



Four members of the Mendota High School cheerleading team have a chilly reaction to the frigid waters of Lake Mendota during the Feb. 29 Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics of Illinois. Feeling the freeze, left to right, are Olivia Eddy, Kendra Frey, Tanya Rosas and Kendall Biers. Below, the Lighted Way Leprechauns won Best Costume in the plunge. (Reporter photos)

A leap into the deep freeze

❑ Hearty souls brave frigid water for Special Olympics

MENDOTA – A large contingent of brave souls made a big splash while contributing to a great cause when they took a leap into Lake Mendota during the 2020 Polar Plunge on Feb. 29.

Presented by the Law Enforcement Torch Run and GEICO, the Polar Plunge is held each year to support Special Olympics of Illinois by taking a quick dip into the chilly water of Lake Mendota. The funds raised from the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge® will benefit over 1,750 athletes that train and compete within Special Olympics of Illinois Region A.

Allison Nichols, Region A Assistant Director of Development, announced that 302 plungers participated in this year’s event and they raised \$63,742.77. The total number of plungers was an increase of 60 from last year.

“It was a fantastic event for our local athletes and pretty good weather too,” stated Nichols.

Participating local schools were Hall High School, St. Bede Academy, LaSalle-Peru High School, Mendota High School, Ottawa High School, Streator High School; Lighted Way and Lincoln School Mendota.



Participating local law enforcement groups were Illinois State Police District 17, State Police SWAT team, Mendota Police Department, DePue Police Department, Princeton Police Department and Sheridan Correctional Center.

Some of the highlights from this year’s plunge include: Gold Cool School – St. Bede Academy (most money raised); Silver Cool School – LaSalle-Peru High School; Bronze Cool School – Hall High School; Gold Plunger – Father Ron from St. Bede Academy; Gold Law Enforcement Team – Mendota Police Department; Best Costume – Lighted Way Leprechauns; Best Team Spirit – LaSalle-Peru High School

Kristine Shan, a student at Hall High School, was the 2020 Plunge Ambassador.

Nichols is excited to announce that next year’s plunge will be back at Lake Mendota on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021.



Top, Dave McNally of the Police & Fire Commission administers the oath of office to new full-time Mendota Police Department officer Abram Yucus. Bottom, new part-time officer Clint Thulen takes the oath. (Reporter photos)



Two new officers join Mendota P.D.

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The swearing in of two police officers was among the items handled by the Mendota City Council at its regular meeting on March 2.

Abram Yucus took the oath of office to join the Mendota Police Department as a full-time officer. He will have several months of training before beginning his duties with the department. Yucus is a native of the Ohio, Ill., area and graduated from the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D.

Clint Thulen was sworn in as a part-time officer. He will be appointed to the TRIDENT Drug Task Force assigned to the drug interdiction team concentrating on the I-80 area in Bureau County. Thulen is a retired Illinois State Trooper having served in that capacity for 27 years.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Mayor David Boelk gave the report for alderman Jim Fitzpatrick in his absence. The council approved to dispense of the bidding process for building demolition at 805 Illinois Ave. (former Campbell’s Cleaners) and then approved proceeding with the actual demolition.

Also, the council approved the annual maintenance resolution for the motor fuel tax fund and authorized bid letting for the 2020 street program set for 10 a.m. Monday, March 16.

Alderman John Hessenberger reported on the results of a Feb. 24 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals in which Beck Oil Company was requesting a height variance for a sign at its I-39 location. Hessenberger said the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval and the council voted to allow Beck Oil Co. to erect a 102-foot sign.

Alderman Mark Peasley presented an IDOT resolution for the annual Sweet Corn Festival street closures, which was approved by the council.

In an item from the mayor, April 2, 2020 was proclaimed as Junior Achievement Day in Mendota.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

History Fair projects to be featured at Hume-Carnegie Museum

MENDOTA – Holy Cross School seventh graders recently partnered with Hume-Carnegie Museum staff to do research on local history for their History Fair projects. The resulting projects will be featured display at the Museum when it opens for the 2020 season at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

The Holy Cross students chose topics that focused on various aspects of local history and learned about some of the inspiring people who not only helped the area grow but also enriched the community through their generosity, talent and hard work. The museum staff was pleased to work with the students helping them research and discover details about some of the people, places and events that helped shape Mendota and the surrounding area.

The Holy Cross students’ projects include The Kitch-Inn, August Holland, Helen Hokinson, Horace Hume,



Mary Schallhorn, administrative assistant at Mendota Museum & Historical Society, displays one of the 10 History Fair projects that were created by Holy Cross School seventh grade students. (Reporter photo by Bonnie Morris)

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HCC employees recently made a donation to the Mendota High School FFA Chapter. Attending the check presentation are, left to right, Jack Beetz, FFA treasurer; Dria Kuntz, FFA sentinel; Ashleigh Collins, FFA president; Mark Lamboley (HCC vice president), Adam Martin (HCC press operator) and Jim George (HCC press operator). (Photo contributed)

HCC donates to Mendota FFA Chapter

MENDOTA - The employees of HCC, Inc. in Mendota were excited to help celebrate National FFA Week at Mendota High School by donating \$300 to support the local FFA Chapter.

Money for the donation was raised during

HCC's annual employee Christmas party.

The Mendota High School FFA Chapter intends to use a portion of the money to purchase material to make tie blankets for Project Linus, which will provide blankets to patients at local children's hospitals.

Greater Peoria Honor Flight announces 2020 flight dates

◆ **Veterans may sign up for 2020 honor flights**

PEORIA - The Greater Peoria Honor Flight has announced their flight dates for 2020. The three confirmed flight dates to Washington, D.C. this year will be April 28, May 28 and Sept. 8. A possible fourth date may be added in October.

Thanks to generous donations from the community, nearly 300 veterans will be able to see the memorials in Washington, D.C. that were built to honor their service and sacrifice. This is a very memorable day for veterans and the guardians who take them on the trip.

Veterans fly at no cost on Honor Flights; their guardians pay a \$500 fee to escort the veteran. Every

flight taken by Greater Peoria Honor Flight costs approximately \$85,000. They rely on the generosity of the community through various events and fundraisers to help fund these flights.

The public is invited to attend the "Welcome Home" celebrations that are held on the evening of each flight day at the General Wayne A. Downing International Airport in Peoria. Shuttles to the airport will be available at the CEFCU (5401 Everett Dirksen Parkway) parking lot beginning at 8 p.m. Veterans arrive back in Peoria around 9:30 p.m. This has proved to be a

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Illini Valley Realtors name Hamer 'Realtor of the Year'

LA SALLE - The Illini Valley Association of REALTORS Annual Awards Banquet was held at Uptown Bar & Grill in LaSalle. Awards presented included new Realtor Affirmations, Community Advocate Recognition, Commitment to Excellence, Affiliate Recognition and the Illini Valley Association of REALTORS 2020 Realtor of the Year Award.

The guest speaker was Doneida Larsen of All Web Promotion. The program, "Social Media Marketing," addressed how Social Media enhances marketing in the real estate industry.

Welcomed to the Illini Valley Association were realtors, Beth Coleman, Jim Maloof Realtors; Kathryn Erjavsek, Malooley Dahm Realty; Travis Funk, Appraiser, George Company; Vincent Jessen, Coldwell Banker Today's Realtors; and Jane Stash, Coldwell

Banker Today's Realtors.

Illini Valley recognizes the importance of realtors speaking with one voice by participating in national and state calls for action. Realtors recognized for outstanding dedication to advocacy were Dee Barrera, Starved Rock Realty; Andrea Greenwalt, Janko Realty & Development; Roxana Noble, Landmark Realty of IL; and Christine Schweickert, Janko Realty & Development.

Two Illini Valley REALTORS were recognized for completing the Commitment to Excellence program, Andrea Greenwalt, Janko Realty & Development and Carol Wlodarchak, Coldwell Banker Today's REALTORS. This program empowers realtors to demonstrate their professionalism and commitment to conducting business at the highest standards.

The Affiliate Recogni-



Linda Hamer, right, was named as Illini Valley Association of REALTORS 2020 Realtor of the Year and Linda Hessenberger, left, received the group's Affiliate Recognition Award. (Photo contributed)

tion Award recognizes one affiliate member each year who demonstrates an active interest in the association by contributing time and other resources to its activities. The 2020 recipient is Linda Hessenberger of Central

Bank. Hessenberger has been a longstanding member of the association, serving on multiple committees and currently serving as chair of the Equal Opportunity in

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IVAC program to address 'Workplace Culture'

PERU - The Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development's (IVAC) next Business Breakfast Seminar will discuss "Workplace Culture - Strategic Success." Join the discussion at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at Mario's Maples in Peru.

Be a part of the discussion with Dr. Laurence G. Weinzimmer, Caterpillar Inc. Professor of Management at Bradley University. People may wonder if organizational culture really matters and if so, why is that important.

Weinzimmer will discuss what high-performance cultures look like, how to build them, and most importantly, how to maintain

them. At the end of the presentation, attendees will leave with a new appreciation for culture and why it is key in establishing effective organizations.

A sought-after business advisor to numerous Fortune 100 companies and author of four books, Weinzimmer's most recent book was ranked #3 on the Wall Street Journal Best Sellers List, and was rated the top leadership book in North America. He has been featured in Fortune, the New York Times, and Executive Excellence and has appeared on CNBC, CNN, ABC, NBC Nightly News and Fox Business.

The seminar will begin with a hot breakfast buffet served at 7:15 a.m. and the program will start at 7:30 a.m. Reservations must be made by calling (815) 223-0227 no later than noon on Tuesday, March 10. The breakfast is open to the public.

MASS Outreach in Earlville

EARLVILLE - Beverly Dunfrund, outreach specialist for Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS), will be at the Earlville Library District in Earlville from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10. In the morning, she will be at the Adams Township Building in Leland from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Dunfrund will assist anyone over age 60, and individuals under 60 who have a disability, in obtaining access to services available in this area, applying for programs or answering their questions.

Feel free to drop in any time during those hours. No appointments are necessary.

For information, contact the MASS office at (815) 539-9673, (815) 539-7700 or 1-800-535-5970.

Financial planning the focus of Lady Landowner Seminar

PRINCETON - Are you a landowner or a female farmer who would like to learn more about planning for your financial future? Plan to join sixth annual Lady Landowner seminar, set to take place at the Bureau County Extension office, 850 Thompson St., Princeton on Wednesday, March 18. The seminar will begin at 9 a.m. and include refreshments.

Guest speakers will be Kelly Hardy, CPA Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, and Dan Kniss, COUNTRY Financial Agency Manager. They will focus on tax strategies for today and estate planning for tomorrow.

This free seminar is being supported by Bureau County Farm Bureau, Bureau County U of I Extension, Bureau County Farm Service Agency, Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation District, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Reservations are required by contacting the Bureau County Farm Bureau at (815) 875-6468 or the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau at (309) 364-2501 before March 13.

Obituaries

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Stuart E. Faber

LA MOILLE - Stuart Eldon Faber, 64, of LaMoille passed away March 1, 2020 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 6 at Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Burial will be at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 5 at the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Stuart was born April 10, 1955 in Mendota to Glade and Halcyon "Sue" (DeVore) Faber.

Survivors include his mother, Sue Faber of Princeton; two brothers, Dr. Martin (Linda) Faber and Dr. Arnold (Anne) Faber, both of Princeton; two sisters, Beverly Faber of Princeton and Ellen (William) Stouffer of LaMoille; 17 nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, James Faber in 2004.

Stuart was a 1974 graduate of LaMoille High School. He was a loyal employee of Black Brothers Company in Mendota for over 35 years before retiring in 2013. He was a member of Community United Methodist Church and the Mendota Elks Lodge where he was involved in bowling leagues. He participated in summer league baseball and coached softball for the LaMoille youth for many years. He was a big sports enthusiast especially the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs and loved listening to 60s and 70s rock music. He loved to travel and had been to all 50 states. He was also very fond of all of his pets over the years.

Memorials may be directed Community United Methodist Church or the LaMoille Ambulance.

Charles Harmon

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. - Charles "Chuck" Harmon, 83, died peacefully Feb. 28, 2020 at Commonwealth Senior Living in Oak Ridge, Tenn. after struggling for several years with Parkinson's disease and dementia.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

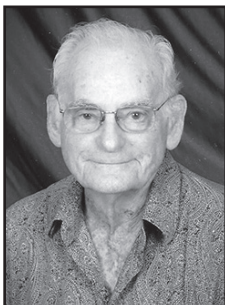
Chuck was born March 26, 1936 in Troy Grove to Charles and Edith (Andrews) Harmon. He married Mary Dunigan of Oak Ridge.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Harmon; his beloved daughter, Christa (Kevin) Dunn; one sister, Cynthia (Ron) Rosinski; two stepchildren, Jana Rivet and Billy Barker; three grandchildren, Cameron Luther, Chase Harmon and Nicolas Guzzo; and a step granddaughter, Brittney Fay.

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

Chuck was a graduate of Northern Illinois University and then went on to receive a Master of Arts in teaching in the field of natural sciences from Harvard University. He enjoyed his reputation as the "trivia man" and was proud to belong to the Mensa Society. He taught high school and junior college sciences in Massachusetts, Illinois and Florida. He was a gifted teacher whose purpose was to inspire his students to share his own excitement about using the human brain. Because of his high score on a test for science teachers, along with an exemplary showing in classroom observations, the state of Florida awarded him an increase in salary. He was then asked to join a committee of teachers statewide to compose more questions for use on future such tests. In response to the state's desire to include student skills in critical thinking in his school, he created class materials and projects to accomplish that goal. Critical thinking was also crucial for students taking the SAT. He highly valued the ability to use his brain and hoped to infect his students with the same desire. He held study sessions in his room in the evening before exams and filled the room to capacity. He even created programs for the computer based on his labs.

At Chuck's request, his body was donated to the UT Health Science Center for teaching purposes.



Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 1-7

OTTAWA - While March is nationally recognized as Severe Weather Preparedness month, Illinois recognizes March 1-7 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Although there are many types of severe weather, this week and month focuses on severe thunderstorms that can produce heavy rain, flash flooding, high winds and possibly tornadoes.

Knowing the difference between weather watches and warnings is important for personal decision-making. The National Weather Service defines "weather watches" as weather conditions being favorable for the development of severe weather, while "weather warnings" are defined as severe weather that is imminent or currently happening; people should take action immediately if

located within the warning area.

