



Gas plant cleanup

Heavy machinery has been moved in as the cleanup continues of what was an old gas plant located at the southeast corner of Ninth Avenue and Fifth Street in Mendota. Nicor Gas and ComEd are partnering to clean up the area under the oversight of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Cleanup of the property began in November 2019 and the targeted conclusion is the fall of 2021. A majority of the work will be done in the parking lot, with some work planned in the adjacent creek. More detailed information about the project can be obtained online at <https://mendotasite.info/about-the-site/> or by contacting Bernie Anderson of Nicor Gas at info@mendotasite.info or by calling (309) 261-4155. (Reporter photo)

Long-time alderman stepping down from Mendota City Council

□ Bid-letting OKd for Illinois Ave. project

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA—A Mendota alderman submitted his letter of resignation at the Feb. 17 meeting of the Mendota City Council.

Bill Hunt, who has served the Fourth Ward since 2009, resigned from his seat on the council effective Feb. 29.

Upon resigning from the City Council, Hunt issued the following statement:

“I want you all to know that it’s been my pleasure to serve with you on the Mendota City Council. Whether we served together for years or months I respect each of you.

“Mayor Boelk and City Clerk McConville, I appreciate your confidence and friendship. I’ll forever value what we have done to move the City of Mendota forward.

“Department Heads, you provide a valuable service to a great city. I’m grateful that I had an opportunity to work with you and your teams of dedicated professionals.”

Hunt and his family are relocating to Oglesby and said he and his wife are slowing down on their work careers.

“Bill was a true, big asset to the city of Mendota and I hate seeing him go,” said Mayor David Boelk.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Jay Miller presented a request from Sassy’s Video Gaming for an additional video gaming license, which was approved by the council.

During alderman John Holland’s report, the council approved an ordinance authorizing a redevelopment agreement with Starved

Rock Wood Products for the 2017A TIF District.

Holland also stated that the new fiscal year budget meetings began this week and will continue next week.

The council approved several items during alderman Jim Fitzpatrick’s report. Prior to the regular council meeting, a public hearing was held concerning vacating an alley between Third and Fourth avenues, north of First Creek and south of 12th Street. During regular session, the council approved that measure.

The council approved bid-letting for the Illinois Avenue project and the opening of the bids will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, March 16 at the city building.

Also during Fitzpatrick’s report, the council agreed to a request from OSF Saint Paul Medical Center to use certain city facilities and streets for its 13th annual Cornpalooza 5K/10K run/walk to be held Saturday, Aug. 8.

The public hearing prior to the regular meeting also included discussion on a request for a pre-annexation agreement of Bokus property located at 97 N. 43rd Road. During regular session, alderman John Hessenberger presented an ordinance authorizing the pre-annexation agreement, which was approved by the council.

In a related matter, the council approved an ordinance amending zoning at the Bokus property.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Redistricting reform gets bipartisan push

By REBECCA ANZEL and BEN ORNER
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A bipartisan coalition of state lawmakers and advocacy groups announced an effort in both chambers last week to overhaul the way Illinois’ legislative districts are drawn.

Legislators from Chicago, its suburbs and downstate are backing a state constitutional amendment — twin measures in the Senate and House — shifting district mapmaking power from

politicians to a 17-person commission whose members would be representative of state demographics.

In three news events across Illinois, backers of the plan said the measure they call the “Fair Maps Amendment,” more than any of the other redistricting reform proposals, is “comprehensive,” “equitable, transparent, representative, and provides meaningful participation.”

The amendment is backed by the same group that attempted to reform the re-

districting process in the past three elections, CHANGE Illinois — the Coalition for Honest and New Government Ethics.

“As a sprawling federal corruption investigation continues, we should start to end corruption by ending gerrymandering where it begins when maps are drawn,” Madeleine Doubek, the group’s executive director, said. “Politicians picking their voters clearly is the epitome of a conflict of interest.”

Hawthorn Woods Republican Sen. Dan McConchie,

who spoke at a news conference in Chicago, said “this is the place we need to start” to “root out corruption” in Illinois.

The current process favors the General Assembly’s majority party, said Sen. Melinda Bush, a majority party Grayslake Democrat and lead sponsor in her chamber.

Currently, the Legislature is responsible for drawing Illinois’ legislative and congressional maps, with a

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Mendota Lutheran Home to close after 67 years

MENDOTA — The Mendota Lutheran Home announced on Feb. 11 that it will be closing. The following notice was posted on the Lutheran Home’s Facebook page:

“It is with heavy hearts the Administration, Staff and Board of Mendota Lutheran Home announce the closing of the facility.

