung Association announces anti-vaping push

By REBECCA ANZEL
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The American Lung Association has announced a "comprehensive" plan to tackle electronic tobacco use by the nation's high schoolers.

Education, community advocacy and research are the main pillars of the association's strategy and are methods used by tobacco opponents to curb traditional cigarette use among the age group.

"As the school year resumes, more students may experience social pressure to vape, while others may begin to vape in response to stress, including stress related to COVID-19," Kristina Hamilton, the American Lung Association's advocacy director, said in a written statement. "We're already facing what the surgeon general refers to as a 'youth vaping epidemic.'"

A U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey found half of youth in the U.S. used an e-cigarette, vape pen or hookah in 2019. That trend of increasing electronic tobacco use is on par with Illinois high school student usage.

Approximately 8,000 students begin using a vape pen every day, the CDC found, resulting in more than one in four high schoolers and one in 10 middle schoolers vaping at least once per month.

The Lung Association launched a public awareness campaign to inform parents and adult leaders about e-cigarette facts and trends as well as strategies for speaking



The American Lung Association launched a public awareness campaign to inform parents and adult leaders about e-cigarette facts and trends as well as strategies for speaking with students about why they should not use such products.

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Officials also announced a Vape-Free Schools initiative "to help school administrators and educators address the surge of youth vaping through guidance in implementing a comprehensive tobacco use policy," according to the association.

Instead of suspension, it suggests educators develop a substitute discipline policy and offer a tobacco cessation program.

"Our communities need support, and...the American Lung Association is proud to offer Illinois schools, parents and students proven

approaches to end youth vaping in our communities and state," Hamilton said in a written statement.

The advocacy group also said it plans to promote legislation to include electronic tobacco products in the Smoke Free Illinois Act, which bans smoking in virtually all public places.

State Sen. Julie Morrison, a Democrat from Lake Forest, said she will introduce a measure in the 2021 legislative session to encourage youth to avoid e-tobacco products.

"We were doing so well on changing the culture of smoking, and now we have gone backward—especially

the younger generation," she said in a written statement. "While the implementation of Tobacco 21 was a major step forward in limiting the availability to tobacco products to children, there must be more education about the negative effects of e-cigarettes, so kids don't seek to get these products in illegal ways."

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"for those people eligible for less than \$100 in weekly unemployment benefits, New Hampshire is making additional changes to increase the minimum state unemployment benefit up to \$100 so that all unemployed Granite Staters will be eligible."

In Rhode Island, Scott Jensen, the state's Department of Labor and Training director, said officials will briefly increase residents' benefits so they qualify for the Lost Wage Assistance program.

Spokespeople for Pritzker and the Department of Employment Security did not respond to questions about whether a similar strategy was considered in Illinois.

IDES is tasked with distributing whatever federal funds Illinois is allocated and identifying which residents qualify for that assistance.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 24,116 Illinoisans filed new unemployment claims for the week ending Aug. 29. That is down 2,146 new claims filed the week prior.

The number of those residents receiving continuing unemployment benefits also decreased by more than 35,000, from 593,305 the week ending Aug. 15 to 555,582 the week after.

The number of Illinoisans who filed Pandemic Unemployment Assistance claims slightly increased from 4,169 the week ending Aug. 22 to 4,433 the week ending Aug. 29. The PUA program was designed for those who are self-employed and independent contractors who typically do not qualify for unemployment benefits.

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City Ordinance

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• Exemptions. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

• Violations and penalties. Any person(s) who is found to have violated the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$25 and no more than \$75.

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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.

Veterans' scholarship formed at IVCC

OGLESBY — A scholarship has been established at IVCC in memory of Vietnam veteran Terry Maloy, formerly of Princeton, who died at age 74 on June 10, 2019 at his home in Fort Myers, Fla.



Maloy's widow, Patricia, established the "Home of the Free because of the Brave" scholarship to honor his life and service. Starting this fall, the \$1,000 annual scholarship will go to a U.S. Army veteran pursuing a career in electrical work or nursing.

Maloy joined the Army in 1963 and went to Vietnam in 1965.

Patricia and Terry met at age 16 in Princeton, were wed at 18 and went

on to enjoy nearly 56 years of marriage, three daughters, nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 2013, they created the "Forever in Our Hearts" scholarship in memory of daughter Amy, killed in a 2007 car accident shortly after earning her RN degree from IVCC's nursing program.

A lineman electrician for the city of Princeton, Maloy was superintendent of the electrical department when he retired in 1998. In retirement, he remodeled their Florida home and built furniture.

Maloy bravely fought various cancers from 2001 until his death from Agent Orange in 2019.

"He never complained, never said a word about it," Patricia says with admiration.

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Double standard

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD—Imagine being handcuffed to a table in a police interrogation room for seven hours and not allowed to call a lawyer or even take a restroom break -- even though you had done nothing wrong.

Nothing.

That's what state Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, contends happened to him.



Reeder

Last month, the urbane, freshman lawmaker had all charges against him dismissed by Cook County prosecutors -- nine months after his arrest.

His alleged offense? He was carrying while Black.

Oh, of course, that is not what the arrest report says. But like all too many Black men, he's found that he faces a different standard than the rest of society.

His official charge was a misdemeanor: failure to surrender a revoked conceal carry license, or CCL.

Despite the officer's contention that Tarver's CCL was invalid, it ultimately was determined by prosecutors that his permit wasn't revoked. There was an apparent clerical error in the Chicago Police Department's database.

Back in November, Tarver was driving in his district when he was pulled over for having a burned-out headlight. Then the officers asked if he had a gun in the car.

"Being a trained attorney, a headlight being out is not necessarily a reason to ask for a firearm. But, I disclosed it because, quite honestly, I'm a Black man on the south side of Chicago, I'm afraid not to," he told me during a telephone interview.

And it was 8:30 p.m. and he was eager to get home and not to argue -- with six police officers -- about his constitutional rights.

"There is a long-standing difference in how black people with guns are treated than how white people are treated," said Frank Edwards, an assistant professor of criminal justice at Rutgers University. "This deep-seated fear may date back to fear of slave rebellions. But just look at how much worse the armed Black Panthers were treated in the 1960s compared to how white militias are today. In Kenosha, that white teenager walked right by those police officers with a rifle on his shoulder."

Tarver said during the traffic stop, police asked him to give them the gun. When the officer insisted, he did so.

"It scared the crap out of me. The last thing I wanted to do is handle a gun in front of a police officer," he said.

In 2013, Illinois lawmakers passed legislation allowing the carrying of concealed firearms after someone is issued a permit. To receive a permit, a person must take a 16-hour class, pass a marksmanship test and a criminal background check.

All of these things Tarver has done.

After Tarver safely handed the firearm to the officer, Tarver was told his CCL was revoked or expired.

"I told them, 'No it's not.' I offered to call the State Police to prove to them that it was valid. They wouldn't let me. I asked to call a lawyer. They wouldn't let me."

In a Chicago police video reviewed by Tarver, officers can be heard discussing the status of the CCL; one said he is going to call his lieutenant about it. The video also makes clear that the responding officers knew Tarver held elective office.

"He's a, uh, congressman," one cop is heard saying.

When contacted last week, CPD spokeswoman Sally Brown declined to discuss the case because of potential litigation. Tarver is contemplating filing a lawsuit against the department.

"It wasn't until 2 a.m. when my sister, who is also an attorney, told them I was a lawyer and also formerly worked for the department that investigates police misconduct that they finally allowed me to speak with anyone after being denied a proper phone call," Tarver said.

Shortly thereafter he was released.

The misdemeanor charge of failing to surrender a concealed carry license was dismissed on Aug. 4.

"Experiences such as these show the fallacies within the conduct of CPD. As a Black man from the south side of Chicago, I am not looked at as an Illinois state representative during these interactions with law enforcement. I hate to imagine what could have happened that day if I was not fully knowledgeable of my constitutional rights, and what many of my constituents may be coerced with while interacting with law enforcement."