How someone receives emergency notifications is vital to personal survival. "There are many methods available to receive emergency notifications, but your life may depend upon making sure you're signed up for one," says Connie Brooks, director of LaSalle County Emergency Management. "Relying on outdoor warning sirens when you're indoors in an enclosed building is not as effective because those sirens are meant for individuals outside."

A NOAA weather radio is able to wake people up at night, if necessary. Today's weather radios are much easier to program alphabetically by state and county and are available at most retail stores for \$25-35.



Weather apps on smartphones are another way of receiving emergency notifications; some are

free and some require a paid subscription. People may also ask if their local jurisdiction offers an emergency reverse notification system and if so, they may sign up for it to receive weather notifications.

It is important to have a plan in place along with up-to-date emergency contact information and an emergency kit with current supplies that includes pets and anyone with special needs. This will allow people to act when they receive the warning to do so.

For more information, visit www.lasallecountyema.org under the Resources tab or www.ready.illinois.gov.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Stroke Support Group

OTTAWA - OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth in Ottawa is starting a Stroke Support Group on Friday, March 6 from 9-10 a.m.

The group will provide support for persons who have had a stroke, their families and friends and allows attendees to share experiences, solve problems and answer questions of those in similar

circumstances.

Participants will learn about stroke recovery, rehabilitation and prevention and explore resources and support available to live a satisfying life.

The group meets the first Friday of the month; no reservations required. Call Mary Yuhas, speech-language pathologist, at (815) 431-5316.

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CARL'S QUIZ

Name the U.S. president who said the following:

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

The answer to last week's quiz is: False. It may seem like there are more pets than people in the U.S. at times but pets number about 245 million and people 327 million.

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

Realtor

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Housing Committee.

The final award for the evening, Realtor of the Year, was presented to Linda Hamer, Coldwell Banker Today's REALTORS. The Realtor of the Year has high principles and promotes principles of good real estate practice among brokers and with the general public, is a team player, a loyal, enthusiastic and currently active member who regularly attends association functions and actively participates in all aspects of the Association. Factors considered include member/board service, real estate educational achievements, sales performance and business achievements, involvement with Illinois REALTORS and the National Association of REALTORS, and civic and political involvement.

Hamer has been an active member of the Illini Valley Association of REALTORS for 23 years and has earned the prestigious GRI Designation. She served on multiple committees throughout this time including the Contract, Member Outreach, Public Relations, RPAC, and the Governmental Affairs Committee having served as a State Legislative Contact and committee chair. She also served as a director and is a past president of Illini Valley. In addition, there has been a commitment to serving on Illinois REALTOR Committees along with attending annual professional standards workshops, public policy meetings, business meetings, and capitol conferences.

Hamer has served on the church council and volunteered at yearly Red Cross Blood Drives. She has been a commercial flight instructor and is certified by the FAA as a single and multi-engine instrument and advanced

ground and flight instructor. She was honored as the first female president of the International Aerobatic Club for three years.

The Illini Valley Association of REALTORS territory includes LaSalle, Putnam and most of Bureau County.



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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Frances K. Ambler

MENDOTA - Frances Kay Ambler, 78, of Mendota passed away Feb. 28, 2020 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation.

Per her wishes there will be no services. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Frances was born June 14, 1941 in Troy Grove to Frank and Fern (Edgcomb) Weygand.

Survivors include her husband, James Ambler of Mendota; daughter, Terri (Dan) Phalen of Monroe Center; two sons, Todd Schultz of Covington, La. and Ken (Pam) Schultz of Mohave Valley, Ariz.; two brothers, William (Deb) Weygand of Earlville and John (Rose Marie) Weygand of Mendota; two sisters, Patricia (Charles) Garrison of Yorkville and Jeanne (Doug Horn) Baron of Mendota; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death her parents.

Frances drove a school bus for the Mendota School District for 25 years. She enjoyed tending to her lawn and flowers.

Memorial may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue.



Delwyn F. Lawrence

LA MOILLE - Delwyn Franklin Lawrence, 61, of LaMoille passed away Feb. 24, 2020 at his home after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 29 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Jerry Graham officiating. Burial was at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille. Visitation was for one hour prior to services.

Delwyn was born May 12, 1958 in Mendota to Donald F. and Leola (Hassler) Lawrence.

Survivors include two brothers, David (Hazel) Lawrence and Donald R. (Colleen) Lawrence; one sister, Dorene (Eugene) Barr; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew.

Delwyn attended LaMoille schools. He worked at Del Monte and LaMoille Ag View FS. He enjoyed visiting with friends at LaMoille Fast Stop as well as visits from his nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Patricia C. Jones

MENDOTA - Patricia C. Jones, 80, passed away Feb. 25, 2020 at AMITA Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village with her daughters by her side.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Rev. Michael G. Zaniolo officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, 2112 W. Main St., Mendota.

Pallbearers will be her nephews, Eric, Jeff, Jim, Steve and Tim Delhotal, and Mike Hubbell.

Pat was born April 24, 1939 in West Brooklyn to Walter and Rosetta (Chaon) Delhotal. She married Ronald J. Jones in 1959 at St. Mary's Church, West Brooklyn. He preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 2004.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda (Stephen) Barkman of Mendota and Susan (John) Schneider of Elk Grove Village; five grandchildren, Ian (Lauren) Barkman, Blake Barkman, Madison Barkman, Otto Schneider and Gretchen Schneider; two sisters-in-law, Donna Delhotal and Karen Bonnell; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and three brothers, Delmar Delhotal, Donald Delhotal and Kenneth Delhotal.

Pat graduated from Mendota High School in 1957. During her work career, she was West Brooklyn Village Clerk for many years; helped with the family businesses, Sands Job Printing and the West Brooklyn Inn; and assisted in the activities department at Heritage Health. She was a long-time member of St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society, the West Brooklyn Blazers, Mendota Elks Lodge 1212, St. Mary's Catholic Church and Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Susan J. Pakenham

TRIUMPH - Susan "Sue" J. Pakenham, 71, of Triumph passed away Feb. 29, 2020 at her home.

Funeral services were held at noon on March 4 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Burial was at Wisner Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until noon on March 4 at the funeral home.

Sue was born Oct. 16, 1948 in Sandwich to Floyd and Unabelle (Newell) Wagner. She married Edward "Punk" Pakenham in 1975.

Survivors include her husband of Triumph; one daughter, Carol (Gary) Stanford of Mendota; one brother, Craig (Pat) Wagner; two sisters, Kathryn Wagner and Kathleen Wagner; one grandson, Tyler (Narissa) Keller; two granddaughters, Jamie Stanford and Jenna Stanford; brothers-in-law, John (Christine) Elston, John (Bonnie) Pakenham and Tim Pakenham; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her twin sister, Sarah Elston; one brother, Fred Wagner; her mother- and father-in-law, Lillian and Dan Pakenham; two brothers-in-law, Dan Pakenham and Joe Pakenham; and a great-grandson, Barrett Keller.

Sue attended Ophir Grade School and was a 1966 graduate of Mendota High School. She worked at Mendota Community Hospital for over 30 years before retiring in 2001. She enjoyed reading, organizing, and spending time at their camper in northern Wisconsin.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Ronald O. Boltz

EARLVILLE - Ronald O. Boltz, 92, of Earlville passed away Feb. 29, 2020 at Heritage Health in Mendota.

Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on March 4 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Earlville with Pastor Denise Rode officiating. Burial was at Precinct Cemetery in Earlville. Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. on March 3 at the church. Arrangements were entrusted to Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home in Earlville.

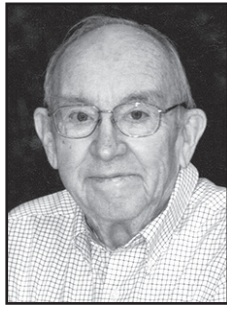
Ronald was born Aug. 1, 1927 in Earlville to Oscar and Edna (Buckhardt) Boltz. He married Wilma Cromer on Nov. 18, 1951 at her parent's home in La Grange. She preceded him in death in 2017.

Survivors include one daughter, Julianne Boltz of Centralia; one son, John (Jenny) Boltz of Earlville; three grandchildren, Kevin (Kelsi) Boltz of Sycamore, Courtney Boltz of Erie, Colo. and Kelsey (Andy) Stegman of Sheridan; four great-grandchildren, Bryce and Landyn Boltz and Brooks and Drake Stegman; one sister, Fran Sellers of Compton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one daughter, Lisa Kay Hanson in 1990; four sisters, Clarice Truckenbrod, Gertrude Spinner, Joyce Latimer, and Joanne Elsesser; and one brother, Wayne Boltz.

Ronald spent his life on the farm until his retirement in 1987. He was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church where over the years he served as an usher, on the church council and on many committees and even was the custodian. He was an avid volunteer in the community. He was a driver for the Earlville Ambulance Service, a crossing guard for the Earlville schools and was active with the Generation Exchange. He received the Golden Raider Award in 2010. He also was a member of two service clubs, the Mendota Elks Lodge for over 50 years and the Earlville Lions Club for over 40 years. He served as Lions Club treasurer and club president and was named The Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow in 2002. He was a proud veteran having served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church. For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com.



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for information.

Live Life Group

PERU - The Live Life transplant support group will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 9 at 6:30

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LOCAL AND AREA

Central Illinois leads corn and soybean production as numbers decline across state

Record-wet planting season hurt farmers statewide in 2019

By BEN ORNER

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Central Illinois counties led Illinois in corn and soybean production last year as every region and nearly all counties saw decreases in both crops, according to estimates released last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Both production and yields for corn and soybeans fell in nearly every Illinois county for which the USDA has data for the past two years, according to an analysis by Capitol News Illinois. The USDA published county-specific soybean figures for 75 of 102 counties and corn figures for 67 counties. Remaining counties were lumped into regional totals. All nine of Illinois' crop-growing regions, from the cold and snowy northwest to the temperate southeast, saw production and yields decrease.

McLean County, Illinois' largest by area and a perennial powerhouse in cash crop production, was by far the top producer of corn and soybeans, producing more than 61 million and 18 million bushels, respectively. Fellow central Illinois counties Champaign and Livingston rounded out the top three.

"The soil is good here, but is it better than anything in northern Illinois? No. Western Illinois? Probably not," said Gerald Thompson, who grows thousands of acres of corn and soybeans in the McLean County town of Colfax.

A short drive down Interstate 55, Sangamon County topped the state in corn and soybean yields, which is the average number of bushels produced from an acre of land. Sangamon County farms averaged 206.3 bushels per acre of corn and 65.5 of soybeans.

"I think we're all suited to compete, it's just more of a weather issue," Thompson said.

Production and yields were down from 2018 across the state — in many places dramatically — after heavy rain and flooding plagued farmers during the spring planting season.

"Explore IVCC" set for March 25

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College opens its classrooms and labs for "Explore IVCC" 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

This free event for prospective students and their parents begins with a panel of students as part of the welcome portion of the evening in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

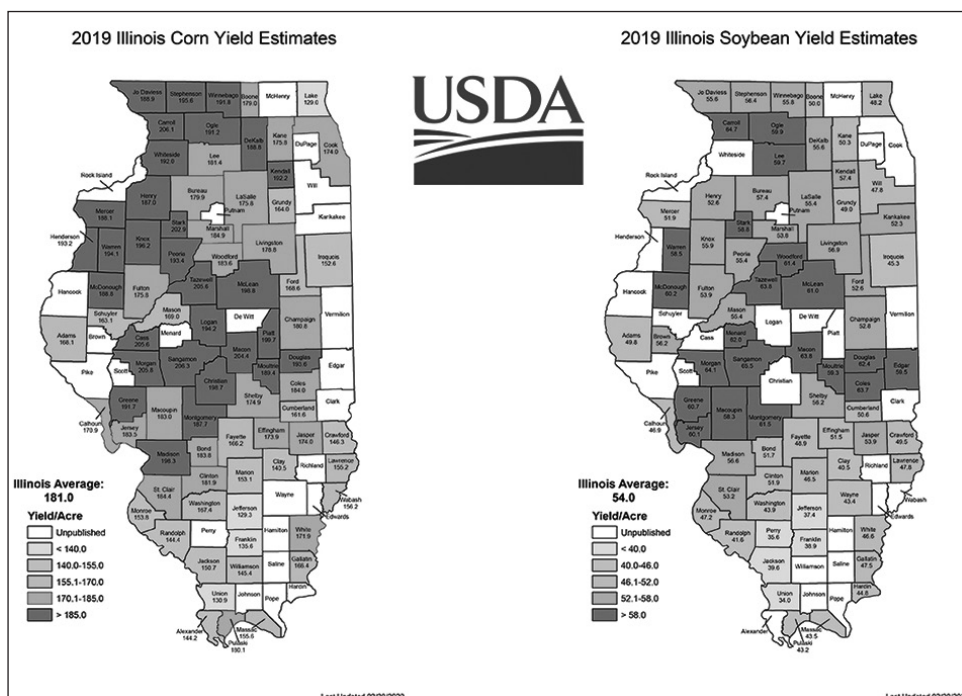
Attendees will then meet deans and faculty from various programs who will discuss majors and give tours of labs. Current IVCC students will share their experiences and counselors will be available to discuss the college's many academic programs.

Other topics include financial aid, student support services, scholarships, and transfer services. Free limited-edition IVCC t-shirts and food are provided to attendees.

Assistant Director of Admissions, Records, and Transfer Services Aseret Loveland said, "From industry-standard equipment in classrooms to creating relationships with local employers, IVCC has a lot of exciting resources and opportunities to offer students."

She added, "This is essential information for individuals considering enrolling this summer or fall so we encourage guests to attend the entire program."

RSVP at www.ivcc.edu/ explore or call (815) 224-0439. Summer registration begins April 3 and fall begins April 10.



"Preparing for wetter-than-normal conditions to be more common or happen more frequently is something that farmers should be doing in Illinois."

—State climatologist Dr. Trent Ford

Corn production dropped more than 62 percent in Illinois' southernmost Alexander County, which sits on the conflux of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. Another southwestern county, Perry, saw the biggest change in soybean production with 32 percent decrease.

Central Illinois' Douglas County had the biggest drop in corn yields with a 34 percent decrease. Calhoun County, which hugs the Mississippi River north of St. Louis, had the largest drop in soybean yields with a 48 percent decrease.

"Not only do you get the challenges of the water you get," Thompson said of farming along the Mississippi, "but you get everybody else's water after about a week or two after it comes down the river, gets out of its banks and floods your fields."