“Our dedicated staff have faced: community rumors, an aging facility, dwindling census, rising costs, and low reimbursement rates. In these changing times, stand-alone, non-for-profit homes face difficulty remaining a viable choice.

“While change is always difficult, we are especially saddened by these circumstances. A reasonable transition period is expected. The Mendota Lutheran Home sincerely thanks the families and community for 67 wonderful years.”

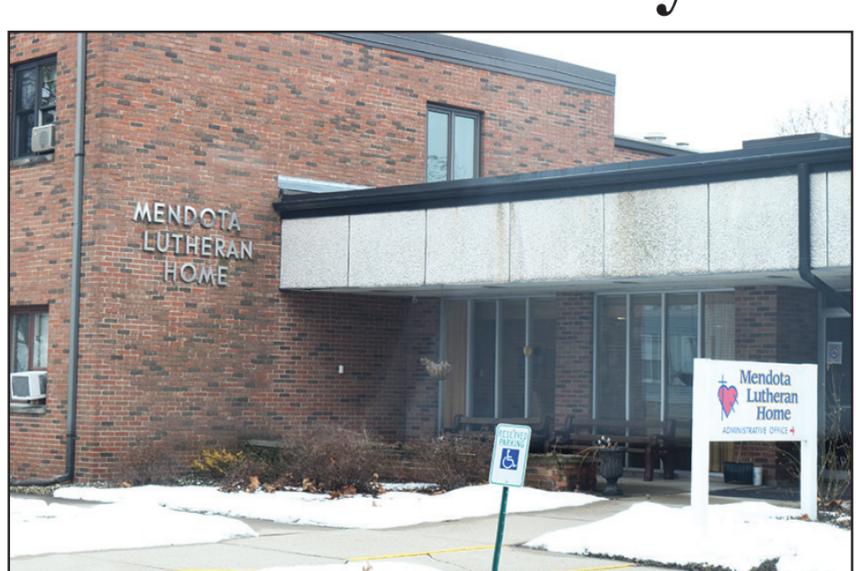
The Mendota Lutheran Home opened in 1951 as a retirement home. The Harris Hospital was purchased that year through aid from the Evangelical Lutheran Society for Christian Charities. On Feb. 3, 1952,

the home was dedicated in a service at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Mendota. The following year, the Mendota Lutheran Home was incorporated with not-for-profit status.

Because the MLH board of directors envisioned a much larger facility than the hospital building provided, they began buying properties to the east and north for future expansion. In March 1963, a new two-story addition opened expanding the home’s capacity to 43 residents.

Expansion continued and in 1971, a center unit was dedicated. In the spring of 1976, the decision was made to demolish the old Harris Hospital building and that fall, the old building was replaced by the north unit, which included an activity room and brought resident capacity to 100. In 1983, a solarium, conference room, and employee lounge were added on the south side and a west wing was added in 1995.

As of 2016, the Mendota Lutheran Home was licensed for 113 residents and the non-profit MLH Corporation was made up of 14 Lutheran churches.



The Mendota Lutheran Home will cease operation after 67 years. No specific closing date has been set. (Reporter photo)

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LOCAL AND AREA



Mendota FFA members, left to right, Jack Beetz, Alison Schlesinger, Elizabeth Schillinger and Piper Artman, attended the Section 7 proficiency interviews on Feb. 12 in Seneca. (Photo contributed)

Mendota H.S. FFA members compete at Section 7 proficiency interviews

SENECA - Four members of the Mendota FFA competed in eight different proficiency areas at the Section 7 proficiency interviews at Seneca High School on Feb. 12. Proficiency awards are designed to recognize students who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience program in 47 different areas.

To be recognized, the student's program must be supervised by their agriculture

instructor, must be related to the agriculture industry, and there must be career-building skills or career exploration activities involved in the program. Students record their experiences and their income and expenses in their record books, which are evaluated by a panel of judges. The judges then interview the candidates in each area to determine a Section Winner who will advance to District 2 competition.

Competing for the first time at Section 7 Proficiency Interviews were Mendota High School sophomore Elizabeth Schillinger and junior Piper Artman. Schillinger, the daughter of Jeff and the late Catherine Schillinger, competed and placed second in the area of Vegetable Production for her project, which involved growing, harvesting, and market-

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Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Our students brought home a "Plunge into Fitness" challenge through Raging Waves Waterpark this past week. Students are encouraged to keep track of their exercising outside of school and complete a fitness log. Once students have completed 25 hours of exercise, they will turn in their completed fitness logs by April 1. In return, each student who completes the challenge will receive a free admission ticket to Raging Waves Waterpark for this summer.