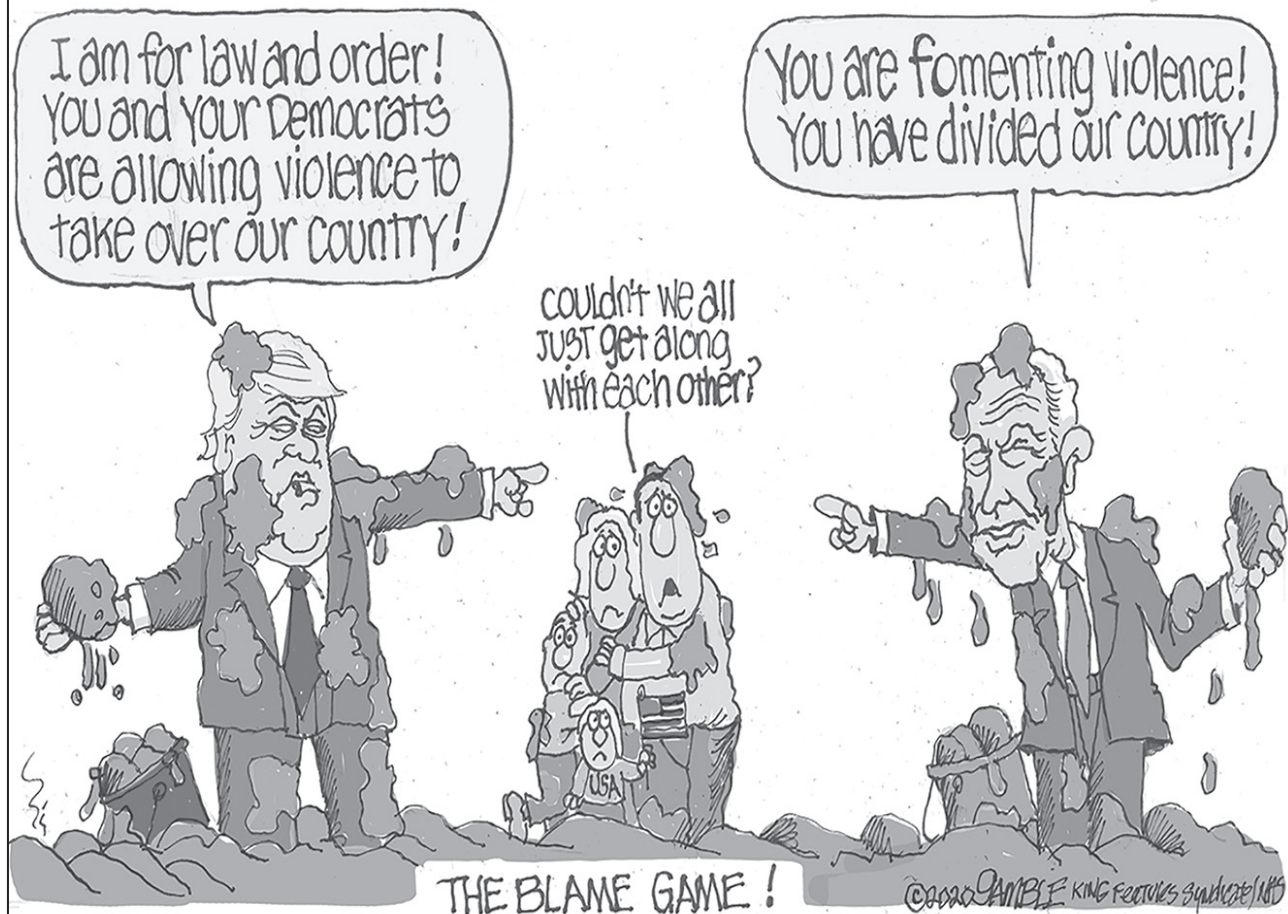
Regular readers of this column will note this is the second time in less than a month that I have written about a Black man elected to the Legislature being wrongly arrested.

Why do I focus on these cases? Because if someone with prominence receives this treatment, how much worse will others fare?

From my years as a reporter covering law enforcement, I can tell you that overt racism is an overwhelming problem in law enforcement. No, not all cops are bigots. But enough are that fear of law enforcement is pervasive in African American communities.

It's sad that 57 years after Martin Luther King, Jr. shared his dream of a nation where individuals are judged not "by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," we have a justice system that has one standard for Blacks and another for whites.

(Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.)



Ground breaking for Hume Plaza – 1988

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Sept. 9, 1988)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 10 years ago, on Sept. 6, 1988, that ground was broken for Hume Plaza on the site of one of the Hume Quonsets on the east side of Main Street. The Quonset had been built in 1946 by Phalen Steel Construction Co. and Phalens were to put up the new building as well. Of its 7,700 square feet, 1,700 would be occupied by the Hume office, while the remainder would be available for other professional or commercial enterprises.

Since the actual building would be going on until about the end of January, anyone making an early selection would be able to have the space adapted to specific requirements.

On the site of the second Hume Quonset, also slated for demolition, a shuffleboard facility would be erected. The space between the two new buildings would feature a landscaped patio and provide some parking.

Mendota Area Senior Services volunteers were honored at a Sept. 8, 1988, recognition party in the Feik Senior Parlor at the Civic Center. A total of 2,258 ½ hours had been contributed by 204 volunteers. Leo Guilfoyle was named Volunteer of the Year for the second time, his name now appearing twice on the plaque listing those who had earned the honor. Guilfoyle's principal contribution was keeping the Amtrak station waiting room open for a few hours three times a week. This service was especially appreciated by those waiting to meet or board a train during cold weather.

Principal Robert Cooper at MHS was pleased to report to the board that the Class of 1988 had achieved the highest scores in the American College Test of any MHS class during the previous five years. Scoring averages by the 73 students taking the test were near the top in the NCIC Conference. By category, these averages were: English 20.3; Math 20.3; Social Studies 19.5; Natural Science 24.1; Computer 21.2.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

The first distribution from the Kanteen Trust Fund was made in 1988. The fund, created by sale of the Kanteen building, was controlled by representatives of the Jaycees, Junior Women's Club, Federated Women's Club, Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary. Any organization with programs to benefit youth was eligible to apply for funding from the trust. Officers in 1988 were Jaycee Frank Kobilsek, president; Rotarian Steve Beetz, vice president; and Junior Women's Club representative Diane Truckenbrod, secretary-treasurer.

The Northbrook Elementary Parents Organization (NEPO) donated new playground equipment for children in grades one through three at Northbrook. The equipment was in kit form and was assembled by custodians Delbert Brown and Bernie Bodmer.

At the Tri-County Fairgrounds, the floral hall was dedicated to longtime fair executive Earl Waldorf and would be in the future known as Waldorf Hall. Fair attendance in 1988 was gratifying. Chubby Checker had spectators dancing on the infield. Pig races were held seven times daily with the Oriental entries attracting the most fans. The Demolition Derby drew so many entries that 20 prospective contestants had to be denied space.

Goldy, the disc jockey, kept teens in motion in the tent where grass was reported to have been rubbed away by dancing feet.

The Trojan football team under Dean Lubbs had accumulated 41 victories during his nine-plus years as head coach. But, until 1988, he had never seen his team win an opener. This was the year to change that disheartening statistic. The opener in 1988, against Minooka, produced a 20-7 victory for the Trojans.

Among players on that team were Scott Aughenbaugh, Curt Andruniak, Dan Bohn, Rob Daugherty and Marc Bond.

Also in a winning zone were the Spikers. The volleyball girls took first place in a tournament at Hoffman Estates. The teams they eliminated were Leyden Junior Varsity, Mundelein and Barrington.

The Reporter featured "Bear Watch – 1988" under a John Billhorn byline. Mike Ditka was coach of the Bears that year and in the opener against the Dolphins, the Bears enjoyed a 34-7 triumph. This was especially sweet, as the Bears had lost three of the four pre-season games and had suffered derogatory assessments by the media. Billhorn threw together some statistics on Bear quarterback Jim McMahon, declaring that among NFL players with 50 or more starts, he was best with a 40-13 record. He was followed by Joe Montana, Dan Marino and John Elway. For quarterbacks with fewer than 50 starts, the Bears' Mike Tomczak was best with 11-2.

Sales tax revenue was reportedly increasing over 1987 figures at the rate of 14%. Shirlean Hackman, Chamber of Commerce director, credited Mendota's acquisition of new businesses. During 1988, newcomers were Casey's General Store, Wymanet Butcher Shop, Don Butler Studios, The Villager and R&R Ford. Said Hackman –

We have not lost a business for a long time.

Work on the city's water storage tank was in progress. It was being painted white with the name Mendota in purple letters. L.H. Water & Storage Tank Co. of Kenton, Ohio had the contract.

At a meeting of the Graves Public Library board, a report on remodeling from a library consultant was acknowledged. Director Susan Ginocchio suggested the board's study committee be reinstated to explore other sites.

If we're going to remodel we have the consultant's report, but let's get other options.

Letters

Proposed legislation is a smokescreen to change constitution

Dear Editor:

Decades ago when I was in school we learned of the prideful qualities of the state we lived in – you know, Land of Lincoln, etc. Illinois students of today could master the ABCs in a different context: abortion, bankruptcy, corruption (or cannabis). What happened?

What follows is not meant to be a partisan censure, but rather an expose of a current issue facing Illinois voters due to dereliction of duty by elected politicians of both parties. Let's look at some recent history. In 2014, Bruce Rauner, a naïve outsider, was elected governor, winning 101 of 102 Illinois counties on a platform that promised fiscal sanity. This did not mean that the state overnight switched from blue to red, but simply at that point in time, voters were finally disgusted enough to make a change.

He largely failed for two reasons. He slowly drifted away from some of

the principles on which he ran, but mainly because as a non-career politician, he failed to realize the difficulties in dealing with the actual helmsman of Illinois in the person of Mike Madigan. Mr. Madigan has made a career of advancing his own interests as an intransigent, unprincipled political manipulator who makes Blago look like St. Francis of Assisi. Members of his own party dared not cross him as he controlled most of their campaign funding, committee assignments, even redistricting.

Which brings us to the gist of this essay. Illinois is broke, primarily because many billions of very generous pensions have been promised by the aforementioned politicians who gathered lots of votes from these lucky recipients. However, in the best tradition of a Bernie Madoff swindle, those pensioners subsequently discovered only IOUs, not real assets they could count on.

So, what to do now? The present governor is spending \$56 million to convince voters to amend the state constitution to allow for what he calls The Fair Tax, which is nothing more than a war on success. An all-out effort is coming to promote legislation that will enact a graduated income tax and you will be told that this will only affect the "rich." Very soon you will see lots of pro-yes ads from sources with a vested interest in higher taxes, or simply from agenda journalism. Keep in mind that the tax targets are the job creators, entrepreneurs, small employers, civic and community boosters, and philanthropists, the very people who could help get the state out of this mess. Over time, this legislation will stifle upward mobility and contribute to the out-migration of people and resources as is happening in New York and California, other high-tax states.