Though McLean County led the state in production, it was not spared by the weather. Soybean production fell nearly 10 percent, while corn production dropped 13 percent. Thompson estimates his yields for both crops were down around 10 percent.

"While I'm not singing the

blues too bad, I don't want to in any way take away from those that really did stress," he said.

Four counties for which the USDA had data actually saw yields increase. Soybean yields in Hardin County and Lake County rose 3.46 percent and 16.71 percent, respectively, though both saw decreases in production. No county saw an increase in soybean production as Lake County fared the best with a 1.95 percent decrease.

Corn yields rose in Winnebago County (4.01 percent) and Madison County (0.25 percent). Another three counties saw production increase: Marshall (5.28 percent), Sangamon (1.95 percent) and Gallatin (1.59 percent).

Last week's numbers are the first county-level glimpse into the plight of Illinois' top two crops after statewide production totals released in January showed a 20 percent drop in soybean production and an 18 percent drop in corn.

Illinois last year saw its wettest January through June on record. Corn and soybeans are usually planted in the late spring, especially May. Unfortunately for farmers,

the state's wettest May on record forced many to wait until June and even July to put seeds in the ground.

"We made an extra effort to get ready for spring 2020," said Thompson, who didn't finish planting last year until mid-June.

The National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration predicts a wetter-than-normal March through May for the entire state this year, especially southeastern Illinois communities along the Wabash River.

"Preparing for wetter-than-normal conditions to be more common or happen more frequently is something that farmers should be doing in Illinois," state climatologist Dr. Trent Ford told Capitol News Illinois in January.

Ford added that scientists attribute these increasingly wet conditions to climate change.

"The connections there are pretty strong," Ford said.

Despite the decreases in crop production, Illinois retains its status as America's top soybean state and second-ranked corn state, behind Iowa.

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Museum

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Willard Graves, Hegeler Carus Mansion, Cherry Coal Mine, Ken Gehler, the Cooke Family and Carson Pirie Scott & Co. These projects will be on display through mid-April. The Museum is proud of all the students and their accomplishments and they invite everyone to stop by to see the History Fair projects along with all of the other unique, historical items on display at the Museum. The volunteers at the

Union Depot Railroad Museum have also been busy updating several of their displays. The public is welcome to come and visit the Railroad Museum and see their most recent improvements as well.

The Hume-Carnegie Museum will be open this season on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The Union Depot Railroad Museum's hours will be from noon-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The Museums' 2020 season will run from March 7 to mid-December.

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The exodus continues

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – A fellow sat down next to me recently on a flight from San Antonio to Chicago and let out a sigh.

I asked if he was heading home and he just shook his head and explained he is in the process of moving from Chicago to Texas. The 50-something fellow said he was returning to Illinois to get his convertible and to drive it south.

I asked him why he was moving and he told me: “the taxes and the politics.”

It sounds familiar.

In the two decades that I’ve been writing this column, I’ve received hundreds of letters and emails from folks leaving the Land of Lincoln. The reasons they cite revolve around employment opportunities, tax burden and the state’s political future.

According to Internal Revenue Service data, Illinois has experienced a net loss of 160,000 people since 2010. That’s more than the population of Springfield, Peoria, Rockford or the Illinois Quad-Cities.

Illinois and West Virginia were the only states that lost population during that time.

While middle class people make up the bulk of those leaving the state, the group that had the highest proportion leave are those earning more than \$200,000 per year. Proportionately, the second largest group leaving are those earning between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

That’s bad news. Why? Well, have you ever worked for someone poorer than yourself? Few of us have.

An inevitable consequence of losing these high earners is that they will invest elsewhere. Which means fewer jobs for Illinois. And that, of course, means more people leaving the state.

A second consequence is the tax base shrinks. This means with fewer people paying taxes, those who remain have to pay more to support the government that we have. Of course, higher taxes mean more people leaving Illinois.

It’s a vicious cycle that shows little reason to abate. In 2016, the Paul Simon Institute at Southern Illinois University conducted a statewide poll and found that 47 percent of respondents would like to leave Illinois and 51 percent would prefer to remain in the state. Just under 2 percent said they didn’t know.

Taxes are the single biggest reason people want to leave, the weather is next, followed by government and jobs. Specifically, 27 percent cite taxes as the motive for departing, 16 percent say weather, 15 percent cite government and 13 percent name jobs and education.

Illinois has the second highest property tax in the nation, just behind New Jersey.

For years, politicians have denied that Illinois has a problem with population loss. Now, most acknowledge the depth of the problem. But few propose solutions. It’s one of those problems that they would rather ignore than address.

That’s unfortunate. We deserve better.

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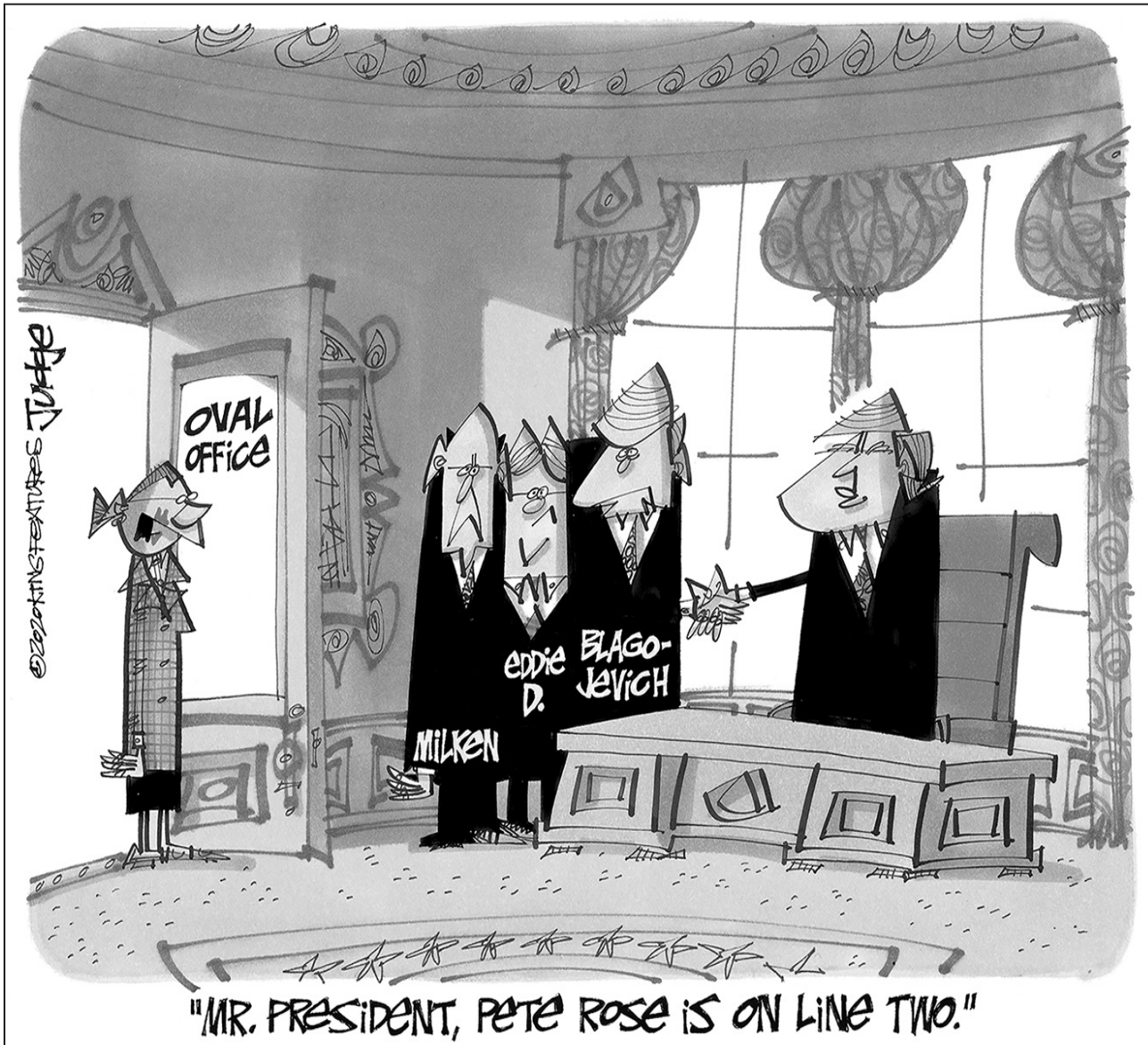
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Whittling the school budget – 1992

The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from March 6, 2002)

By Jessica Nashold

Mike Duffy was superintendent of Mendota High School in 1992. He made a few suggestions as to how economies might be achieved. (1.) Eliminating all summer school classes in 1993 with the exception of driving time for Driver's Ed classes and mandatory Special Ed classes. This would save \$23,600. (2.) If only one of the two retiring faculty members were to be replaced, another \$50,000 saving would result. (3.) If teachers' aides replaced certified teachers as the study hall monitors, there would be another saving. Aides would receive \$5 per hour.

Duffy's proposal for 1993 would not be effective in the upcoming summer of 1992. The pros and cons of his proposal would be discussed at a future meeting.

On the bright side, MHS were doing well in science competitions. In regional competition at IVCC, Mendota took several first places and advanced to sectional in Peoria. Four Mendota TEAMS members took third place in the event, and Dan Rebholz, with second place, took part in state competition on March 10, 1992, at Champaign.

The TEAMS acronym stands for Test of Engineering Aptitude, Math & Science. John Overley and Dave Brewer were coaches.

To fund activities for Special Ed students at the high school, a Chili/Salad Bar/Dessert fundraiser was held at the Mendota Moose Lodge, March 22, 1992. Advance tickets were: adults \$4; children 5-12 \$3; preschool \$1.

Coordinator was Cathie Nelson.

A fire inspection at Graves Public Library called attention to a number of violations. The emergency exit from the children's room, in the basement, was not legal. A stairway led to an opening, which would only accommodate smaller children. Kathy Berggren, library di-

rector, wondered if the stairs might be replaced by a ramp, making the room handicapped accessible.

Area Girl Scouts celebrated the 80th anniversary of the organization with a sleepover on March 13. T-shirts with "Care About the Earth" themes, conservation seminars, games and snacking was enjoyed by 96 area Scouts, chaperoned by 20 adults.

Boy Scouts conducted a door-to-door collection of non-perishable food throughout the community on March 14, 1992. Donations could be left outside the door.

Mark donations BSA.

The Food Pantry was recipient of food collected in Mendota.

An anonymous bomb threat was received at the Moose Lodge on March 3, 1992. A phone call at 6:30 p.m. warned that a bomb would explode at 8:05 p.m. Traffic on Route 34 was stopped for 20 minutes and the building evacuated. A thorough search was made.

No explosives were found.

Northbrook Middle School was represented in the Illinois Science Olympiad regional competition at Peoria. Taking second place with their entries were Gwen Stewart and Jenny Anderson, in insect identification; Mike and Andy Welsh for identification of rocks, minerals and fossils.

After an extended spell of mild weather, a quick freeze presented problems for ducks and geese wintering at Lake Mendota.

The cast of "Brigadoon" and coach Dave Schroeder dealt with a unique technical problem. A Scottish town was supposed to "appear from a mist." One smoke machine was not enough to fill the stage.

A second smoke machine was rented.

"Brigadoon" was presented at MHS on March 19-21, 1992. Atmosphere was enhanced by a performance on bagpipes by guest musician, Dr. John Galliland of Fond-du-lac, Wis. The cast of 18 and chorus of 17 came through with stellar performances.

Dempsey's Super Valu attracted 1,000 entries in a drawing for a 20" Huffy bicycle during Kids' Week in March 1992. The winner was Carol Fischer. Dave Fowler, manager of Dempsey's, made the presentation.

Mendotans were reminded that each unit of garbage placed on the curb for collection must have a sticker attached. Bags could weigh no more than 40 pounds. Garbage cans could not exceed 30-gallon capacity.

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Gary Walzer, owner of GW Recycling, was named a qualifier for a loan under the state's Invest in Illinois program. The loan would help pay for a recently built 200 square foot building and for hiring three new employees. GW Recycling baled paper and shipped it to Canada and Mexico.

Robert Vickrey of Peru, a former Mendotan, was appointed to the Illinois Gaming Board by Governor Jim Edgar.

Goal is to promote tourism.

With primary elections approaching, LaSalle County released relevant figures. The 1990 census credited the county with a population of 106,913. Of this number, 58,474 were registered voters. Because of redistricting, new voter identification cards were being issued.

Old cards should be destroyed.

Betty Murphy, secretary at Blackstone School, submitted the winning slogan for a District 289 brochure – "Nothing Less Than The Best – 289."

The prize was a desk pen.

Bernie Sanders' skewed worldview

By Rich Lowry

Bernie Sanders may be on the verge of gaining an insurmountable lead in the Democratic nomination fight, but he's not letting that get in the way of his socialist principles.

Asked in a "60 Minutes" interview about old statements praising Fidel Castro's supposed achievements in health care and education, Sanders stayed true to himself.

"You know, when Fidel Castro came into office, you know what he did?" he told interviewer Anderson Cooper. "He had a massive literacy program. Is that a bad thing? Even though Fidel Castro did it?"

No, literacy programs aren't a bad thing, but they usually don't require seizing power in a violent revolution, jailing and killing political opponents, seizing private property, or outlawing the free press. Teaching children to read is something that happens in free societies, too. That Bernie continues to believe a literacy program is some kind of recommendation for a regime that has otherwise oppressed and immiserated its people for decades is a sign of his skewed view of what's important and just for a polity.

Asked by Cooper about jailed Cuban dissidents, Sanders said he condemns that, but in any rational view, it's the imprisoning of people for expressing unwelcome political views that is the foremost thing to know about the Cuban dictatorship, period, full stop.

The left has nonetheless always viewed Fidel Castro as some kind of social worker who happened to take and hold power -- or "come to office," as Sanders delicately puts it -- via force.

Back in 1989, Sanders wrote, "Cuba -- the one country in the entire region that has no hunger, is educating all of its children and is providing high-quality, free health care -- is hated

with a passion by the Democrats as much as Republicans."

Besides the moral obtuseness of arguments like this, the factual basis for such claims is dubious. Cuba was already doing well on measures of health care and education prior to the revolution.

Bernie's perspective on Cuba is characteristic of his worldview that has a sympathy for America's enemies, at least if they are communist or Islamist; that assumes the worst of the United States; and that opposes nearly all U.S. military interventions as misbegotten or malign (Sanders voted for the Afghanistan War after Sept. 11, and now regrets even that vote).

Electing Bernie Sanders would be almost indistinguishable from putting the late radical historian Howard Zinn, or the America-loathing linguist Noam Chomsky, or the tendentious left-wing filmmaker Michael Moore in charge of American foreign policy. The country would be in the hands of an opponent of its power with no faith in its goodness. Bernie would make Barack Obama's overly solicitous attitude toward our enemies and Donald Trump's bizarrely warm statements about foreign dictators look like American foreign-policy orthodoxy by comparison.

There is almost no enemy of the United States that wouldn't be heartened by a Sanders victory, and see it as an opportunity to make gains at the expense of the United States and its allies. If his decades-long track record is any indication, Sanders would be inclined to make excuses for our adversaries and look on the bright side of their repression and rapine.

He's doing it with the Cuban dictatorship to this day.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC expands online course offerings

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College is seeing more students enroll in online courses as programs such as criminal justice expand offerings.

Last summer and fall, the program offered Introduction to Criminal Justice online and attracted a total of 22 students in the two sessions combined.

This spring's online offering of the intro course has 21 students and Criminal Law – starting March 16 – has reached capacity at 26 students. Criminal justice program coordinator Kevin Hermes said even though Criminal Law is full, he will open another section if enough students register.

Since last summer, online criminal justice enrollments total 69.

“When Kevin was hired to lead the program in 2018, one of his top priorities was offering classes online to complement traditional classroom courses. He saw the untapped potential there and followed through,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran.

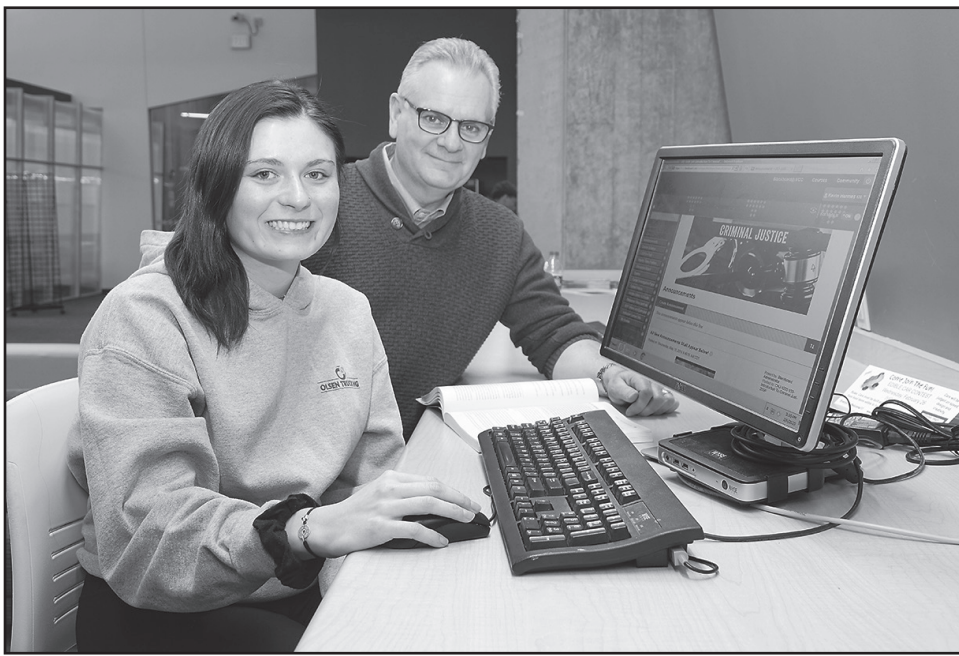
“Criminal justice will help IVCC become known as an institution for online learning.”

Future online criminal justice courses include:

- Corrections in America, summer 2020;
- Evidence and Criminal Procedure, second eight weeks of fall 2020;
- Criminology, spring 2021.

Student Mya Hewitt of Peru had already completed two online courses when she enrolled in the introductory criminal justice course this spring.

She enjoys course videos and discussion boards that



Mya Hewitt of Peru confers with program coordinator Kevin Hermes on her online criminal justice course. (Photo contributed)

help students learn from each other. Online success requires discipline, Hewitt said.

“You have to check on it every day,” she says. “The Blackboard app reminds me when things are due.”

IVCC criminal justice instructors bring years – oftentimes decades – of law enforcement experience to the classroom and online.

Hermes was a policeman for over 30 years in Massachusetts, Chicago and Bensenville before retiring in 2018 as a patrol sergeant. He studied law enforcement at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, at the University of Tennessee and is currently pursuing the Ph.D. in criminal justice online.

Director of Learning Resources Patrice Hess credited criminal justice as a “major influence” in summer online hours increasing 7 percent, fall 13 percent and spring

14 percent.

Other programs offering a number of classes online include Accounting, Office Professional, Computer-Aided Drafting and Business Administration, Hess noted.

“We also have a number of online and blended (part online, part in-person) offerings in Early Childhood Education and Dental Assisting,” she said.

“With speech now available online, a student could

feasibly earn an A.A., A.S., or Associate in General Studies completely online from IVCC,” she said.

Significant support exists for online learners.

“We emphasize ‘online learning, local support,’” Hess said. “Nearly all our online learners live in district. While enjoying online flexibility, they still benefit from the email, telephone, and in-person academic and technology support we offer all students.”

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The application, draft permit, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the Agency between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A Fact Sheet containing more detailed information is available at no charge. For further information call the Public Notice Clerk at 217-782-0610. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft permit to the Agency at the above address. The NPDES Permit and Public Notice numbers must appear on each comment page. All comments received by the Agency not later than 30 days from the date of this publication shall be considered in making the final decision regarding permit issuance.

Any interested person may submit written request for a public hearing on the draft permit, stating their name and address, the nature of the issues proposed to be raised and the evidence proposed to be presented with regard to these issues in the hearing. Such requests must be received by the Agency not later than 30 days from the date of this publication.

If written comments and/or requests indicate a significant degree of interest in the draft permit, the permittee authority may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 30 days before any public hearing.

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News Briefs

Criminal justice debate set March 18

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Criminal Justice Association hosts a public debate covering a variety of criminal justice topics from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

At this free event, a moderator will ask a question about topics directly or indirectly related to criminal justice including the death penalty, should homelessness or drug use be classified as a criminal or public health issue, what determines excessive force and gun-free zones. Participants will debate either side of the topic with time allowed for rebuttals.

Criminal Justice Association president Wyatt Cole said, “This is a great opportunity for civil debate on important topics.”

For information, contact program coordinator Kevin Hermes at (815) 224-0491 or kevin_hermes@ivcc.edu.

Women's History contest planned

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Mu Alpha chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society for two-year colleges, is seeking submissions for a Women's History Month Art and Writing Contest.

Students can submit photos, poetry, short stories, essays, paintings or other artistic endeavors that relate in some way to the theme “The Women Who Inspire Us.”

Submissions can be made in person in Room A314 or A328 or via email to either SKD co-advisors kimberly_radekhal@ivcc.edu or delores_robinson@ivcc.edu with subject line “WHM contest” by Monday, March 16.

Winners will be announced, prizes awarded and the winning submissions read or displayed at a brown bag lunch session Wednesday, March 25.

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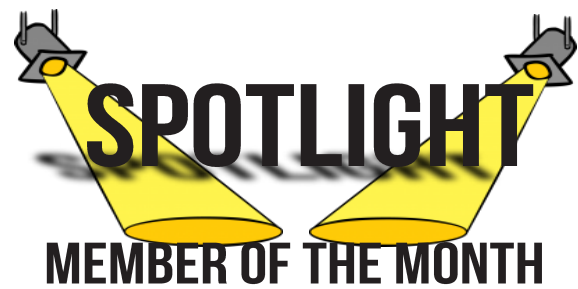
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AUCTION ALERT!

LAND AUCTION

64.926 Acres - Brooklyn Township - Lee County, IL

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020 10:00AM

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747 3rd St West Brooklyn, IL 61378

Registration Begins at 9AM

One parcel consisting of 64.926 surveyed acres with approximately 63.43 FSA tillable acres and a Surety Productivity Index of 125.6.

This parcel also offers great hunting and building opportunities as well. The main soil types on the Erdmann Farm are Catlin, Wyandot, Saybrook, La Rose and Elpaso.

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FARMLAND AUCTION

108 Acres MOL Section 30 Wyoming Twp., Lee County, IL

Thursday, March 19th, 2020 @ 11:00 AM

Auction to be conducted at the Mendota Moose Lodge

211 E. 12th St., Mendota, IL. (Rt. 34 2 miles west of I-39)

Directions to site: From I-39 go east on US Hwy 34 approximately 2 ½ miles to County Hwy 10 (Meriden curve) go north 6 miles to Cyclone Rd. west on Cyclone Rd. 2 miles to property on south side of road.

Description of Property:

The west 108 acres MOL of the NW ¼ of section 30 Wyoming Twp. Lee County IL. Exact legal will be provided by survey. This is a gently rolling farm with very good soils. The predominant soils are Sable silty clay loam, Blackberry silt loam, Saybrook silt loam, Muscatine silt loam, Catlin silt loam and Flanagan silt loam. The farm has a CPI of 140.1. 2018 taxes due in 2019 \$5,764.12.

Sellers: The Heirs of Dean and Keith Eich
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SENIOR HOMESTEAD & OWNER OCCUPIED EXEMPTIONS

NEW APPLICANTS

This Notice is for persons filing for the Homestead Exemption for the first time. **All** senior citizens who are or will be 65 years old during 2020 and who own and reside in their own home, are eligible for the \$5,000 Senior Homestead Exemption on the 2021 real estate tax bill. A copy of the deed and the owner's driver's license (and any other persons on the deed driver's license(s)) are needed for the application. The signature on this form must be notarized.

EXISTING SENIOR HOMESTEADS

Renewal forms for existing Homesteads were mailed out in early February 2020. All recipients should read the form, answer all questions completely and return them to the Township Assessor's Office. (See address below.) If needed, one of our staff members can help you fill out the form.

ASSESSMENT FREEZE

Renewal forms for the Assessment Freeze Exemption are included in the mailing with the regular Senior Homestead Exemption. Your total gross household income must be **\$65,000 or less**. This exemption freezes your assessed valuation, **not** your taxes. Forms must be filled out, signed, notarized, and returned to the respective township offices. Staff members can assist you with all of this. Our office has two notaries. If your income is between \$55,000 & \$65,000 or shows a loss, we will need a copy of your 2019 form 1040 and the loss schedule.

NEW HOMEOWNERS

If you bought a new home, this past year and were living in it by January 1, 2020, you will need to fill out an owner occupied exemption form with your local assessor. Your signature on this form must be notarized.

VETERANS

Exemptions for Veterans were created by House Bill 664 – one for disabled veterans and one for returning servicemen. Forms are available at our office.

DISABLED PERSONS

An exemption created by House Bill 664 allows a \$2,000 exemption for a Class II disabled person. Forms are available at our office. The Mendota Township Assessor's Office is located at the Mendota Township Offices at 602 S. Main St. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 9am-12pm & 1:30pm to 3 pm or by appointment. Completed forms may be mailed to Mendota Township Assessor, PO Box 465, Mendota, IL 61342. Staff members can make home visits for homebound individuals. Bilingual assistance is available by appointment. If you have any questions, call the office at 815-539-3201.

ALL NEW APPLICANTS

All New Exemption Applications & All Assessment Freeze Forms must be Notarized. There are (2) Notaries in the Mendota Township Assessor's Office.

OWNER-OCCUPIED EXEMPTION

New Home Owners have to file an Owner-Occupied Exemption Form to get this Exemption. These forms are available at the Mendota Township Assessor's Office. This form has to be Notarized.

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

If the tax bill is to be mailed to a different address, a Change of Address Form must be filled out. These are available at the Mendota Township Assessor's Office. This form must be Notarized.

Patricia Rich, CIAO
Mendota Township Assessor

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SPORTS

Shamrock 5K set March 14

MENDOTA—Holy Cross School is sponsoring its fourth annual Shamrock 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, March 14. Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m. in the Holy Cross gymnasium and the race will start at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross School. The finish line is also at the school. Walkers will start immediately after the runners.

The entry fee is \$30. Awards will be presented to the first overall male and female runners in the 5K. In addition, first-, second- and third-place finishers in each age division for male and female will be awarded medals. Refreshments will be available after the race.

Entry forms are available at Holy Cross School or Holy Cross Church Vestibule, or sign-up online at www.run-race.net. A minimal fee applies for online registration.

For more race information, like us on Facebook at Holy Cross Church & School-Mendota or email shamrockhcs5K@gmail.com.

Proceeds will benefit Holy Cross School.

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Feb. 24 — 1. Sully's 36-19; 2. Mauch Carpentry 35-10; 3. CM Farm 30-25; 4. High Rollers 29-28; 5. Bad Kats 21-34; 6. Sports-N-Stuff 16-39

High team game (scratch) — High Rollers 913, Sully's 866, Bad Kats 840

High team game (hdcp) — Sully's 1274, Bad Kats 1240, High Rollers 1210

High team series (scratch) — High Rollers 2685, Sports-N-Stuff 2417, Sully's 2349

High team series (hdcp) — High Rollers 3576, Sully's 3573, Bad Kats 3514

Men's high game (scratch) — Jose Sarabia 233, Bob Thomas 216, Adam Martin 212

Men's high game (hdcp) — Bob Thomas 273, Tony Yost 266, Jose Sarabia 266

Men's high series (scratch) — Bob Thomas 587, Jose Sarabia 577, Adam Martin 571

Men's high series (hdcp) — Bob Thomas 758, Adam Martin 721, Bob Moench Jr. 709

Women's high game (scratch) — Debbie Berger 233, Steph Westphal 225, Jessica Robinson 214

Women's high game (hdcp) — Debbie Berger 319, Audrey McConville 286, Steph Westphal 281

Women's high series (scratch) — Steph Westphal 566, Jessica Robinson 533, Gail Sessler 532

Women's high series (hdcp) — Debbie Berger 759, Audrey McConville 752, Steph Westphal 734

MHS's Bromenschenkel chosen Class 2A second-team all-state

MOLINE — The Illinois Associated Press Class 1A and Class 2A All-State girls' basketball teams have been named as voted on by a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters and compiled by All-State chair Steve Tappa.

Mendota High School junior Amellia Bromenschenkel was selected second-team all-state in Class 2A. She was the top vote-getter on the second team and missed making the first team by two votes. For the season, Bromenschenkel averaged 25.7 points per game and 11.8 rebounds per contest.