But the nasty little secret here is that not enough money will be raised from the high earners to make a dent in the problem. This proposed legislation is a smokescreen to get the constitution changed, enabling the politicians to increase taxes on the vast middle class. As time goes on, they will ratchet down the income brackets or simply raise the rates on the rest of us. If you have any doubts, remember that these are the same people that doubled the gas tax, raised vehicle registration fees by 50 percent, and snuck in many other under-the-radar regressive taxes and fees.

In summary, it's not often voters get a direct input on important issues that impact their financial well-being. Voting NO will help your children and grandchildren, that is, if they haven't fled already.

J.P. Elston,
Mendota

LOCAL AND AREA

State's wealthiest person gives \$20 million to anti-graduated tax committee

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois' wealthiest man and frequent Republican political donor Ken Griffin has pledged \$20 million to a group dedicated to defeating a graduated tax constitutional amendment.

Griffin, who is the founder of the hedge fund Citadel, has previously donated tens of millions of dollars to the campaign of Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner. He's also given millions to House and Senate Republican leadership in the state and donated to several individual lawmakers. Forbes estimates his net worth at \$15 billion.

His recent \$20 million donation went to the Coalition to Stop the Proposed Tax Hike Amendment ballot initiative committee. Prior to Griffin's donation, the committee had received \$950,000 in donations.

Gov. JB Pritzker has already dropped more than \$50 million of his own personal fortune, estimated at \$3.4 billion, in support of his marquee legislative proposal. His donation went to the Vote Yes for Fairness ballot initiative committee.

The constitutional amendment in question would scrap

the state's protection of a flat-rate income tax for a new structure allowing lawmakers to tax different levels of income at fluctuating tax rates. A progressive rate structure that would take effect if the amendment passes is expected to bring in more than \$1 billion in additional state revenue this fiscal year and more than \$3 billion annually when it is implemented for a full fiscal year.

It will be up to the voters in November as to whether the state gains authority to scrap the flat tax, which is currently 4.95 percent for every penny of taxable income for every taxpayer. If more than half of those voting in the November election, or three-fifths of those voting on the ballot question, approve the measure, a graduated rate structure can take effect.

Lawmakers have already approved the rate structure that will become law should the measure pass.

Effective Jan. 1, rates would remain flat or decrease for those earning \$250,000 or less, while they would increase for those earning above that amount.

Individuals earning more than \$750,000 and joint filers

with incomes exceeding \$1 million would see the largest tax increases. A flat tax rate of 7.99 percent on all income would apply to anyone exceeding those thresholds.

For all other earners, each varying tax rate would apply to only one specific margin of income.

The rates are 4.75 percent on taxable income from \$0 to \$10,000; 4.9 percent from \$10,001 to \$100,000; 4.95 percent from \$100,001 to \$250,000.

For joint filers, a 7.75 percent rate would kick in on margins from \$250,001 to \$500,000; and 7.85 percent from \$500,001 to \$1 million. For single filers, the 7.75 percent rate applies from \$250,001 to \$350,000, while the 7.85 percent rate applies from \$350,001 to \$750,000.

The measure also includes an increase in the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and up to a \$100-per-child tax credit for couples earning less than \$100,000 and single persons earning

less than \$80,000.

The corporate tax rate would go from 7 to 7.99 percent, not including an existing corporate property replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent that is not changed by the bill.

Opponents of the graduated tax have not disputed the rates that will become law upon its passage, but they argue that the change does not put safeguards in place to prevent future adjustments to the rate structure that could impose higher taxes on lower levels of income.

The necessary threshold to raise taxes in the General Assembly would remain unchanged by the amendment, although opponents argue it would make the task politically easier by allowing lawmakers to raise taxes on different tax brackets at different times.

In light of receiving the big check from Griffin, the Coalition said in a statement it "welcomes support from anyone who believes we

must stop Springfield politicians from having new power to increase income taxes on every group of taxpayers, whenever they want."

"The constitutional amendment sets no limit on the number of tax brackets that can be created and no limit on how high tax rates can be increased on groups of individual taxpayers – including middle-income families," the statement added.

Earlier in the week, more than 125 labor unions organized by the Vote Yes for Fair Tax ballot initiative committee hosted a virtual news conference to announce their support for the measure.

"Yesterday—the day that unions representing more than 1 million Illinois workers stood up to support Fair Tax reform—the state's richest billionaire Ken Griffin spent \$20 million to protect the broken status quo," John Bouman, the chairman of the group, said in a news release. "Griffin took home \$1.5 billion in 2019 alone, yet

paid the same state income tax rate as teachers, nurses, grocery store clerks and other essential workers. That's wrong and it's exactly why Illinois needs the Fair Tax amendment."

In August, the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce announced opposition to the graduated tax as well, warning of the effects a tax hike could have on job creators.

Proponents, however, pointed out that small business owners operating as sole proprietors or pass-through entities such as S-corporations will see a tax reduction under the plan if they have less than \$250,000 in annual income.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Can you guess who is the highest paid actor in films for a second year in a row?



Will Smith

“The Rock” of ages, Dwayne Johnson, pulled in \$87.5 million, including his pay for the film he’s currently shooting, “Red Notice,” for which he received \$23.5 million. It co-stars Ryan Reynolds, who pulled in \$20 million for the same film, for a 2020 income of \$71.5 million. Third place at \$58 million belongs to Mark Wahlberg, currently working on “Spencer Underground.”

They’re followed on the Forbes list by No. 4. Ben Affleck, at \$54 million; No. 5 Vin Diesel, \$54 million; No. 6 Bollywood star Akshay Kumar, with \$48.5 million; No. 7. Lin-Manuel Miranda, with \$45.5 million; No. 8. Will Smith, at \$44.5 million; No. 9 Adam Sandler, with \$41 million; and at No. 10, Jackie Chan, with \$40 million. What they all have in common is

that they produce their own films and films for others. Lin-Manuel had the \$75 million sale of “Hamilton” to Disney, and Adam Sandler has starred in and produced a slew of films for Netflix.

The list for women hasn’t been released yet, but in 2019 the No. 1 female earner was Scarlett Johansson at \$56 million, followed by Sofia Vergara at \$44 million and Reese Witherspoon with \$35 million.

Speaking of Will Smith, he will be the executive producer of the reboot of the “The Fresh Prince of Bel Air,” his TV series that ran from 1990-1996. It will probably land at HBOMax, since the service is streaming the original series. Smith also is executive producer of “Life in a Year,” which stars his son Jaden, Cara Delevingne, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Nia Long.

The 1982 film “Tron” starred Jeff Bridges and was a modest success, costing \$17 million to make and grossing \$50 million. In 2010, Bridges returned, after winning a best actor Oscar the year

before for “Crazy Heart,” to make the sequel, “Tron: Legacy,” which grossed \$400 million. Now comes word we’re going to have another “Tron,” this one to star Jared Leto and be called “Tron: Ares.” But first we’ll see his American crime thriller “The Little Things,” opposite Denzel Washington and Rami Malek, opening Jan. 29, and the superhero film “Morbius,” co-starring (“Doctor Who’s”) Matt Smith, due March 19.

Are you ready for a “Three Men and a Baby” sequel? The 1987 original starred Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. It grossed \$240 million, which prompted a sequel, “Three Men and a Little Lady” (1990), which didn’t do as well, grossing only \$72 million. Even so, it’s coming, this time as a vehicle for Zac Efron, whose last film was “Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile,” which grossed only \$10.5 for Netflix. With that title, they were lucky to make that!

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

This weekend I took some time out to relax with my youngest. Her choice: “The One and Only Ivan,” courtesy of Disney+. It’s a heartwarming story, based on real life, of a silverback gorilla raised in captivity and the center showcase of an oddly placed roadside circus -- a big top plunked in the middle of dying mall. The circus is struggling to stay afloat, despite the dedicated family of animal performers -- an elegant elephant, a rabbit that drives a firetruck, a neurotic seal and a chicken that plays baseball plus a pampered pooch -- and the somewhat vain but loving ringmaster Mack (Bryan Cranston).

A new addition of baby elephant Ruby prompts memories for both Ivan and Stella, the fading older elephant, who wrings a promise from Ivan to return Ruby to the wild so she can live free. Their adventure and the path there is as sweet as it comes, and it got us chatting about other not necessarily animated

animal movies that we love. Here’s a short list to get your own conversation started:

“Charlotte’s Web” -- Yes, the animated 1973 version remains a classic, but the 2006 reboot stands on its own four (or eight) feet. It stars an adorable Dakota Fanning as Fern, with Charlotte voiced by Julia Roberts and Dominic Scott Kay voicing Wilbur, the luminous and spectacular pig who must be saved from the farmer’s axe.

“The Adventures of Milo and Otis” -- Picture this: A curious orange kitten (Milo) gets himself into trouble, and right by his side is his best friend Otis, a pug pup. There’s no doggie dialog or cat commentary: The animals’ misadventures are comically chronicled by the Narrator (Dudley Moore) and suitable for all audiences. This film got its start for Japanese TV.

“Babe” -- This sweet Australian film is another that crossed an ocean to become a family favorite. The titular Babe is a piglet turned cattle herder -- a sheepdog in pig’s clothing. Separated from his

family, Babe makes friends with the farm dog and learns his ways, amazing Farmer (James Cromwell) and Mrs. Hoggett in the process.

“Hotel for Dogs” -- Andi and brother Bruce have a dog named Friday, but their new guardians have a no-pets policy. What are a couple of pooch-loving kids to do? Find a curiously safe but abandoned hotel and begin accepting Rover reservations, of course. It’s wildly improbable bubble-gum fun, but who can resist the doggos?