"It's hard to imagine there were five better girls this season than Amellia," said Mendota head coach John Hansen. "The first team must be loaded. It's an awesome accomplishment for the hardest working

and most driven kid I've ever met."

Also named to the second team was Winnebago sophomore Miyah Brown, from the Big Northern Conference.

The Class 1A second team was headed by Amboy High School junior Abi Payne. She was the top vote-getter on the second team and was 16 votes from making the first team. Payne's teammate and classmate, Mallory Powers, was an honorable mention all-state selection.

Players received five points for a first-team vote and three points for a second-team vote. Each voter picked a five-player first team and five-player second team in each class. A player must have been named on two ballots to receive honorable mention. All media members in the state were eligible to nominate and vote for players. Nobody earned unanimous selection in either class. There were 26 voters in 1A and 27 in 2A. There was a voting tie for the final first team spot in 1A.



Bromenschenkel

CLASS 2A FIRST TEAM

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.
Capria Brown	Danville Schlarmann	5-9	Sr.	G
Jeniah Thompson	Carterville	5-10	Sr.	G/F
Carly Gillen	Monmouth-Roseville	6-0	Sr.	F/C
Elyce Knudsen	Tolono Unity	5-7	Sr.	G
Katelyn Young	Fithian Oakwood	6-1	Sr.	F

CLASS 2A SECOND TEAM

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.
Amellia Bromenschenkel	Mendota	5-10	Jr.	G
Ashlyn Sturdy	Buffalo Tri-City	5-8	Sr.	G
Sarah Isaf	Paris	5-11	Sr.	G
Miyah Brown	Winnebago	5-9	Soph.	G/F
Jayonna Smith	Chicago Marshall	5-7	Jr.	F

CLASS 2A HONORABLE MENTION

Mady Harper, Midwest Central (5-7, Sr., G); Sidney Hummert, Quincy Notre Dame (5-11, Sr., F); Jasmine Brown, Joliet Catholic (5-8, Fr., G); Sidney Garrett, Riverdale (5-10, Sr., F); Emily Meidel, Bismarck Henning-Rossville-Alvin (5-11, Sr., G); Asya Smith, Pleasant Plains (5-6, Jr., G); Jayley Akers, Lawrenceville (5-7, Sr., G); Adrenna Snipes, Alton Marquette Catholic (5-5, Soph., G); Olivia Niemerg, Teutopolis (5-8, Sr., PG); Abbey Crain, Carterville (5-5, Sr., G); Chelsie Price, Normal U-High (5-9, Sr., F); Cassidy Kirchner, Petersburg PORTA (Sr., G); Shannon Lampe, Breese Mater Dei (5-10, Sr., F); Ensley Tedeschi, Benton (5-11, Fr., G); Hanah Hart, Spring Valley Hall (5-9, Sr., F); Karrington Krael, Paris (5-8, Sr., G/F); Lexie Niebrugge, Teutopolis (5-7, Jr., SG); Karli Artman, Carthage Illini West (5-5, Jr., SG); Molly Diekemper, Carlyle (6-0, Sr., F); Megan Hallemann, Greenville (6-4, Sr., C); Jennifer Heinberg, Marengo (5-7, Jr., G); Aliya Holloman, Villa Grove/Heritage (5-8, Sr., G); Lydia Miller, Harrisburg (6-0, Sr., C); Maya Osborn, Marshall (5-4, Soph., G); Hannah Schuringa, Elmhurst Timothy Christian (6-0, Jr., F); Breena Shreeves, Knoxville (5-10, Sr., F/C).

CLASS 1A FIRST TEAM

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.
Anna Heffren	Lewistown	5-6	Sr.	G
Anna Griffin	Aurora Christian	6-1	Jr.	G/F
Anna Burrus	Triopia	6-0	Sr.	C
Taylor Barry	Shiloh Tri-County	5-6	Jr.	G
Alisha Hamilton	Chicago Collins	5-9	Sr.	G
Erin Henze	Lanark Eastland	5-4	Sr.	PG

CLASS 1A SECOND TEAM

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.
Abi Payne	Amboy	5-8	Jr.	G
Kyndel Arthalony	Illini Central	6-0	Sr.	C
Lydia Coatney	Lanark Eastland	5-6	Sr.	G
Abby Barr	Freeport Aquin	5-11	Sr.	F
Sydney Shaeffer	Lewistown	5-8	Sr.	G/F

CLASS 1A HONORABLE MENTION

Maddy Martin, Elgin Harvest Christian (5-8, Sr., G); Jayden Standish, Lexington (5-9, Sr., G); Haley Wallace, Brimfield (5-8, Jr., G); Mallory Powers, Amboy (5-10, Jr., G); Allyson Hardiek, Altamont (6-2, Sr., F); Bella McCartney, Jacksonville Routt (5-10, Sr., F/C); Tiana Timpe, Stockton (5-10, Jr., PG); Madison Webb, Glen Carbon Father McGivney (5-9, Sr., F); Brinlee Bauman, Princeville (5-8, Sr., G); Claire Wilhour, Brownstown/St. Elmo (5-6, Sr., PG); Meggie Scott, Newark (5-4, Sr., PG); Tabytha Toelke, Dakota (6-0, Jr., G); Lexi Nichols, Kewanee Wethersfield (5-8, Sr., PG); Payton Sopczak, Goreville (5-7, Sr., G); Brooke Heiman, Indian Creek (5-9, Jr., PG); Ashley Jones, Abingdon-Avon (Soph., G); Hanna Hicks, Illini Bluffs (5-10, Sr., G); Abby Beck, Gardner-South Wilmington (5-6, Jr., PG); Kelly Jones, Colfax Ridgeview (5-11, Sr., F/C); Thaya Luse, Aurora Christian (5-8, Soph., F); Anna McKee, Glen Carbon Father McGivney (5-9, Jr., G).

El Paso-Gridley puts end to Trojan season

WINNEBAGO — A season to forget finally came to an end for the Mendota Trojans as they bowed out in the first round of the Winnebago Class 2A Regional. El Paso-Gridley knocked the Trojans from the tournament with a 58-21 victory on Feb. 25.

Mendota concluded the season with a 2-30 record, including losing its final 17 games.

Trouble scoring the basketball plagued the Trojans from the start of the season to the finish and it was no different in the regional. In three of the four quarters against El Paso-Gridley, Mendota scored five or fewer points. For the season, the Trojans got to 50 points in a game only four times.

The Titans took control from the opening tip, racing out to a 22-5 lead at the end of one quarter. The Trojans were only able to score two points in the second stanza and El Paso-Gridley owned a 35-7 halftime lead. The count stood at 47-18 after three periods.

Mauricio Escatel pumped in eight points to lead the Trojans. Emiliano Arteaga, Chris Sandoval and Emilio Perez each added four tallies. Twelve players got in the scoring column for the Titans, but none hit double digits.

El Paso-Gridley went on

to win the regional championship by toppling host Winnebago, 69-60, in the title game on Feb. 28.

El Paso-Gridley advanced to the Princeton Sectional where it played Sterling Newman on March 3. The other sectional game pitted Minonk (Fieldcrest) against Taylor Ridge (Rockridge). The two winners of the March 3 games will battle for the sectional crown at 7 p.m. Friday, March 6 for a right to play in the DeKalb Supersectional on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. against the champion of the Genoa-Kingston Sectional.

EL PASO-GRIDLEY 58, MENDOTA 21

Mendota (21)	FG	FT	Fls	TP
E. Arteaga	1	2-5	0	4
C. Sandoval	1	2-3	3	4
Hughes	0	0-0	3	0
A. Guzman	0	1-2	0	1
Stremmlau	0	0-0	1	0
Perez	2	0-0	0	4
Stamberger	0	0-0	1	0
Quintana	0	0-2	1	0
Escatel	3	2-2	2	8
Totals	7	7-14	11	21

El Paso-Gridley (58)

El Paso-Gridley (58)	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Jefferys	2	0-0	2	4
Ihlenfernt	1	0-0	2	2
Herr	2	0-0	0	5
Smith	3	1-1	0	7
Woods	2	0-0	0	5
Steiner	2	2-3	1	6
Halvorsen	1	0-0	0	2
Weber	4	1-1	1	9
Gerber	0	0-0	3	0
Grey	2	4-4	1	8
Klein	0	2-2	1	2
Funk	1	0-0	0	2
Elston	3	0-2	1	6
Totals	23	10-13	12	58

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mendota	5	7	18	21
El Paso-Gridley	22	35	47	58
Three-point goals: El Paso-Gridley - Herr 1, Woods 1				

E. Willis earns another Athlete of Week honor

KENOSHA, Wis. — After a pair of impressive performances in the throwers circle recently, Carthage College senior Elizabeth Willis of Mendota was named the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Field Athlete of the Week, the league office announced.

At the Midwest Elite Invitational on Feb. 15, Willis picked up her seventh and eighth first-place finishes



E. Willis

in the shot put and weight throw this season. Hitting a season-best mark in the shot at 14.26 meters, the senior moved into second across all NCAA Division III throwers this year.

Willis also took home a win in the weight throw on a toss of 18.40 meters, an event in which she also ranks second in Division III after her season-best throw of 18.93 the previous weekend.

This is the second Conference Field Athlete of the Week honor Willis has received from the CCIW this indoor season.

LaMoille's Gross a member of Monmouth track team

MONMOUTH — Joshua Gross of La Moille is a member of the Monmouth College men's track and field team.

The Fighting Scots competed in the Midwest Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship on Feb. 28-29 in Grinnell, Iowa, and

select athletes will compete in early March for the right to compete at the NCAA indoor meet March 13-14 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Scots' outdoor season will begin April 3-4 at Washington University in St. Louis.

College basketball fans: Let the March Madness begin

Conference tourneys to begin; Selection Sunday is March 15

College basketball fans rejoice upon the arrival of March, which marks the dawn of conference tournament season and, of course, the NCAA Tournament.

The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, commonly referred to as "March Madness," has been played each year since 1939. The tournament is a single-elimination event consisting of 68 college teams. The tournament takes place in seven rounds with each team vying for the right to advance and ultimately play for the national championship. When the teams are whittled down to only four remaining, the penultimate round is played, aptly known as the "Final Four."

The best 68 teams, out of more than 350 collegiate teams across the country, are not necessarily the teams that compete in the NCAA Tournament. Teams are split into 32 conferences, and each of those conferences earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. That bid goes to the postseason conference tournament winner or the regular season champion. The remaining 36 teams are chosen by a selection committee, and these teams earn what are known as "at-large bids." That process is subjective, and each year much debate ensues once the teams are announced.

The order of play can be a little challenging to the novice. Firstly, the four lowest-ranked automatic bid teams will compete against the four lowest-ranked at-large teams in games

referred to as "The First Four." These games are held on the Tuesday and Wednesday before the tournament unofficially opens on Thursday. Teams are split into four regions of 16 teams each. Those regions are seeded, which means they are given a preliminary ranking for the purpose of game draw. According to the NCAA, the committee endeavors to achieve reasonable competitive balance in each region. The teams will be distributed to build the bracket. The seeds are ranked within each region, with the best team in a given bracket being assigned a number one seed. Because it is a single-elimination tournament, upsets are the norm in March Madness, and there's never a guarantee that any of the top seeds, much less all of them, will make it to the Final Four.

The term "March Madness" was given to the game of basketball by Illinois high school teacher Henry V. Porter in 1939. However, it was only after CBS broadcaster Brent Musburger used it during coverage of the 1982 NCAA Tournament that March Madness became synonymous with this beloved sporting event.

Since the inception of the tournament, 36 different teams have won a national championship. UCLA has won the most national championships of any school, hoisting the trophy 11 times. Selection Sunday occurs on March 15, 2020, and the Final Four will begin on April 4 in Atlanta.



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GARAGE SALES & NOTICES

Community United Methodist Church TURKEY SUPPER
U.S. 34, LaMoille
Thursday, March 12
5-7 p.m.
Adults - \$9.50
Children 10 & under - \$6
At the door.
Serving turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, our famous salad bar, pie and drinks.
Carry-outs available. Call 815-638-2348 after 4 p.m. 2t10msr

GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE DEADLINES
• Thursday 5 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.
• Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

Permission needed for dumpster on the 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

ALCOHOL CHARGE

Lisa Rocha, 44, of 410 11th Ave., Mendota, was charged with prohibited sales and possessions of alcohol at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 22. The charge was due to an investigation into the overserving of a patron at the Hub Tavern. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NUMEROUS CHARGES

Michael C. Nosalitz, 21, of 205 17th St., Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, driving while license suspended and two counts of leaving the scene of an accident at 6:09 a.m. Feb. 23 after an investigation by Mendota police into several hit and run property damage vehicle crashes. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

MOTORIST CITED

Christopher D. Brown, 37, of 100 S. First Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 10:25 a.m. Feb. 24. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Jamie J. Christman, 24, of LaSalle, was arrested at 10:01 p.m. Feb. 26 on LaSalle County warrants for probation violation/shoplifting and failure to appear/forgery. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail to appear before a judge.

SUSPENDED LICENSE

Maegan Watson, 31, of Peru, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Main and Burlington streets at 8:29

a.m. Feb. 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Estevan Escatel, 33, of 304 Wentworth Drive, Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers were called to the report of a disturbance in the area of Third Avenue and Fourth Street at 3:16 p.m. Feb. 28. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail to appear before a judge.

SUSPENDED LICENSE

Spencer O. Evans, 24, of 1910 First Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at East 12th Street and Steve Bowne Drive at 6:18 a.m. March 2. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Sign ordinance

MENDOTA – The city of Mendota reminds you that it is unlawful under city ordinance 42.34 to hang, lean, or place any advertising materials on

any street lamp, post, telephone or electric light pole within the city limits of Mendota. This includes garage sale notices. This statute was designed

to keep our neighborhoods clean and free of trash and debris. The city of Mendota officials ask for your cooperation in this matter.

Prohibited Parking

MENDOTA – The City of Mendota reminds citizens that Chapter 41.49 of the Mendota Municipal Code in regard to Prohibited Parking reads as follows:

- Parking is prohibited along both sides of First Avenue for the entire length of the avenue.
- Parking is prohibited on the east side of Sixth Avenue from Second Street to Fifth Street.
- Parking is prohibited on the east side of Main Street from Sixth Street to Washington Street.
- Parking is prohibited on the south side of Washington Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Iowa Street.
- Parking is prohibited on both sides (north and south) of Washington Street from Iowa Street to U.S. Route 251.

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Thank you to everyone who made our Sip-N-Snack night so successful! Craig Pohl and his staff, our many volunteers who worked so hard, and our community who supported us & waited so patiently for your food... you are the best!

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SOCIAL SCENE



Ladies of Community United Methodist Church are planning for their annual turkey supper, which will be held on March 12 in LaMoille. (Photo contributed)

Community UMC plans annual turkey supper

LA MOILLE – The Community United Methodist Church in LaMoille will host their annual turkey supper on Thursday, March 12 from 5-7 p.m. The meal will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad bar, pie and drinks.

Tickets are available from church members or at the door. Tickets purchased prior to

March 8 will be \$9 for adults and \$5.50 for children 10 and under. Tickets purchased after March 8 will be \$9.50 and \$6 respectively.

For tickets, call the church at (815) 638-2348 or e-mail lamoillecume@gmail.com. Carry-outs will also be available; call the church after 4 p.m. on March 12. Pick up will be at the southeast basement door.

Restoration of abandoned LaSalle County cemetery to be discussed

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Genealogy Guild will host Friends of the Dayton Bluffs at their meeting on Saturday, March 21. The guest group will discuss how they researched the history and restored an abandoned cemetery adjacent to the Dayton Bluffs Preserve in Ottawa.

Dr. Manigold and the volunteers will explain the steps taken to get permission from the State for the restoration

Women's fellowship group to meet

LA SALLE - Christian women of all ages are invited to a Ladies In Fellowship Together (LIFT) event, at Grace United Methodist Church in LaSalle on Sunday, March 15 beginning at 3 p.m.

The theme will be "Bless This House." Guest presenter Laurie Hooper will share strategies for decorating with comfort in mind. Ideas will focus on easy and affordable tips for sprucing up your home.

All women in the Illinois Valley area are encouraged to come and take a relaxing break. The afternoon will include fellowship, fun and homemade refreshments.

The church is located at 1345 Chartres St., LaSalle. RSVPs are encouraged but not required to attend. Please contact Lois at (815) 663-1724 or vcrasdale@comcast.net.

NORTHBROOK



5th Grade

Northbrook School's fifth grade Students of the Month for February are, left to right, Gianni Figueroa, Tyler Dewaele, Karen Flores, Kyra Finley, Javier Hernandez, Jaden Wehrs and Jesus Escobar. (Reporter photos by Bonnie Morris)



6th Grade

Northbrook School's sixth grade Team and Exploratory Award winners for February are, left to right, Kate Biers, Ramiro Palacios, Janae Carr and Emiliano Medina.



7th Grade

Northbrook School's seventh grade Team and Exploratory Award winners for February are, left to right, Katie Cook, Ivan Espinoza, Brisa Nunez and Diego Raya.



8th Grade

Northbrook School's eighth grade Team and Exploratory Award winners for February are, left to right, Johnathan Wirebaugh, Kiara Johnson, ReAnna Brant and Jose Frausto.

GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY

Small Fries

MENDOTA – "Small Fries" story and activity hour, for children in preschool and kindergarten, will be held on Tuesday, March 10 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Graves-Hume Public Library. This month's theme: Pete the Cat Escapades.

Sign up for Small Fries by phone at (815) 538-5142 or in person at the Graves-Hume Public Library, 1401 West Main St., Mendota.

Shake, Rattle & Read

MENDOTA – The "Shake, Rattle & Read" program for babies and toddlers, ages birth to 2 years old, to enjoy with their caregivers will have an evening session on Thursday, March 12 from 6-6:45 p.m.

This program features stories, songs, puppets, playtime, and much more! Siblings are welcome to share in the fun. Attendees are invited to stay for an additional 15 minutes following the program for a social time/free-play session.

No library card is required. Please register by calling (815) 538-5142.

Oreo Blind Taste Test

MENDOTA – The Graves-Hume Public Library is hosting an Oreo Blind Taste Test on Thursday, March 12. Come anytime between 1-5 p.m. to see if you can guess correctly! This special program is for all ages with an adult.

Bluegrass open jam at Ophir Community Building, March 14

TRIUMPH - Bottomline Music bluegrass open stage and jamming takes place every second Saturday of the month, through May at the Ophir Community Building, 3907 E. 752nd Road in Triumph from 6-10 p.m.

Come to jam or just to listen. Admission is free; dona-

tions are accepted.

Additional upcoming dates will be April 11 and May 9.

To reserve a spot, call Tom Gerber at (815) 414-8081 or show up early to sign up for a spot. For general information, call Jay Allen at (815) 488-9154.

Mendota CWU Lenten services continue March 11

MENDOTA – All are invited to join the next Mendota Church Women United's Lenten service on Wednesday morning, March 11 at Zion United Methodist Church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Mendota CWU is an ecumenical group that represents a number of local churches.

This week's service will feature "Priscilla: Living a Life of Blessed Ordinary" hosted by Holy Cross Church. The study continues the series, "Twelve

More Women of the Bible," based on teachings from Karen Ehman, Bianca Juarez Olthoff, Lisa Halper, Chrystal Evans, Margaret Feinberg, and Courtney Joseph. Each week includes a time of worship, video presentation and small group discussion.

Though this study, some of today's best-loved authors look at the spiritual lessons learned from women in the Bible and what they mean for women today. You will look at their successes

and failures, see how they drew near to God in the midst of trials, and learn how they overcame rejection and disappointment. Their stories will inspire perseverance through difficult times and the ability to find joy in the hope that Jesus has provided.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the service.

All services are held at Zion United Methodist Church, 808 Jefferson St., Mendota. The church is accessible.

Retired teachers group holds winter mini-meeting

OTTAWA - The LaSalle County Retired Teachers' Association held their winter general membership mini-meeting and breakfast on Feb. 24 at Sunfields Restaurant in Ottawa.

Jackie Sapienza, LSCRTA President, called the meeting to order and offered introductory remarks. Mary Jo Farrell, membership committee chairperson, spoke about LSCRTA membership which is now at 427. Deb Torri, IRTA Foundation committee chairperson, gave an update on foundation activities and grants.

Sapienza spoke of the importance and needs for the IRTA Legal Defense Fund, announced Trudy Forkner as the new LSCRTA secretary and announced an opening as chair of the Benefits Committee. She also read two letters of appreciation for the Bucks for Books program, one from Kimes School in Streator and one from LaSalle-Peru High School, and announced three new Sunshine Committee



Blackstone Principal Award Pizza Lunch

The February Principal Award pizza lunch was held Feb. 28 at Blackstone School. Students honored at the lunch with principal Stacy Kelly were, front row left to right, Gabby Diaz, Evelyn Quintana, Landon Kent, Kailey Rich and Miles Gilkerson; middle row, Kennedy McCollom, Victor Correa, Jace Burrell (absent for January lunch), Jayla Francis, Jaxson Villegas and Nathan Flood; back row, Arieah Snyder, Greyson Flood, Brianna Escatel, Olivia Jomant, Cruz Arteaga and Haylee Luebbing (absent for January lunch). (Reporter photo by Bonnie Morris)



Lincoln R.E.A.CH. Awards

Lincoln School REACH Award students for February were honored with a pizza lunch with principal David Lawrence on Feb. 21. The students earning this month's award are, front row left to right, Charles Beaty, Damian Figueroa, Isaac Baltazar, Brooklyn Vasquez, Parker Ramer, and Herlinda Huizar; middle row, Soo-ahn Kim, Prayer Christmann, Kaitlyn Giberson, Ivory Rodriguez, and Samantaha Stremlau; and back row, Parker Waldron, Ashtyn Stamberger, Tori Stevens, Devon Hendrix, and Hayden Cunefield. (Photo contributed)

TRI-COUNTY NEWS

PAW PAW

Paw Paw Library to unveil new children's books

• **Public invited to March 19 open house**

PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Public Library District is planning a celebration on Thursday, March 19 in honor of the Children's Books Project Grant the library was awarded from the Pilcrow Foundation. The public is invited to an open house for the unveiling of the books received.

From 7-8 p.m., the library will be open to the public can get a first-hand look at the books that were received through the grant and have the chance to thank the donors.

Donors who gave money toward this matching grant included Anne Hoflen, Country Financial, Flanagan State Bank, First State Insurance, Girl Scouts, Glen Stewart, Paw Paw Garden Club, Paw Paw Lions and Leo's, Pioneer State Bank, Post 511 American Legion, Split Endz, Village of Paw Paw, and the Wyoming Indians 4-H Club.

The Pilcrow Foundation supports rural public library communities through the Children's Books Project. For more details stop in or contact the library.

Teachers

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members, Mary Jo Gilman, Jan Hauger and Maria Durden.

Chris Benson alerted everyone to the Reading Council's event at IVCC on March 14, during which some authors will be present and have books for sale.

Lynn Sheedy of the Peru Public Library spoke about their exciting Reading Buddies program.

Alice Joop introduced

guest speaker Steve Stout, who initially spoke of the Cherry Mine Disaster but then went into a lengthy, detailed retelling of the murder of three women in the 1960s known as the Starved Rock Murders.

In closing, Sapienza thanked everyone for their attendance.

The next full general meeting will be held on Monday, April 27 at Dickenson House in Oglesby beginning at 9 a.m.

Gift shop open house planned

SPRING VALLEY - St. Margaret's Gift Shop will hold a "Spring Open House" Friday, March 13 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stop in and register to win a \$50 gift certificate to the gift shop and take advantage of 30 percent off storewide (excludes greeting cards and candy).

New items include spring and garden home décor, St. Patrick's Day gifts, Easter merchandise and décor, wedding gifts, Mother's Day items, shawls, wraps and scarves, baby items and clothing, Melissa & Doug toys and puzzles, Ganz plush animals, Luca & Danni jewelry, Simply Noelle purses and wallets, pet items/signs and décor, memorial stones and plaques and kitchen décor.

"Like" St. Margaret's Health on Facebook to see the "St. Margaret's Gift Shop Spring Open House" event page for photos and information. St. Margaret's Gift Shop can be reached by phone at (815) 664-1433.

Kish floral design program hosts guest artist

MALTA - The Kishwaukee College Floral Design department recently hosted a guest designer as part of the Artist In Residence (AIR) program offered through the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD).

Students in Janet Gallagher's Floral Design class welcomed Pete Samek of Naperville, an AIFD certified floral designer, for a morning lecture followed by an afternoon of design.

Samek, a freelance designer and 30-year veteran in the floral industry, is currently serving as an elected representative on the AIFD National Board. He was assistant director at the American Floral Art School for 14 years and taught floral design in Chicago, Taipei, Taiwan and San Juan, Puerto Rico. A former board member of AIFD's North Central Chapter, he has been an active member with the organization since 1991.

Samek along with designer J. Keith White decorated the VIP entries at the 2017 Rose Parade. Currently, he works in quality assurance in the floral department at FTD LLC and helped organize the 2019 Interflora World Cup competition at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

While at the college, Samek lectured on formal linear design style, a Eu-



Guest Artist In Residence, Pete Samek shows a foliage weaving technique to the Floral Design class at Kishwaukee College on Feb. 19. (Photo contributed)

ropean style that arranges plant materials in groups to emphasize clean lines and bold forms. Students learned about intentional and strong use of negative space to accentuate individual flowers, stem angles, color and textures, radial stem placement and asymmetrical balance. Samek also covered foliage techniques such as weaving and other leaf manipulations. Following the lecture, students created individual centerpieces in formal linear style.

The AIR program is offered through the AIFD to bring together industry professionals and floral design students at colleges and universities that have Student AIFD chapters. Kishwaukee College is one of only 14 in the nation with a chapter.

For more information about the Floral Design Program at Kishwaukee College, visit www.kish.edu/horticulture. For information on the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), visit <http://aifd.org>

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Do you know if “The Orville” will be returning? We thoroughly enjoy this show and are looking for its return date. -- *N.M.*

A: The futuristic space comedy brought to you by Seth MacFarlane (“Family Guy”), who not only created the show but also stars in it, will be back for a third season, but not until late 2020. Sorry, a specific day or even month hasn’t been pinned down, but MacFarlane explained at the San Diego Comic-Con last summer that “the show has evolved and become more ambitious production-wise,” and that the delay between seasons would be “challenging for the network [Fox].” Hence, a deal was struck with Hulu to air the third season exclusively after a long hiatus.

Hulu had been streaming “The Orville” after it aired on Fox, and apparently it was a big hit with its subscribers. According to Deadline.com, Craig Erwich, Hulu senior vice president of original



MacFarlane

programming, stated: “The Orville has a very loyal following on Hulu, so when there was an opportunity to bring a new season to our viewers, we jumped at it. I will see the first episode next week. We’ll monitor and evaluate the show as it goes.”

Q: Is it true that the Silver Surfer character will be in Marvel’s next Thor movie? -- *J.B.*

A: “Thor: Love and Thunder” isn’t set for release until fall of 2021, but the rumors are flying about which villains he’ll be up against. One is indeed the Silver Surfer, and it’s anyone’s guess who will play him, as the names Christian Bale, Keanu Reeves and Rami Malek all have been tossed around. Malek is reportedly being eyed to play the character in a DC film in which the Silver Surfer is the main character, not just a foe in the Thor project.

As for “Love and Thunder,” Natalie Portman returns as Jane Foster alongside Chris Hemsworth’s Thor, but in this fourth installment look for her character to take on a new persona as well. Comic book fans already know, but I won’t spoil it for you in case you don’t know.

Q: Was the actress who plays Rosalind on “The Rookie” also on Nathan Fillion’s old series “Castle”? -- *D.E.*

A: Good memory! Yes, Annie Wersching has had regular and guest-starring roles on several prime-time dramas and thrillers, including “Castle,” “Bosch,” “Timeless” and now ABC’s “The Rookie.” Her first speaking role on television was back in 2002 on “Star Trek: Enterprise,” but after that, like Fillion, she got a lot of experience memorizing dialogue on a daytime soap (she as Amelia on “General Hospital,” and Fillion was Joey on “One Life to Live”).

Wersching is good at playing psychopaths. She played one on “GH,” and on “Castle” her character was a prison doctor who fell for a murderer and became his accomplice. On “The Rookie,” she plays a serial killer awaiting her fate on death row.

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

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- The Oscars are over, and the winners have to go back to work. Joaquin Phoenix, best actor for the “Joker,” which has already earned over \$1 billion (against a \$70 million cost), is finishing his next project, “C’mon, C’mon,” an \$8.3 million budgeted film co-starring Gaby Hoffmann and Woody Norman.