“Best in Show” -- OK, maybe not all animal movies cater to kids, and although it’s not entirely about the animals, I thought this Christopher Guest mockumentary deserved an honorable mention. It’s all about the highly competitive world of dog shows, featuring an ensemble of memorable characters riding on the fluffed and tucked tails of their champion (or wannabe champion) purebreds.

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Has the TV show “Shark Tank” been canceled? I haven’t seen any new episodes in a long time, even before the pandemic. I do watch the reruns on cable though.



Mark Cuban

-- S.P.
A: “Shark Tank,” ABC’s show about aspiring entrepreneurs presenting new products to a group of well-established investors, is gearing up for its next victims. In fact, initial filming for a new season has already begun in a Las Vegas hotel, with strict safety precautions in place.

One of the show’s “sharks,” Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, told “Variety” magazine that each of his fellow investors sat at least 6 feet apart during filming and were quarantined inside the hotel. (They used to film in a studio pre-pandemic.)

Be sure to mark Friday, Oct. 16, on your calendar for the 12th season premiere of “Shark Tank.”

Q: I agree with Chrissy Teigen. I find it hard to believe that the women on the

reality show “Selling Sunset” are real estate agents. They seem more like models who just show off the houses, and all the contracts are done by someone else behind the scenes. -- O.T.

A: “Selling Sunset” is a reality series on Netflix that features a group of agents selling multimillion dollar homes in Los Angeles. The Oppenheim Group is an actual brokerage in the Hollywood Hills that’s owned by twin brothers. Teigen, a social media star and former model herself, has her doubts about the female agents’ credentials, stating “I look at LA real estate a lot and have never seen any of these people, LOL. [Neither] have our agents, who I have obsessively asked.”

One of the leggy realtors, Heather Rae Young, responded by saying she’s had her license since 2014 and that “you can look up the proof.” She even invited Teigen to come to visit the Oppenheim Group, where “we’ve all been in the office for years and years.” Another agent, Maya Vander, told “E! News” that she actually sold a house on the same street where Teigen and her husband, singer John Legend,

recently closed on a home.

You can check out a photo of the entire Oppenheim Group staff at their official website, Ogroup.com/our-team/.

Q: Is singer Britney Spears’ father still in charge of all her money? Why won’t the courts allow her to be free from his control? -- S.U.

A: Spears, now 38 years old, has been living under a conservatorship controlled by her father for 12 years. It seemed necessary at the time, as Spears appeared to be suffering a mental breakdown. Since then she’s performed a live show in Las Vegas for four years but has since taken a break.

The court recently extended her conservatorship through February 2021, but has given some control to her sister, actress Jamie Lynn Spears, who was named a trustee of Britney’s estate.

As for why this has been going on for so long, no one is saying.

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

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• Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Azores Islands located?
2. GAMES: In poker, what is a “dead man’s hand”?
3. AD SLOGANS: Which company has a series of advertisements asking the question, “What’s in your wallet”?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only president who never married?
5. LITERARY: The pet rat Scabbers belonged to which character in the Harry Potter book series?
6. MUSIC: Which American singer/songwriter was nicknamed “The Hardest Working Man in Show Business”?
7. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the only active diamond mine in the United States?
8. MATH: What is the date of

- the annual Pi Day?
 9. ASTRONOMY: After the sun and moon, what is the third brightest object in Earth’s sky?
 10. MOVIES: What was the name of Quint’s boat in “Jaws”?
- Answers
1. Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Portugal
 2. Two pair of black aces and black eights, named after the hand Wild Bill Hickok reportedly held when he was shot to death.
 3. Capital One
 4. James Buchanan
 5. Ron Weasley
 6. James Brown
 7. Arkansas
 8. March 14 (3.14)
 9. Venus
 10. The Orca

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ACROSS

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- 5 Coffee, in slang
- 8 Snatch
- 12 Maze option
- 13 Possess
- 14 Elderly
- 15 Not all one kind
- 17 Clinton’s Arkansas hometown
- 18 Delivery co.
- 19 Source
- 21 Song of praise
- 24 “East of Eden” character
- 25 Charged bits
- 26 Lit into
- 30 Explosive letters
- 31 External
- 32 Eisenhower
- 33 Lent a hand
- 35 Appear
- 36 Dud
- 37 Familiar form of address
- 38 1954 doo-wop hit for The Crew-Cuts
- 41 Pirouette pivot
- 42 Deserve
- 43 Transferred, in law
- 48 List-ending
- 49 abbr. Mad Hatter’s party drink
- 50 Continental coin
- 51 Say it isn’t so
- 52 Listener
- 53 Unforeseen problem
- 9 Quite eager
- 10 Military visored hat
- 11 Paradise
- 16 Spinning stat
- 20 Bellow
- 21 Pocket bread
- 22 Half of the offspring
- 23 Picnic invaders
- 24 — in the right direction
- 26 Convert to computers
- 27 Told a tale
- 28 — out (supplemented)
- 29 Showroom
- 7 sample
- 31 Norway’s capital
- 34 “I wish”
- 35 Prolonged attacks
- 37 Japanese pond carp
- 38 Caraway, for one
- 39 Loathe
- 40 Cereal choice
- 41 Despot
- 44 Vast expanse
- 45 Sister
- 46 Mound stat
- 47 Pooch

DOWN

- 1 Hot tub
- 2 Existed
- 3 Part of FWIW
- 4 Grave robbers
- 5 Writes quickly
- 6 Have bills
- 7 Backed
- 8 Sesame paste

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* An armadillo’s shell is so hard that it can deflect a bullet, as a Texas man discovered to his chagrin when he took aim at one. The bullet ricocheted into his jaw and he had to be airlifted to a hospital. The armadillo, on the other hand, strolled away unscathed.

* One million U.S. dogs hold first place in their owner’s last will and testament.

* The original time machine in “Back to the Future” was not a DeLorean, but an old refrigerator. According to HuffPost, “Ultimately, it was determined that it probably was not a good idea to use a refrigerator in such a manner as kids might want to reenact the scene.”

* Napoleon introduced brass buttons on soldier uniforms’ sleeves to discourage them from wiping their noses.

* The first webcam was created to check a coffeepot! In 1993, researchers in the University of Cambridge’s computer science department really didn’t like getting up from their chairs to check the coffeepot just to find it empty,

so they wired a system that would stream three images per minute from the Trojan Room, where the pot was kept, to the internal computer network. By the end of that year, the stream made it onto the new World Wide Web, endowing the Trojan Room coffeepot with international, if brief, fame.

* The asteroids in “Star Wars” were actually painted potatoes.

* When English Romantic poet, painter and engraver William Blake was just 4, he claimed to see God through a window. Throughout the rest of his life, Blake said he often communed with angels, incorporating these visions into his art.

* According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the stickers on fruit are edible. We haven’t tried them ourselves, though.

Thought for the Day: “The best teachers remain students all their lives.” -- John Stott

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**Doug, Sue & family
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Linda & family
David, Jan & family**

Thank you to all our family, relatives, special neighbors, and friends for all the support given to us during the difficult time of Ron's illness and passing. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits (before COVID restrictions), phone calls and texts when Ron was in the hospital and rehab centers, and his favorite foods when he was home. Thanks to the staffs of OSF Saint Paul Mendota, OSF Saint Anthony's Rockford, Cor Mariae Rehab Center Rockford, OSF Home Health Mendota, Franklin Grove Rehab Center, and KSB Hospital Dixon. Special thanks to ICU units at Saint Anthony's and KSB. Also, thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy given to us whether it was the visitation, Mass or burial service, or the many cards, floral arrangements,

memorial gifts, Masses or prayers for us. A special thanks to Neal, Greg and Kim Vaessen for hosting a luncheon for us after the funeral services. Thanks to our daughter, Julie, for planning the card shower for Mom and Dad's special birthdays in July, and all the cards we received. Ron celebrated his belated 80th birthday in Heaven with his family and friends there, since we could not be with him for his actual birthday due to the COVID visiting restrictions. Thanks to Father Randy for celebrating the Funeral Mass, the Sublette Fire Department for their "walk through" at visitation, VFW Post 4079 Mendota for the military rites at the cemetery, and Merritt Funeral Home staff for all they did to make the arrangements easier for us. God bless all of you.

**Ruth Ann Vaessen
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Permission needed from city to place dumpster on a street

MENDOTA – All dumpsters needing to be placed on Mendota city streets are required to be cleared with Carl Ambler, superintendent of streets. Please call 815-539-7287 for approval before placing dumpsters on city streets.

POLICE BLOTTER

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Daniel E. Ratledge, 21, of 812 Main St., Apt. 9, Mendota, was charged with disorderly conduct after police officers responded to a call for service at Chicago Street and Wisconsin Avenue at 12:10 p.m. Sept. 2. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Sadie L. Mulroy, 24, of 1201 Fifth St., Mendota, was arrested at 3:16 p.m. Sept. 2 on a valid LaSalle County failure to appear arrest warrant for driving under the influence after making contact with her at Illinois Avenue and Monroe Street. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DISTURBING THE PEACE

John F. Giacomelli, 32, of 726 ½ Main St., Mendota, and Ethan A. Brown, 24, of 728 ½ Main St., Mendota, were each charged with city ordinance violation for disturbing the peace after police officers responded to a call for service in the 700 block of Main Street at 7 p.m. Sept. 2. Both subjects were released with LaSalle County court dates.