Brad Pitt

Renee Zellweger, best actress for portraying Judy Garland in “Judy,” has not announced a new project. Liza Minnelli, Judy Garland’s daughter, responded after remaining silent about the film: “I hope (Zellweger) had a good time making it.” Renee’s take on that was, “I do know that representatives of the family and the estate have seen the film, so that makes me smile. My hope is it’ll be recognized as an expression of affection and adoration, and sort of a proclamation of her importance.”

Brad Pitt, best supporting actor winner for “Once Upon

a Time in Hollywood,” has no new acting projects yet, but he’s in the midst of releasing four films as a producer. “Kajillionaire,” a crime drama starring Evan Rachel Wood, Richard Jenkins, Debra Winger and Gina Rodriguez, premiered Jan. 25 at Sundance. “Minari,” which follows a Korean family’s move from the West Coast to Arkansas, also premiered at Sundance. On the docket are “Irresistible,” a political comedy written and directed by John Stewart, and starring Steve Carell and Rose Byrne, opening in theaters May 29, and “Blonde,” starring Ana de Armas and Adrian Brody, which will be available through Netflix.

Laura Dern, best supporting actress winner for “Marriage Story,” has “Jurassic World 3,” with Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Sam Neill and Jeff Goldblum, opening June 11, 2021.

Bong Joon-ho, who won Oscars for writing, directing and best picture for “Parasite” (which cost \$11 million and took in \$176 million before winning the Oscars), is set to adapt and produce, with Adam McKay, an HBO

series based on “Parasite,” possibly with Mark Ruffalo. “Parasite” was the 11th film Bong Joon-ho wrote, the seventh he directed and the third he produced. He’s set to produce a TV version of “Snowpiercer,” starring Jennifer Connelly, starting May 31 for TNT.

The new 20th Century Studios (formally 20th Century Fox), now owned by Disney, has announced a remake of the 1985 Paramount Pictures board game-spoof “Clue,” which starred Madeline Kahn, Christopher Lloyd, Michael McKean, Martin Mull and Leslie Ann Warren. It cost \$15 million but grossed only \$14.6 million. Ryan Reynolds will star following his sci-fi film “Free Guy” (opening July 3), “The Hitman’s Wife’s Bodyguard,” with Samuel L. Jackson, Salma Hayek and Antonio Banderas (out Aug. 28), and Netflix’s “Red Native,” with Dwayne Johnson and Gal Gadot. Of Paramount interest here ... does Disney have a “Clue” how to make “Clue” a hit this time around?

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Couch Theater

(Movies reviewed in this week’s column have just been released on video and DVD.)

“Knives Out” (PG-13) -- A stellar ensemble cast takes on the murder mystery in a whodunit that would have Agatha Christie rolling in her grave -- with delight. Christopher Plummer plays Harlan Thrombey, a successful mystery writer who meets his fate at the end of a knife on the heels of his 85th birthday -- death by apparent suicide. Apparent until slick private detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) shows up to suss it all out, untangling the alibis and motives of a houseful of potential suspects, from the unctuous grandson Ransom (Chris Evans), the overbearing son (Michael Shannon), the ball-busting daughter (Jamie Lee Curtis) and even a nurse who vomits when she lies (Ana de Armas).

“Frozen 2” (PG) -- Queen Elsa’s magic has always been a source of wonder. When a mysterious force beckons her from a shrouded forest, and

its effects threaten Arendale itself, Elsa (voiced by Idina Menzel) and Anna (Kristen Bell) set off into the unknown for answers, with Kristoff (Jonathon Groff) and Olaf (Josh Gad) in tow. They find out more than they bargained for, including revelations from the past and the rediscovery of some forgotten people. While it felt like there was an unnecessary surfeit of songs, the showstoppers -- “Into the Unknown” and “Show Yourself” -- are every bit as powerful as Frozen’s “Let It Go.” Writer and director Jennifer Lee has outdone herself.

“Color Out of Space” (NR) -- Just as Nathan Gardner (Nicolas Cage) and his family settle into the wonderland that is their new country estate -- dashing about the bucolic hills on a white horse and tending to their alpaca flock -- there lands in their midst a big rock. Specifically, it’s a meteor from outer space that clunks down on the lawn in a dreamy haze

of pinkish-purplish twilight and brings with it a miasma of technicolor madness that infects the family one by one. It’s B movie weirdness with a creepy ET flair, based on an HP Lovecraft short story. Also featuring Tommy Chong in a cameo as the town’s off-grid stoner who gets it, man.

“The Corrupted” (R) -- An ex-con (Sam Claflin) fresh out of prison returns home to east London to find that his brother is in way over his head with a crime syndicate that reaches to the upper echelons of power. Although he’s keen to mend his criminal ways and be there for his son and the woman he loves, he’s also honor-bound to save his brother. He engages in a careful game of cat and mouse with the corrupt and powerful, setting them up and taking them down so he can get his family back. Sound familiar? Yes, because this is every crime-con movie ever.

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• Trivia Test •

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2. MEASUREMENTS: How many years is a sesquicentennial anniversary?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”?
4. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border China?
5. MUSIC: Which 1990s popular band’s original name was Mookie Blaylock?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to be born a U.S. citizen?
7. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which Austrian poet once wrote, “Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems”?
8. MOVIES: Which futuristic

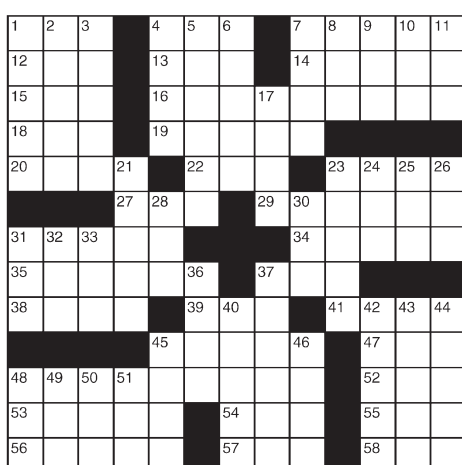
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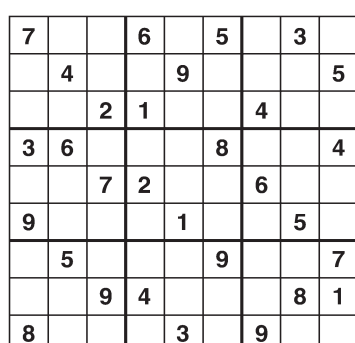


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by Linda Thistle

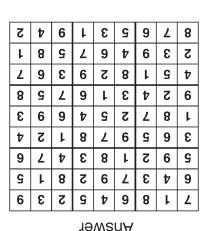


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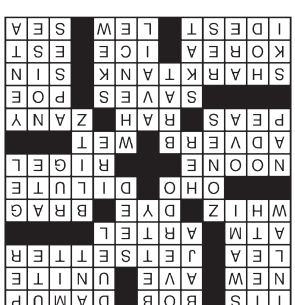
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LOCAL AND AREA

Discover the blessing in your storm

At one time or another, all of us have experienced a setback or endured a significant loss. Maybe that's where you are today; perhaps you've lost a job, a relationship, or even someone or something you love.

If so, I want to encourage you with Matthew 5:4 (NIV). Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

I used to think this was odd. I wondered, How can we be blessed if we are mourning? Then God helped me understand that our times of pain are actually perfect opportunities to receive and experience His supernatural comfort.

In fact, having a problem is one of the best places to begin again.

Why? Because God's comfort goes far beyond any ordinary kind of comfort. He is the only One who can carry you through the pain and help you to actually become a better, more powerful person than you were before.

With God's help, we can look at our pain as an opportunity. I believe we can have an attitude that says, "This may be tough right now, but I will never give up. I'm really hurting, but I'm going to bounce back!"

Decide to Drive the Bus

I remember a conversation I had with a woman who told me, "Joyce, life has just thrown me under the bus." Almost without thinking, I responded, "My life used to be the

same way, but I decided to drive the bus."

I wasn't trying to be flippant or insensitive to her hardship—I wanted to help her. So I explained that when things go wrong, the enemy wants us to spend the rest of our lives under the bus, feeling sorry for ourselves. But God's plan is for us to bounce back, get in the driver's seat, then go pick up other hurting people who are under the bus.

I'm not saying we shouldn't grieve after a loss or tragedy, but we just don't want to get stuck there.

From the Pit to the Palace

Just look at the life of Joseph in Genesis chapters 37 – 50. As a young man, Joseph had great dreams for his life. But his older brothers hated him and sold him into slavery, and he was taken to Egypt. But Joseph refused to give up. He found great favor with his master, Potiphar, and was eventually put in charge of his entire household.

Years later, when Joseph was falsely accused of trying to seduce Potiphar's wife, he was thrown in jail. But he still didn't give up. And when the time was right, the Lord eventually gave Joseph an opportunity to interpret a dream for Pharaoh, who then promoted him to be the highest official in Egypt!

Joseph literally went from the pit to the pal-



ace. And when a famine struck the land, the Lord used Joseph to save his family and the entire house of Israel.

Romans 8:28 says, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." When we refuse to give up, the greatest tragedy of our life can actually turn out to be one of the greatest blessings.

Some of my greatest victories have come out of difficult times when I had to press through and seek God for His help and comfort. I'm grateful that I didn't give up during those times because I wouldn't have the privilege of helping people the way I do today.

I know it's not easy, but I want you to see that your attitude and response to the problems you face can make all the difference for you and so many others.

The Source of ALL Comfort

When you are hurting, run to God—the "Father of compassion and the

God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3). Spend time in His Word, talk to Him in prayer, and choose to worship Him even when you don't feel like it.

The Lord will often use others to comfort us. But even those people who are extremely close to us cannot give us everything we need all the time. When we expect others to do for us what only God can do, we have our expectations in the wrong place, and we will be disappointed. However, the Bible says those who put their hope in the Lord will never be disappointed (Isaiah 49:23).

Psalms 34:18 says, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted...." He sees every hurt, every injustice, and every disappointment. If we let Him, He will take the bad things that happen and work them out for our good.

Be determined to never, ever give up on God. He's the only One who can take your pain and turn it into a blessing in every storm in your life.

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

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March 5 - 10 a.m. Pastor Mary leads
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photos, 5-8 p.m. Mat Masters practice
March 7 - 6 p.m. Youth Lock-In starts
March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins,
9 a.m. Praise Worship, 9 a.m. Sunday
school, 10 a.m. Youth Lock-In ends, 10:30
a.m. Traditional Worship, Noon-2 p.m.
Lenten Lunch, 2 p.m. New members class
March 9 - 5-8 p.m. Mat Masters,
6:30 p.m. Men's Group, 6:30 p.m. Girl
Scouts, 7 p.m. AA
March 10 - 10 a.m. M.A.M.A. here,
6:30 p.m. Trustees, 7 p.m. Boy Scouts
March 11 - 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Open
Communion-sanctuary, 7 a.m. Prayer
Breakfast at Ziggy's, 9:30 a.m. Mendota
Church Women Lenten study-Zion UMC,
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
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Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
March 6 - 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Worship
March 8 - 8:45 a.m. Choir practice,
9 a.m. Worship & Children's Sunday
School, 10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation,
10:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School,
6 p.m. Men's Group
March 9 - 5:45 p.m. Choir practice
March 10 - 7 a.m. Sweet Hour of
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SUNDAY - 9 a.m. Worship,
10:10 a.m. Sunday school,
Confirmation & Small Groups for Adults
March 5 - 6:30 p.m. Executive Board
meeting, 7 p.m. All Teams meeting
March 7 - Confirmation class provides
meal at PADS, 5 p.m. Chapel worship
March 8 - 9 a.m. Worship,
10:10 a.m. Sunday school for all ages
March 9 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible study,
7 p.m. Men's Bible study
March 11 - 8 a.m. Chapel Prayer,
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during worship
March 6 - 6 p.m. Hymn Sing & Potluck
March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins,
9 a.m. Second Sunday Brunch,
9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. Worship,
11 a.m. Coffee Hour
March 10 - 10 a.m. MAMA meeting at
First UMC, 5 p.m. Cub Scouts
March 11 - 9 a.m. Mendota Church
Women's Lenten Study at Zion UMC
March 12 - 6 p.m. Christian Education
meeting re: VBS First Presbyterian
March 14 - 10 a.m. DAR meeting

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SUNDAY SERVICE 10 a.m.