WARRANT ARREST

Conrad D. Arrington, 28, of Wenona, was arrested at 1:45 a.m. Sept. 3 on a valid LaSalle County failure to appear arrest warrant for obstructing police after officers responded to the 1000 block of Sixth Street for a 9-1-1 call for a domestic disturbance. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Daniel R. Kuhn, 45, of 205 Sandra Ave., Apt. C-3, Mendota, was charged with criminal damage to property after police officers responded to a call for service at 205 Sandra Ave. at 2 p.m. Sept. 3. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Sarah T. Joop, 41, of 909 Monroe St., Mendota, was arrested at 11:43 p.m. Sept. 3 on an active failure to appear warrant from Bureau County. The subject posted bond and was released with a Bureau County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Steven Owen, 41, of 718 ½ Main St., Mendota, was arrested at 4:19 p.m. Sept. 4 on a valid LaSalle County failure to appear arrest warrant for driving while suspended. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

JUVENILE CHARGED

A 15-year-old male juvenile was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop on South 13th Avenue near North 40th Road at 5:26 p.m. Sept. 5. The subject was released to a parent with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Rickee L. Ziegler, 41, of 811 Burlington St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to Ziegler's residence at 2:33 a.m. Sept. 6. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail to appear before a judge for a bond hearing.

Bicyclists should note traffic laws

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department urges motorists to pay attention, be alert for bikes and share the road. MPD urges bicyclists to be predictable and observe traffic laws. Your actions affect public opinion.

Illinois Bicycle Laws
Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists riding on a highway are granted all of the rights and are subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, with few exceptions.

Lane Positioning – When riding on roadways and bicycle paths at less than normal traffic speed, ride as close as practicable and safe to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except, when overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or, when preparing for a left turn, or, when reasonably necessary to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, motorized pedal cycles, pedestrians, animals and surface hazards.

Lights on Bicycles – For night riding, a front lamp with a white light visible from at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear visible from 100 feet to 600 feet are required. A rear light visible from 500 feet may be used in addition to the red reflector.

Two or More on a Bike – Bicycles shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his person in a backpack device or sling.

Parental Responsibility – The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize the child or ward to violate any of the provision of this code.

The Mendota Police Department encourages bicyclists to wear a helmet for protection against head injuries.

GARAGE SALE TIME!



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

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Anything that still has usability and some value.

2. HOW TO PRICE

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3. LENGTH OF SALE

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4. HOW TO SET IT UP

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September 11, 2001, is a day permanently etched in history. 9-11 carries profound meaning for many people and stands in infamy along with events like Pearl Harbor and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attacks on 9-11 resulted in a total of 2,996 fatalities. Among those were the victims on the four planes, civilians working in the towers and on the ground, military personnel and civilians in the Pentagon, and first-responders to the scenes. It is believed that at least 200 people in the World Trade Center fell or jumped to their deaths from the burning towers because rescue was improbable at or above points of impact on the towers.

Along with the World Trade Center primary towers, many other buildings in the area were destroyed or badly damaged from the attack. Many buildings were condemned. The Pentagon suffered serious damage as well.

Thousands of first responders and civilians entered the affected buildings to search for or help people exit the carnage. As of 2019, it is believed that several thousand more people have also died, some say from illnesses related to their heroic efforts.

While the world is quick to focus on the extensive damage and loss of life that ensued as a result of this terrible day, it also is important to focus on the survivors and those who risked their own lives to save people from burning and collapsing buildings. There are a number of ways to honor the legacy of these brave people.

* Establish a memorial at your home, in a neighborhood park or at a place of worship. While many memorials exist, there is certainly room for more memorials devoted to the heroes of September 11.

* Host a family get-together on or around September 11. Celebrate the life of those people who were lost on that day and focus on the positive memories.

* Initiate a scholarship fund in memory of a lost relative or friend. Many businesses or even the place of employment of the deceased may be willing to contribute money to the effort. This way the individual's name will live on and be associated with something positive for years to come.

* Volunteer time at a firehouse in the area or with an EMT unit. Volunteer EMTs and fire fighters are in short supply. Becoming a part of one of these units enables people to help others.

* Survivors can share their stories with school children or others, imparting knowledge about the events as they unfolded. This is a strong lesson in American history and bravery.

* Make a donation to a charity that offers financial support to those impacted by the events of 9-11. Be sure to check out the charity to ensure that funds are appropriated properly.

* Plan a visit to downtown New York City to see the progress that has been made in rebuilding the area, and visit the memorial that has opened to honor those who lost their lives.

While September 11, 2001, will live in infamy as a traumatic and horrific moment in American history, people can focus on the positive aspect of the heroes and find ways to honor their memories.



NEVER FORGET

PATRIOT DAY

SOCIAL/LOCAL

St. Margaret's Auxiliary awards scholarships

SPRING VALLEY - St. Margaret's Auxiliary recently awarded five scholarships to area students who have been accepted into or who are currently enrolled in a health care professional curriculum. Recipients of this year's scholarships include:

Kaelyn Condon is currently a student at Illinois State University and will begin her third year this fall. She was proudly awarded the \$1,000 Janyce Stuckert Memorial Scholarship, presented by her family in honor of her. The St. Bede graduate hopes to become a nurse practitioner. A native of Spring Valley, she is the daughter of Michael and Christy Condon.

Madelyn Hultz, a recent Hall graduate, will attend Illinois State University this fall. She was recently awarded a \$1,000 St. Margaret's Auxiliary Scholarship to help further her goal of

becoming an OB or pediatric nurse. She lives in Spring Valley with her parents, Scott and Nichole Hultz.

Ryan Marlett is in his second year at Dominican University pursuing his goal of becoming a physician's assistant. The LaSalle-Peru High School graduate has already obtained his Bachelor of Science from Illinois State University. The son of John and Mary Marlett of LaSalle, he was awarded a \$1,000 St. Margaret's Auxiliary Scholarship.

Olivia Mueller is currently a student at Illinois Valley Community College's nursing program while working at St. Margaret's for four years as a CNA and ER registration clerk. A St. Bede graduate, she has been awarded a \$1,000 St. Margaret's Auxiliary Scholarship and hopes to become a certified nurse midwife or nurse practitioner. She currently lives

in LaSalle and is the daughter of Scott Mueller and Ellen Jasiek Mueller.

Bailey Zmudka is continuing her education at St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing this fall after obtaining her Associates degree from IVCC earlier this year. The St. Bede graduate from Oglesby was awarded a \$1,000 St. Margaret's Auxiliary Scholarship. She hopes to complete her BSN degree and continue her education after graduation. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Louise Zmudka.

The auxiliary congratulated the winners and wished them the best of luck pursuing their healthcare careers. For more information on these scholarships or joining the hospital auxiliary, please contact Cindy at ext. 1130.

For more information on any services or upcoming events at St. Margaret's, please visit www.aboutsmh.org.



Condon



Hultz



Marlett



Mueller



Zmudka

Illinois Dept. of Public Health makes map available to provide data on travel risks

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has launched its new coronavirus disease (COVID-19) travel map to help inform residents of potential risks associated with traveling during the pandemic. The map indicates countries and U.S. states with increased risk of COVID-19 based on case rates.

"Travel may increase the chance of becoming infected and spreading COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "To help inform residents where they might be at greater risk of being exposed to COVID-19 when they travel, IDPH has launched a map that clearly shows states and other countries where case rates are elevated. While staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19, we know that it may not be possible to avoid all travel. We encourage people who are traveling, whether for work or otherwise, to check out the map before making plans."

Locations that have an average daily case rate of 15 cases per 100,000 or greater are designated as "higher risk" on the map, which can be found at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/travel>.

Airports, bus stations, train stations, and rest stops are all places travelers can be exposed to the virus in the air and on surfaces. The more people you come into contact with, for longer periods of time, the greater your risk of infection if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Do not travel when you are sick or with someone who is sick. When traveling, it is especially important to wear your mask, to keep 6 feet of distance between you and others you are not traveling with, and wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

When considering travel, think about the destination. It is also important to think about needed precautions for moving through bus, train or airport terminals, check-in and security lines, as well as the actual bus, train, or plane ride. Remember to take precautions when stopping for gas, food, and bathroom breaks when traveling by car or RV and as you interact with others and frequently touched surfaces.

For health questions about COVID-19, call the hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or e-mail dph.sick@illinois.gov.

Bureau County 4-H open for enrollment

PRINCETON - Bureau County 4-H invites area youth to enroll in the new 4-H year. 4-H, a program of the University of Illinois Extension, is open to all youth who are ages 5-18 as of Sept. 1.

Illinois 4-H is the largest out-of-school youth organization in Illinois, challenging youth to "learn by doing" with fun, hands-on activities that teach skills for living. Learning opportunities are intentionally designed around four essential concepts necessary for positive youth development:

a sense of belonging with a positive group, independence and self-determination, a spirit of generosity toward others, and a wide variety of opportunities to master life challenges.

For more information on becoming a member, please contact Danielle Gapinski, 4-H and Youth Development Program Coordinator, at (815) 875-2878 or e-mail des85@illinois.edu.

Visit their website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp>.

IDOT looking for snowplow drivers

By The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD—If you ever dreamed of driving a snowplow in the dead of winter, the state of Illinois is looking for you.

The Illinois Department of Transportation is looking for qualified persons to apply for seasonal positions to help with snow and ice removal on the more than 45,000 miles of road across the state. Through the department's annual "snowbird" program, temporary snowplow drivers are hired every year on a full-time and on-call basis.

"The calendar says September, but snow-and-ice season will be upon us before you know it, as well as a great opportunity to help serve the public," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman.