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nians in the Old or New
Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel, what king
confessed his adulterous affair
after being confronted by the
prophet Nathan?
Silas, Josiah, Jael, David
3. In Acts 19, where were
books worth 50,000 silver coins
burned at a public bonfire?
Gezer, Samaria, Ephesus,
Jericho
4. From Numbers 11, what
personal assistant of Moses
became jealous of Eldad and
Medad?
Isaac, Joshua, Job, Cain
5. What famous prophet was
the Son of Amoz?
Paul, Isaiah, Peter, John the
Baptist
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GLORIA ABANAKA, JAMES ABANAKA, 1180 WHISPERING OAKS DR, DESOTO, TX, 75115, according to the Mortgage dated August 15, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 16801, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9042014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201, Use Period Number(s) 26 Phase 4 TEDO ACCLIS, NICOLE ACCLIS, 700 LOUIS HENNA BLVD APT 1036, ROUND ROCK, TX, 78664, according to the Mortgage dated May 10, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 09738, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5282014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086E, Use Period Number(s) 45 Phase 2 JAMES ALLEN, ROSE ALLEN, PO BOX 208354, CHICAGO, IL, 60620, according to the Mortgage dated January 17, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 03351, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2092011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00399, Use Period Number(s) 02 Phase 6 JAMES ALLEN, ROSE ALLEN, PO BOX 208354, CHICAGO, IL, 60620, according to the Mortgage dated January 17, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 03351, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois,

on 2092011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0203, Use Period Number(s) 40 Phase 4 SUSANA BENITEZ, JOSE ESTRADA-GONZALEZ, 2248 W 50TH PL, CHICAGO, IL, 60609, according to the Mortgage dated October 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24572, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12192014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0074, Use Period Number(s) 34 Phase 1 SUSANA BENITEZ, JOSE ESTRADA-GONZALEZ, 3010 W 42ND ST APT 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60632, according to the Mortgage dated October 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24572, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12192014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0074, Use Period Number(s) 34 Phase 1 TONI BOVINO, STEVEN RIBEIRO, 629 SHERIDAN ST, CHICOPPEE, MA, 01020, according to the Mortgage dated March 29, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06819, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4132015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0411, Use Period Number(s) 17 Phase 7 TASHEENMA BRAY, ANTONIO BRAY, LESLIE PATTERSON, 3809 W 86TH ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60652, according to the Mortgage dated February 07, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 03185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2212014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073E, Use Period Number(s) 43 Phase 1 TASHEENMA BRAY, ANTONIO BRAY, LESLIE PATTERSON, 3809 W 86TH ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60640, according to the Mortgage dated February 07, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 03185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2212014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073E, Use Period Number(s) 43 Phase 1 FRANK C BROWN II, LATOYA R COOPER, 733 LINCOLN ST, GARY, IN, 46402, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 31423, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12232009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0106O, Use Period Number(s) 09 Phase 2 LAURA CARBAJAL-RAMIREZ, JOSE RAMIREZ, 5535 S OAK PARK AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60638, according to the Mortgage dated March 16, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 07094, in the Office of the Recorder

of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4042013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0116O, Use Period Number(s) 25 Phase 2 LAURA CARBAJAL-RAMIREZ, JOSE RAMIREZ, 2023 W COULTER ST APT 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60608, according to the Mortgage dated March 16, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 07094, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4042013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0116O, Use Period Number(s) 25 Phase 2 RENEE L CARRIER, 3430 W 25TH AVE, DENVER, CO, 80211, according to the Mortgage dated September 05, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 19905, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9272011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0083, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 2 GERALD COLLYMORE JR, LA YVETTE LOUIS-COLLYMORE, 22548 LAWNDALE AVE, RICHTON PARK, IL, 60471, according to the Mortgage dated May 22, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 12380, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6072011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0143, Use Period Number(s) 29 Phase 2 ANTONIO CORDOVA, 3850 DOE LN, EAGLE PASS, TX, 78852, according to the Mortgage dated April 11, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 09166, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5012012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0014E, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 1 BENITA DELGADO, JORGA ALVAREZ, 2852 W PALMER ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60647, according to the Mortgage dated February 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 05994, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4012015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0137O, Use Period Number(s) 33 Phase 2 PATRICK DONOVAN, 610 HAMPTON CIR, ELGIN, IL, 60120, according to the Mortgage dated September 16, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 23609, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11012012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0097O, Use Period Number(s) 12 Phase 2 ETTA ELLIS, 10455 S PRAIRIE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Mortgage dated April 17, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 10858, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6102015, are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0132O, Use Period Number(s) 45 Phase 2 T I M O T H Y F I N K B O N E R , C R Y S T A L F I N K B O N E R , 210 LEEWARD LN, ROCHELLE, IL, 61068, according to the Mortgage dated August 08, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 18623, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9292015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0077E, Use Period Number(s) 30 Phase 1 T I M O T H Y F I N K B O N E R , C R Y S T A L F I N K B O N E R , 5604 BEEBE DR, ROCHELLE, IL, 61068, according to the Mortgage dated August 08, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 18623, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9292015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0077E, Use Period Number(s) 30 Phase 1 JERMAINE FOX, SHARICE MC CANTS FOX, 140 MARENGO AVE UNIT 504, FOREST PARK, IL, 60130, according to the Mortgage dated June 01, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 13107, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6192013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0401, Use Period Number(s) 23 Phase 6 JERMAINE FOX, SHARICE MC CANTS FOX, 139 23RD AVE, BELLWOOD, IL, 60104, according to the Mortgage dated June 01, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 13107, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6192013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0401, Use Period Number(s) 23 Phase 6 JERMAINE FOX, SHARICE MC CANTS FOX, 140 MARENGO AVE UNIT 504, FOREST PARK, IL, 60130, according to the Mortgage dated June 01, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 13107, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6192013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0371, Use Period Number(s) 14 Phase 3 JERMAINE FOX, SHARICE MC CANTS FOX, 139 23RD AVE, BELLWOOD, IL, 60104, according to the Mortgage dated June 01, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 13107, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6192013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0371, Use Period Number(s) 14 Phase 3 TANISHA FULLER-FELIX, TAURUS FELIX, 11903 HOLLERING PASS, SCHERTZ, TX, 78154, according to the Mortgage dated October 31, 2013 and recorded under File

No. 2013 26215, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11262013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0089, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 2 TANISHA FULLER-FELIX, TAURUS FELIX, 6955 RAIN TREE PATH, SAN ANTONIO, TX, 78233, according to the Mortgage dated October 31, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 26215, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11262013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0089, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 2 RENE GALLEGOS CHACON, MARTHA VENEGAS CUEVAS, 1323 EAST AVE APT 1, BERWYN, IL, 60402, according to the Mortgage dated December 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12262014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123O, Use Period Number(s) 37 Phase 2 RENE GALLEGOS CHACON, MARTHA VENEGAS CUEVAS, 2949 N KARLOV, CHICAGO, IL, 60641, according to the Mortgage dated December 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12262014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123O, Use Period Number(s) 37 Phase 2 JUSTIN GLASPIE, DORRAINE GLASPIE, 1407 4TH AVE, SILVIS, IL, 61282, according to the Mortgage dated July 12, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14435, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8042014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0063, Use Period Number(s) 20 Phase 1 LAWRENCE J. GORA, JODI A. GORA, 9451 FORREST DR, HIGHLAND, IN, 46322, according to the Mortgage dated April 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 08758, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5132014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0159, Use Period Number(s) 20 Phase 2 LAWRENCE J. GORA, JODI A. GORA, 9451 FORREST DR, HIGHLAND, IN, 46322, according to the Mortgage dated May 24, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 10816, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6102014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0413, Use Period Number(s) 02 Phase 7 TACARA HAMMONS, 16258 LAFLIN AVE, MARKHAM, IL, 60428, according to the Mortgage dated January 04, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 01932,

in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1292013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0059O, Use Period Number(s) 45 Phase 1 DIANA L. HANTOSH, 1825 OAKTON ST, EVANSTON, IL, 60202, according to the Mortgage dated January 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02153, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10242014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0211, Use Period Number(s) 08 Phase 4 PEGGY HENRY, 2910 N EASTMAN RD APT 222, LONGVIEW, TX, 75605, according to the Mortgage dated May 05, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 11050, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5242012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0110E, Use Period Number(s) 40 Phase 2 SCOTT KESSLER, VILAI FARRELL, 7373 RIVERVIEW RD, THOMSON, IL, 61285, according to the Mortgage dated June 29, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 13432, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7172014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0165, Use Period Number(s) 33 Phase 1 FRANCES N. LEBRON, 2575 OAK ST, RIVER GROVE, IL, 60171, according to the Mortgage dated September 12, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 19013, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10022014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0371, Use Period Number(s) 28 Phase 3 PAMELA MANNEY, 8837 S MUSKOGON AVE UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL, 60617, according to the Mortgage dated July 17, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14948, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8082014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0411, Use Period Number(s) 40 Phase 7 S T E P H A N I E W I L L I A M S - M C B L A C K W E L L , E M I L E M C B L A C K W E L L , 7046 S THROOP ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60636, according to the Mortgage dated June 08, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 12385, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7022014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0071, Use Period Number(s) 27 Phase 3 DARYL PIERCE, CHARLES DECUIRE, 416 JAMES CT UNIT B, GLENDALE HEIGHTS, IL, 60139, according to the Mortgage dated January 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02153, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2052015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086O, Use Period Number(s) 08 Phase 2 DANNY PITTS, LATASHA ARTIS, 8847 S BURLEY AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60617, according to the Mortgage dated February 09, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04846, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9222015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0038, Use Period Number(s) 33 Phase 1 EDUARDO RAMIREZ, RAQUEL RAMIREZ, 4701 LILAC LN, VICTORIA, TX, 77904, according to the Mortgage dated June 08, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 15449, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7202011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0134O, Use Period Number(s) 07 Phase 2 NIVETTE SMART, ROBERT CORDY, 980 WALTHER BLVD APT 138, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA, 30043, according to the Mortgage dated December 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 25018, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12262014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020O, Use Period Number(s) 14 Phase 1 NIVETTE SMART, ROBERT CORDY, 4408 ORIOLE CT, GURNEE, IL, 60031, according to the Mortgage dated December 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 25018, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12262014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0377, Use Period Number(s) 05 Phase 3 KAREN SOBERANES, 2 MARNEL RD, MONTGOMERY, IL, 60538, according to the Mortgage dated April 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 08582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5062015, are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0386, Use Period Number(s) 13 Phase 6 KEVIN M THOMAS, SANDRA SMITH, 7938 S WHIPPLE ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60652, according to the Mortgage dated April 23, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 10361, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5102011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0216, Use Period Number(s) 25 Phase 4 PAUL THOMPSON, J E N N I F E R THOMPSON, 408 N PINE ST, GARDNER, IL, 60424, according to the Mortgage dated August 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 18111, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9222015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0103, Use Period Number(s) 27 Phase 2 TIA TUCCIARONE, JONATHAN ALLEN, 109 THIMBLEBERRY RD, BALLSTON SPA, NY, 12020, according to the Mortgage dated February 21, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 04506, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3132015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0424, Use Period Number(s) 01 Phase 7 TIA TUCCIARONE, JONATHAN ALLEN, 40 BEACON ST, BALLSTON SPA, NY, 12020, according to the Mortgage dated February 21, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 04506, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3132015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0424, Use Period Number(s) 01 Phase 7 THOMAS TUIDER, THERESA TUIDER, 1953 W 38TH ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60609, according to the Mortgage dated June 13, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 13683, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7012010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0064, Use Period Number(s) 08 Phase 1 O M O B O L A N L E WILLIAMS, JOHNSON OJO, 9907 S PERRY AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Mortgage dated July 13, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 20112, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9052013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0410, Use Period Number(s) 17 Phase 7 STEVEN WILLIAMS, PAMELA WILLIAMS, 10130 WINDING CREEK LN, BROOKSHIRE, TX, 77423, according to the Mortgage dated September 30, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 23946, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10242013, are the

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owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0382, Use Period Number(s) 48 Phase 3 DAWN M WOESTMAN, THOMAS M W O E S T M A N, 15440 BIRCH RD, MARKHAM, IL, 60428, according to the Mortgage dated April 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09139, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5142015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0407, Use Period Number(s) 21 Phase 6 DAWN M WOESTMAN, THOMAS M W O E S T M A N, 15440 BIRCH RD, MARKHAM, IL, 60428, according to the Mortgage dated April 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09139, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5142015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0406, Use Period Number(s) 39 Phase 6

TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at

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

Silverleaf Resorts, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company
By: Donald W. Larson, Jr.
Its: Agent
No. 0301
(March, 4, 11, 18, 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
EUREKA SAVINGS BANK, a corporation organized and doing business under and by virtue of the Illinois Savings Bank Act Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT GLORIA,)

KELLY GLORIA,)
CAITLIN GLORIA)
as tenant of Robert)
and Kelly Gloria,)
ERNESTO QUIJAS)
as tenant of Robert)
and Kelly Gloria,)
ILLINOIS)
DEPARTMENT OF)
EMPLOYMENT)
SECURITY, STATE)
OF ILLINOIS)
DEPARTMENT)
OF REVENUE,)
UNITED STATES)
OF AMERICA)
DEPARTMENT OF)
THE TREASURY-)
INTERNAL REVENUE)
SERVICE and)
Unknown Owners and)
Non-Record)
Claimants,)
Defendants.)
No. 18 CH 109

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled Court, in said cause, on December 18, 2019, Thomas Templeton, Sheriff of LaSalle County, will on March 26, 2020 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at the CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER, 707 ETNA ROAD, Ottawa, Illinois, (North Door), sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate situated in LaSalle County, Illinois, commonly known as 149 E. Route 34, Mendota, Illinois,

61342, Property Index Nos. 01-32-129-000 & 01-32-128-000; and the following described real estate situated in LaSalle County, Illinois, commonly known as 1106 6th Street, Mendota, Illinois, 61342. Property Index No. 01-33-301-003, Parcel 1:
The South 185.86 feet more or less of that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: beginning at the center of Section 32, thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds West 100.00 feet on the South line of said Northwest Quarter: thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 433.00 feet: thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds East 100.00 feet to the East line of said Northwest Quarter: thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds East 433.00 feet on the East line of said Section 32 to the Point of Beginning, all being situated in Mendota Township, in LaSalle County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 01-32-129-000 Parcel 2:
That part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 1 East of the Third principal

meridian described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 127.14 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds East 100.00 feet to the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 32; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds East 127.07 feet on the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 32; thence North 87 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.292 acres, more or less and all being situated in the Township of Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 01-32-128-000 Parcel 4:
Lot 4 in Block 64 in the Original Town of Mendota, in the City of Mendota, situated in LaSalle County, Illinois Permanent Index Number: 01-33-301-003
The property is subject to general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and easements and restrictions of record and unpaid water bills. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The

thence continuing North 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 127.14 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds East 100.00 feet to the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 32; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds East 127.07 feet on the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 32; thence North 87 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.292 acres, more or less and all being situated in the Township of Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 01-32-128-000 Parcel 4:
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sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
Sale terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "cash." The successful bidder must deposit ten percent (10%) down by cash or certified funds and the balance of the purchase price prior to the date of confirmation of sale.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The real estate is residential real estate.
The property will not be open for inspection. The judgment was \$111,049.66. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file to verify this information.
For information, contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Todd L. Martin, Martin Law Office, 812 Washington, P.O. Box 177, Mendota, IL 61342-0177, (815) 539-3711. No. 0203 (Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 2020)

Case Number 2020 MR 54
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Zachary Allyn Bush to the new name of: Zachary Allyn White. The Court date will be held 4/14/20 at 10:00 a.m. at 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa LaSalle County in courtroom #305
Dated: February 18, 2020 at Ottawa, Illinois. Zachary Allyn Bush, Petitioner
No. 0204 (Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 2020)

NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 24, 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 The Wise Old Owl Bookstore located at 409 E Main St., Ste. 3, Streator, IL 61364. Dated February 24, 2020. Jerrilyn M. Zavada Applicant
No. 0205 (Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 2020)

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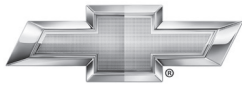
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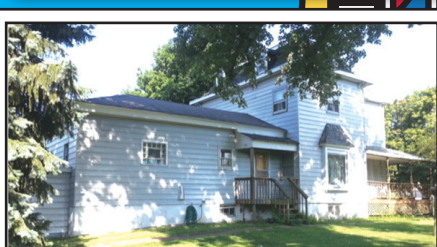
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