Applicants must have a commercial driver's license and submit a criminal background check. A pre-employment physical, vision testing and drug and alcohol screening also are required.

Spokesperson Maria Casteneda said this is ideal for idle school bus drivers out of work because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It is a great opportunity

for many of the people who work seasonal driving jobs, as well as this year we are calling out to those school bus drivers as well who hold commercial driver's

licenses," Casteneda said.

In some cases, participants in the program have become full-time employees.

Dealing with the results

of winter weather, depending on how severe the winter becomes, costs IDOT \$25 million to \$30 million a year for snow removal alone.

According to the Farm-

ers Almanac, Illinois will experience a colder winter in 2020-2021 with more snow than usual.

For information, go to idot.illinois.gov.



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Handmade gifts are personalized and special

2020 has been a year unlike any other. A global pandemic affected communities in every corner of the globe, and many people found they had much more time on their hands due to stay-at-home restrictions. That extra free time may have opened up the opportunity to re-engage with old hobbies or start entirely new ones. Such endeavors may have resulted in items that can make ideal handmade holiday gifts.

Crafting or engaging in other creative pursuits is a great way to pass the time and alleviate anxiety related to self-quarantining. Katie Carey Levisay, a clinical neuropsychologist in Denver, said that crafting requires focused attention and forces a person to be completely immersed in the moment. For those



who prefer to continue to avoid crowds until COVID-19 is in the world's collective rearview mirror, producing handmade gifts also cuts down on trips to shopping malls and other retailers.

Those interested in making handmade gifts this holiday season can consider these ideas.

• Jewelry: Most craft stores now have entire aisles dedicated to

making jewelry. From earring posts and loops to necklace brackets and all the essentials in between, jewelry crafters can create something fitting for the special people on their lists.

• Candles: Candles add light, warmth and aroma to help a home feel cozy. With some basic components, such as a wax source, wick, tint, and scent oils, it's easy to make candles. Pour the wax into a favorite vessel, such as a mason jar or delicate teacup.

• Handmade soaps: Those who dabble in candles may want to parlay those skills into soapmaking as well. Soaps can be crafted relatively easy and packaged as part of the ultimate homemade spa package.

• Oven mitts or skillet handle

covers: Gift that special home chef with custom oven mitts and a coordinating skillet holder for popular cast-iron cookery. An easy pattern, some durable fabric and some basic sewing skills are all that's needed.

• Handmade blanket: Those who love to knit or crochet know the bounty that can be made with needle, hook and yarn. From homemade afghans to cozy slippers to scarf and hat sets, the options are endless.

• Food: Those whose talents lean more toward culinary than crafty can pour their holiday love into delicious desserts or tasty tidbits.

Handmade gifts provide an opportunity to offer personal and meaningful gifts that can make the holidays that much more special.

4-H seniors receive special remembrance

LA SALLE COUNTY - LaSalle County 4-H members who were graduating seniors this year were recognized by Illinois 4-H with a 4-H memorabilia tassel. Seniors receiving the tassel were challenged to post a photo with their tassel for all to see.

During 2020, Illinois 4-H youth faced challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic with school closures, 4-H cancellations, and 4-H exhibitions being moved to a virtual format.

"We recognize the challenges our 4-H youth faced, especially our 4-H members that were in their senior year of high school and missing many milestones in their school and 4-H careers," said Tina Veal, 4-H Alumni & Constituent Engagement Manager with the Illinois 4-H program. "We wanted the opportunity to recognize those youth by creating a new 4-H memorabilia tassel to let 4-H youth know that we support them and are proud of the challenges they have overcome and to invite them stay connected to 4-H in their final years and as a 4-H alumnus." This recognition was made possible with support from the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

All graduating 4-H members have been formally invited to join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association. This association was established in 2016 to create a life-long, statewide community of 4-H alumni and provide increased opportunities for meaningful engagement to increase awareness, pride, participation, volunteerism and philanthropic commitment to Illinois 4-H.

4-H continues to build responsible and caring adults who are more likely to give back to their communities. The Illinois 4-H program has a strong history of making an impact on youth, building leaders and preparing them for success. "We want to remain connected to our 4-H alumni to see the impacts they make in their future careers and communities," Veal said.

For information about joining 4-H or about the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association, contact your local Extension office or Tina Veal at the Illinois State 4-H office at vealt@illinois.edu.

4-H, the nation's largest youth development organization, grows confident young people who are empowered for life today and prepared for career tomorrow. 4-H programs empower nearly six million young people across the U.S. through experiences that develop critical life skills.

For more information about LaSalle County 4-H opportunities, contact Toni Pienta, 4-H Youth Development Coordinator, at the LaSalle County Extension office (815) 433-0707.



SPORTS

Illinois 2020-21 waterfowl hunting updates

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is reminding waterfowl hunters of key dates and other information regarding the 2020–2021 waterfowl seasons and beyond.

Public Duck and Goose Hunting Permits

The application periods for Illinois Public Duck and Goose Hunting Area Permits are open. The first lottery has ended. There are additional application periods of Sept. 1–14 for the second lottery, and Sept. 15–28 for the third lottery. Permits remaining after the third lottery will be available on a first-come, first-served basis online starting Oct. 1. Permits are no longer mailed to successful participants but will be emailed, and participants can check the status of their permit application online and print their permit.

Hunters should note several changes to the Duck and Goose Hunting Area Permits. In anticipation of required changes at Duck and Goose Hunting Area Permit sites due to the coronavirus pandemic, permit allotments have been increased at several sites. IDNR anticipates not being able to hold daily standby drawings at sites for unallocated permits or no-show permit holders. Permit allotments have been increased to equal the total number of hunting stakes/blinds at these sites. Local hunters accustomed to hunting these sites via standby drawings should apply for permits to ensure they can hunt these sites this season.

More information, including online applications, instructions and a list of participating sites is available on the IDNR website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/waterfowl/Pages/OnlinePermitApplication.aspx>



es/OnlinePermitApplication.aspx

Permit sites with anticipated changes to standby hunting include: Banner Marsh SFWA, Rice Lake SFWA, Double T SFWA, Anderson Lake SFWA, Mermet Lake SFWA, Horseshoe Lake SFWA (Alexander Co), and Union Co SFWA. One new site added to the permit system this year is field goose hunting at the Black Crown Marsh Unit of Moraine Hills State Park in Lake County. Goose hunting at Black Crown Marsh will be available to one party of hunters per day four days per week.

Additional changes at waterfowl hunting sites

Changes to daily procedures at other waterfowl hunting sites are anticipated in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Please watch for additional IDNR press releases outlining changes and check with sites for specific procedures. Through responsible actions, hunters can help ensure that IDNR can continue to offer outdoor recreation opportunities.

2020-2021 Waterfowl Seasons

Illinois waterfowl hunters are reminded of the season dates and bag limits for the 2020–2021 seasons.

The September 2020 early Canada goose season is Sept. 1–15 with a daily limit of five (5) and a possession limit of fifteen (15) geese in the North and Central zones, and a daily limit of two (2) and a possession limit of six (6) geese in the South Central and South zones.

Illinois' 16-day 2020 statewide teal hunting season is Sept. 5–20 with a daily limit of six (6) and a possession limit of eighteen (18). Shooting hours for the September teal season are different from the regular season, starting at sunrise (one-half hour later than regular season) until sunset.

The regular seasons include 60-day duck seasons in each of the state's four waterfowl hunting zones, along with 107 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the North and Central zones (15 days in September, two days of youth hunting and 90 days of "regular" goose season), 96 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Central Zone, and 84 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Zone. Goose season lengths are shorter in the South Central and South zones to coincide with duck season dates and to match

hunter preferences.

The 2020–2021 Illinois season dates are the last year of a five-year plan that was developed in 2015. This year, Illinois will open the regular duck, Canada goose, and snow goose seasons on Oct. 17 in the North Zone, Oct. 24 in the Central Zone, Nov. 14 in the South Central Zone, and Nov. 26 in the South Zone. White-fronted goose (specklebelly) seasons will open Oct. 19 in the North Zone, Nov. 5 in the Central Zone, and on the same date as duck season in the South Central (Nov. 14) and South zones (Nov. 26).

The daily duck bag limit is six (6) and may include no more than four (4) mallards (two hens), three (3) wood ducks, two (2) redheads, two (2) black ducks, two (2) canvasback, one (1) pintail, and one (1) mottled duck. Scaup (bluebills) will have a bag limit of two (2) for the first 45 days of the season in each zone and one (1) for the last 15 days of the season in each zone. The daily bag limit of mergansers is five (5), only two of which may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit for ducks and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit by species and sex.

During the regular season, Canada goose limits will be three (3) with a possession limit of nine (9). White-fronted goose daily bag limits will be two (2) with a possession limit of six (6). The snow goose daily bag limit is 20 birds, with no possession limit, during the fall and winter season. The spring Light Goose Conservation Order will open Jan. 17 in the North Zone and Feb. 1 in the Central, South Central, and South zones, ending April 30 in all zones. There is no daily bag or possession limit on snow, blue, and Ross' geese during the spring conservation order.

The Illinois waterfowl hunting zone maps and season dates for the 2016–2020 seasons are available on the IDNR website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/waterfowl/Documents/WaterfowlZones-DatesFinal20162020.pdf>

The Illinois waterfowl hunting zone maps and anticipated season dates for the 2021–2025 seasons are available on the IDNR website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/news/Documents/IDNR-Waterfowl-2021-2025.pdf>

Additional details on the duck, goose, and other migratory bird hunting seasons are available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Pages/default.aspx> and in the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2020–21, available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Documents/HuntTrapDigest.pdf>

Note that sunrise and sunset times are not included in the Hunting and Trapping Digest this year. Hunters should refer to this website for their local sunrise and sunset: https://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneYear.php



Trojan golfers roll past Genoa-K.

MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojan varsity golf team moved to 4-0 on the season with a convincing victory over Genoa-Kingston on Sept. 3 at the Mendota Golf Club. The Trojans turned in an outstanding round of 177 to blow past the Cogs, who ended with a 225.

Ethan Hanaman led the way for Mendota with low meet score of 39. Coming in at 46 were Zeke Hesseberger, Jack Beetz and Clayton Buffington, while Logan Brandner (49) and Liam McGann (56) completed the Trojan lineup.

Mendota also had an easy time in claiming victory in the junior varsity meet, 205-234.

The Trojans' Mateo Escatel was the meet medalist with a 48. He was one stroke better than teammate Drake Dennis's 49. Xzavior Orozco checked in next with a 53, followed by Owen Aughenbaugh and Kody Becket each with 55s, and Dominik Stamberger with a 56.



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Stuck...or moving forward with hope?

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I was in my late thirties when my eyes were opened to truth in John 10:10 that I wasn't living the peaceful, joy-filled life Jesus died for me to have. The problem was I had a very negative mindset because of the abuse I had experienced throughout my childhood.

God showed me that it was holding me back and keeping me from dealing with areas of life that He wanted to heal and restore. I was stuck in the mindset of, "My future is based on my past and my present." But God wanted me to have a hopeful attitude, expecting something good to

happen to me.

Don't Let Your Past Hold You Back

The Bible says in Isaiah 43:18-19: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland" (NIV).

Without a doubt, holding on to your past will keep you from looking forward to your future. And sometimes it may even feel like you are being pulled in two different directions because God is trying to pull you forward toward a new thing and you're holding on to something that's behind you.

The Israelites did not want to let go of their past either. They stayed in the wilderness for 40 years because they compared everything to their past. In fact, they complained to Moses that they wanted to go back to Egypt and return to a life of slavery because that's what they knew. But God wanted them to move forward to the Promised Land—a

land flowing with milk and honey (see Exodus 13:5). They just couldn't get past their past.

Focusing on the Future

We need a vision—one that goes beyond what we've already seen and experienced—if we want to see change happen in our life. The apostle Paul says it like this in Philippians 3:13, "...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead..."

God has good things planned for us, no matter what has happened in our past. He is looking and longing for someone who's waiting for Him to be good to them. God wants to be good to you, but you have to be expecting Him to move in your life. I've gotten into a habit of regularly saying, "God is good, and something good is going to happen to me today!" I encourage you to do the same.

Setting Your Mind in the Right Direction

God can help you set your mind in the



right direction. The Bible tells us to set our mind and keep it set on things above, not earthly things (see Colossians 3:2).

My husband, Dave, is a great example of what it means to set your mind. Dave loves to play golf, so I asked him one day, "How's it going to be for you if you ever get to the point where you can't play golf?" He said, "I've already thought about that and I've just made up my mind I can be happy anyway."

Setting our mind and keeping it set means we keep our focus on where we want to go, not on where we have been or even where we are right now. God wants us to have a vision for our life and trust Him to help us get there.

Remember, God has

a good plan for you and He wants to see you live out that plan. But spending too much time looking back or thinking about what's happening in your life right now can keep you stuck, holding you back from experiencing all that He has for you. Your future has no room in it for the past.

So, don't get stuck in the past. Let go of what lies behind and press into the great future God has planned for you. I can promise you: God is with you. He wants to lead you, strengthen you, and help you every step of the way!

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Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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2. Whose first chapter (KJV)
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month ...?"

Ezra, Ezekiel, Micah, Malachi

3. From Exodus 10, what was
blown out of Egypt by a strong
west wind?

Rivers, Locusts, Sinners,
Nightness

4. In 1 Chronicles, who killed a
7 1/2-foot tall Egyptian giant?
Beniah, Gideon, Jannes, Baruch

5. From Genesis 28, what city
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dream?

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6. In Colossians 4, what city
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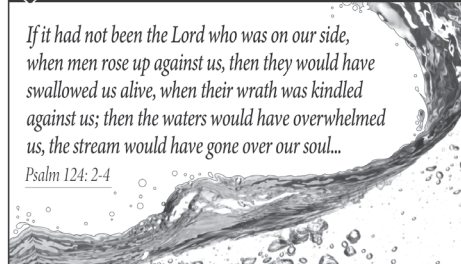
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timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0393, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 6 PAMELA MARTIN, 1729 170TH PL, HAMMOND, IN, 46324, according to the Deed dated February 22, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007 06265, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3212007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00250, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 1 TRACEY MATHEWS, LEAH MILLER, 115 ROCKHAVEN DR, ALVARADO, TX, 76009, according to the Deed dated December 01, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 26353, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12212011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076E, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1 TRACEY MATHEWS, LEAH MILLER, 106 PEBBLE CREEK WAY, ALVARADO, TX, 76009, according to the Deed dated December 01, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 26353, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12212011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076E, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1 ARRIA MATTHEWS, FRANK WILLIS, 4255 S MICHIGAN AVE APT 2N, CHICAGO, IL, 60653, according to the Deed dated October 19, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 30708, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11182005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1 ARRIA MATTHEWS, FRANK WILLIS, 4239 S STATE ST APT 1N, CHICAGO, IL, 60609, according to the Deed dated October 19, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 30708, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11182005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1 ROBERT B MAVIS, SHANNA C MAVIS, 1355 VISTA GLEN DR APT 7315, PLANO, TX, 75074, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17481, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8152012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0007E, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1 ROBERT B MAVIS, SHANNA C MAVIS, 1312 ELM DR, WYLIE, TX, 75098, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17481, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8152012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0007E, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1 JESSICA MCGEE, YOLLANDA WEST, 413 N 12TH ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62702, according to the Deed dated December 28,

2008 and recorded under File No. R2009 00838, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1132009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0172, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 1 ROBERT L. MCGHEE, 12111 S MICHIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Deed dated November 23, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 42529, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12162003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018E, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 1 LEWIS MEYERS JR, KATEVA LONDON, PO BOX 23146, CHICAGO, IL, 60623, according to the Deed dated March 06, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 07073, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3232005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0209, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 4 JASON M. MIETUS, ANGIE M. MIETUS, 717 SIERRA PL, GURNEE, IL, 60031, according to the Deed dated December 30, 1998 and recorded under File No. R99 06151, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3121999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00540, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 1 LUCIA MINES, MICHAEL MINES, 654 ABE ST, JOLIET, IL, 60432, according to the Deed dated July 20, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2015 19771, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10222015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0077E, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 XOCHITL MORENO, 2418 LOMBARD AVE, BERWYN, IL, 60402, according to the Deed dated April 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 08627, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4232013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01060, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 2 JOE A. NEUMAN JR., LORI A. NEUMAN, MATTHEW P. SHELATO, STACEY N. NEUMAN, 132 N WEST ST, WESTVILLE, IL, 61883, according to the Deed dated September 04, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 22995, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11061998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0009, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 JOE A. NEUMAN JR., LORI A. NEUMAN, MATTHEW P. SHELATO, STACEY N. NEUMAN, 1019 SOUTH 5TH, BELLEVILLE, IL, 62220, according to the Deed dated September 04, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 22995, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11061998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit No. 0009, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 JOE A. NEUMAN JR., LORI A. NEUMAN, MATTHEW P. SHELATO, STACEY N. NEUMAN, 4353 AL CLARE DR, SAINT LOUIS, MO, 63123, according to the Deed dated September 04, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 22995, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11061998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0009, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 REMEDIOS PANLILIO NEWMAN, ALEXANDER NEWMAN, 1403 SUNSET RIDGE RD, NORTHBROOK, IL, 60062, according to the Deed dated May 02, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 12786, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5212009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0285, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 4 THU NGUYEN, 5036 N WINTHROP AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL, 60640, according to the Deed dated February 28, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 05788, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3192013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00680, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 1 ELMER NOBLE JR., HEATHER A. NOBLE, 2135 BUTTERCUP DR, ELIDA, OH, 45807, according to the Deed dated January 29, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 05338, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2192003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01230, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2 OOMAR A. OLIVAS, EMILY OLIVAS, 2101 SHERMAN ST, LONGMONT, CO, 80501, according to the Deed dated June 09, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 16845, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6302005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0162E, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 2 GLENN A ORTEGA, CRISTINA G PANELO, 6081 CRATER LAKE DR, ROSEVILLE, CA, 95678, according to the Deed dated September 04, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 29784, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12191999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0068, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 1 JASON PASS, ANDREA PASS, 4 CHELSEA BLVD APT 711, HOUSTON, TX, 77006, according to the Deed dated July 12, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14694, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8062014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0414, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 7 JUAN A PINEDA, 1205 COTTONWOOD LN, BERRYVILLE, AR, 72616, according to

the Deed dated August 30, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 31367, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10172001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0158, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 2 JEAN L POHL, 2232 ST VINCENTS AVE, LA SALLE, IL, 61301, according to the Deed dated November 06, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 24396, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11292011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 6 CECILIA POMMIER, CARRIE POMMIER, 4727 FOWLER AVE, OMAHA, NE, 68104, according to the Deed dated May 19, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 24739, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7222003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01250, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 2 DARRELL PORTER, WANDA PORTER, PO BOX 750663, LAS VEGAS, NV, 89136, according to the Deed dated July 31, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 23742, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9101999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0054E, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 FRANCISCO REYES, 315 ASH ST, COPPERAS COVE, TX, 76522, according to the Deed dated September 18, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 01786, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1282010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00660, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 1 NELSON A. RIVERA, ANGELENE RIVERA, 1950 TEMPLAR DR, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60565, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 28925, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8202003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1 HELENA ROBINSON, WILLIAM ROBINSON, PO BOX 490482, CHICAGO, IL, 60649, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 14470, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7052012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015E, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 HELENA ROBINSON, WILLIAM ROBINSON, 7964 S KINGSTON, CHICAGO, IL, 60617, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 14470, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7052012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit

No. 0015E, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 DANNY RODRIGUEZ, 6248 W MONTROSE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60634, according to the Deed dated April 13, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 07845, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4302014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0058E, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 SERAFIN RODRIGUEZ, 1809 N MULLIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60639, according to the Deed dated December 11, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 26755, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12292011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0008E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1 MARY J. SALYARDS, LAURA SILICEO-ROMAN, JEFFREY SALYARDS, 530 N RUMPLE LN, ADDISON, IL, 60101, according to the Deed dated September 26, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 31381, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10172001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 MARY J. SALYARDS, LAURA SILICEO-ROMAN, JEFFREY SALYARDS, 4137 HARTFORD ST, SAINT LOUIS, MO, 63116, according to the Deed dated September 26, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 31381, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10172001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 CAROL SCHMILLEN, 2222 DAYBREAK DR, AURORA, IL, 60503, according to the Deed dated April 19, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 12392, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5192006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0038E, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 1 SEAN SIVERTSON, ANDREA SIVERTSON, 329 N FIRST ST, WILMINGTON, IL, 60481, according to the Deed dated July 26, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 32169, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11072002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00190, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 RHIANNON SMITH, 5105 FOXHILL RD, TEMPLE, TX, 76502, according to the Deed dated May 03, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 11319, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5242011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00080, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1 WINZELL STAFFORD, BRENDA STAFFORD, 3501 N COLTRANER DR, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, 73121, according to the Deed dated November 14, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009

30040, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12082009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00780, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1 WINZELL STAFFORD, BRENDA STAFFORD, 913 NW 12TH ST APT 619, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, 73106, according to the Deed dated November 14, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 30040, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12082009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00780, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1 CECILIA TORRALBA, 5707 CHARLIE CHAN DR, SAN ANTONIO, TX, 78240, according to the Deed dated March 24, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 08211, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4192012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204E, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 4 LAWRENCE TOVAR, IRENE TOVAR, 8718 BENT WILLOW, SAN ANTONIO, TX, 78254, according to the Deed dated February 18, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 05238, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3132012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0074E, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 1 SYLVIA Y. VOSS, 304 LUMAR DR, PEARL CITY, IL, 61062, according to the Deed dated April 14, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 14282, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6082006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00090, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 1 GREGORY WHITE, 3656 W 84TH PL, CHICAGO, IL, 60652, according to the Deed dated February 27, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 08038, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3312000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0114E, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 DOMINIQUE L WHITLOCK, NEIL DUNCAN, 14502 DANTE AVENUE, DOLTON, IL, 60419, according to the Deed dated January 31, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 04274, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2272008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0169, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 ARTHUR R WILEY, SONYA L RANDLE, 3323 ROCKRILL DR, HOUSTON, TX, 77045, according to the Deed dated March 17, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 09191, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4142009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0105, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 2 GLORIA J. WILLIAMS,

2401 VIA MARIPOSA W UNIT 1C, LAGUNA WOODS, CA, 92637, according to the Deed dated November 21, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2008 06194, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3202008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0137E, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2 CHARLES W WINTERS, SHEILA R WINTERS, 9743 S YALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Deed dated May 26, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 15543, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6222006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0025E, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1 TRAVIS WOOD, SHARRY L WOOD, 1004 5TH STREET A, HAMPTON, IL, 61256, according to the Deed dated April 27, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 12938, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6062008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0396, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 6 LOUIS C WOODEN SR, MARGARET WOODEN, ROOSEVELT WOODEN, 4464 MARYLAND ST, GARY, IN, 46409, according to the Deed dated May 11, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 16974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6302000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 LOUIS C WOODEN SR, MARGARET WOODEN, ROOSEVELT WOODEN, 3745 HARRISON ST, GARY, IN, 46408, according to the Deed dated May 11, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 16974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6302000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction. Fox River Resort Club, An Illinois Not-for-profit Corporation By: Barbara L. Lewis Its: Attorney-In-Fact No. 0901 (Sept. 2, 9 16, 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
MARY J.)
PALMER-BEEBE,)
DECEASED.)
NO. 2018-P-000211
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Mary J. Palmer-Beebe, of LaSalle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 06, 2018, to Gary Lee Beebe, of LaSalle, IL, as INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354. Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Downtown County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Dated: August 19, 2020 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0804 (Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 2020)
NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 21, 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Studio 1500 located at 1500 Knoll Crest Dr., Mendota, IL 61342. DATED August 21, 2020 Linda Swanson Applicant No. 0805 (Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 2020)

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

In the Matter of)
the Estate of)
LUIS S. GONZALEZ,)
Deceased.)
No. 2020 P 0151

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of LUIS S. GONZALEZ of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 17, 2020 to MARTHA E. OCAMPO, 305 13th Ave., Mendota, Illinois 61342, as independent executor, whose attorneys are DAVID W. OLIVERO/ LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS E. OLIVERO, 1615 Fourth Street, Peru, Illinois 61354.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. If claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, then claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within three months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorneys within ten days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. A copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

DAVID W. OLIVERO/ LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS E. OLIVERO Attorneys for Estate 1615 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois 61354 Telephone: 815/224-2400
No. 0902
(Sept. 2, 9, 16, 2020)

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

Estate of)
KAYWIN D. PARIS)
Deceased.)
No. 2020 P 158

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of KAYWIN D. PARIS. Letters of office were issued on August 24, 2020 to Cynthia L. Rippe, 610 W. High St., Roanoke, IL 61561, as independent administrator whose attorney of record is Jonathan J. Stoller, 15 W Front St., El Paso, Illinois 61738. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, C. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, La Salle County Courthouse, La Salle, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, until March 16, 2021 or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2020. Stoller Law Office Jonathan J. Stoller Attorney for Representative 15 W Front St El Paso, IL 61738 (309) 527-4300 jonathanstoller@stoller-law.com
No. 0903
(Sept. 9, 16, 23, 2020)

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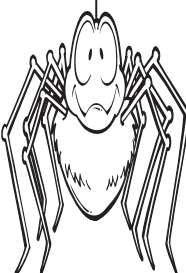
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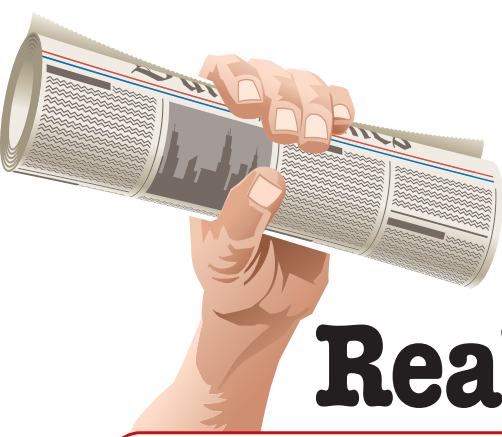
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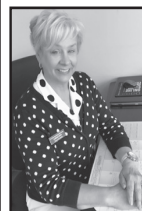
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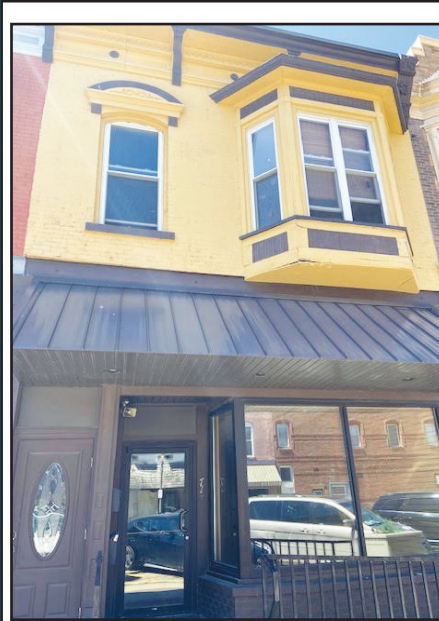
401 6th St Mendota, \$97,500 Lots of updates on this charming home on corner lot. 3 bedrooms, master on main floor with bath. Laundry on first floor. U shaped drive with attached garage. Some hardwood floors. 2 bedrooms up with full bath. Freshly painted interior, recently insulated and sided with newer windows. Call for all the amenities.



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4 BDR, 2BA, Victorian style home, hardwood floors, 2 staircases, HUGE backyard!!



1401 Hillcrest Drive MENDOTA
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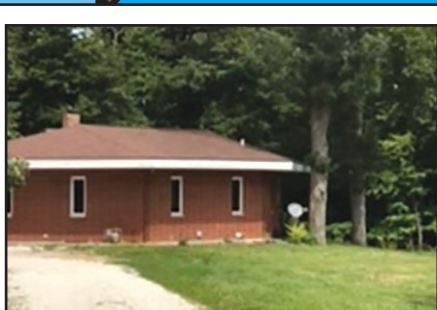
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