On Feb. 10, we took 11 students in a limo to Lou's LaGrotto in Peru for lunch. These students earned this reward from our Club Choice Fundraiser that was held in the fall. The students enjoyed their ride in the limo and a great lunch.

We celebrated the 100th day of school on Feb. 11. The teachers planned many great activities around the number 100. Students participated in writing, math, movement and building activities all around the number 100. They also enjoyed some snacks. It was a fun day for

the students.

Valentine parties were held on Friday, Feb. 14. The students enjoyed opening their cards from their friends and all of the delicious treats. Thank you to the room parents who organized and ran the parties and also to the parents who donated items for the party. The students had a great day!

The students nominated for the Principal Award last week included Aubrey Gambrel, Jersie Carr, Peter Dunfrund, Mayra Ocampo, Karessa Brown, Aaron Ortega and Lynny Read. The winners were Evelyn Quintana, Landon Kent, Nathan Flood and Aeriah Snyder. Congratulations to all of you!

There is an early dismissal on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:25 a.m. and first grade at 11:35 a.m. No lunches will be served on this day.

We appreciate the support of families who are currently participating in District 289's Little Caesars Fundraiser. All orders are due back to school on Friday, Feb. 21.

LaSalle Co. schedules electronics recycling events

OTTAWA - LaSalle County has announced the dates of four free electronics recycling events to be held in 2020. The first will take place on Saturday, March 28. The events will be held in

Ottawa at the LaSalle County Government Center, 707 E. Etna Road and are limited to LaSalle County residents only. There will be a limit of two televisions per vehicle; residents must pre-register

prior to the event.

Additional details will be announced in the coming weeks and will also be posted on the Environmental Services and Land Use page at www.lasallecounty.org.

Elks announce Mendota area 'Teens of the Month' for November

MENDOTA - The Elks recently announced their November Teens of the Month, Meghan Davis and Cole Stremmlau.

Meghan, a senior at Ohio High School, is the daughter of Misty Davis. She is currently 2nd in her class, has been on the honor roll throughout high school and in National Honor Society since sophomore year. She was on the volleyball team (freshman-junior) and was a co-captain (freshman and sophomore). She played softball (freshman and sophomore) and was All-Conference Academic for volleyball and softball (sophomore).

Meghan was class president (freshman), class treasurer (sophomore) and class vice-president

(junior). She was in the school's Variety Show (freshman-junior), was a crew member for the school play (freshman), participated in band and pep band (freshman), in Drama Club (freshman), Student Council (freshman and sophomore), Science Club (freshman-junior), Renaissance (sophomore and junior), Reading buddies (freshman-senior) and part of the Pop Tab Committee (junior and senior).

Meghan volunteered with the American Red Cross Blood Drives (freshman-junior), helped with the Student Council's Christmas activities (freshman-senior), volunteered at Ohio's 1st Lutheran Church

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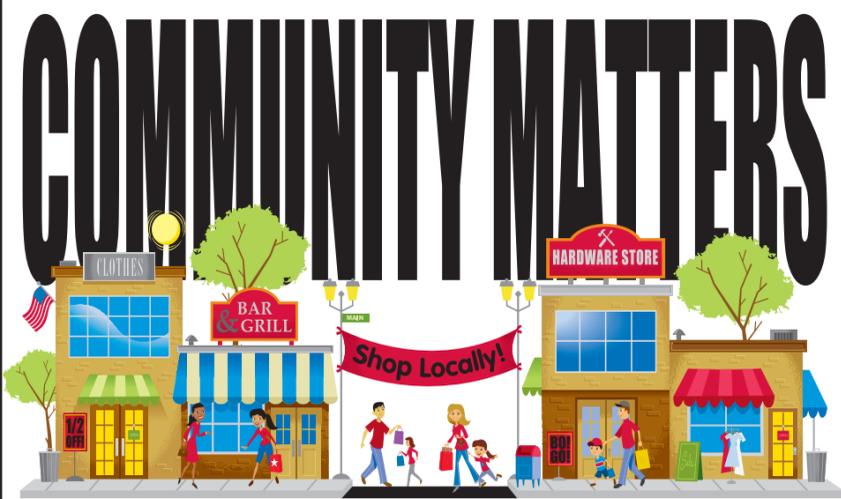


Lisa Fultz, left, presents Mendota High School senior Cole Stremmlau with an Elks Teen of the Month Award. (Photos contributed)



Lisa Fultz, left, presents Ohio High School senior Meghan Davis with an Elks Teen of the Month Award.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Lewis University dean's list

ROMEDEVILLE - Kayleen Kaiser of Mendota was named to Lewis University dean's list for the 2019 fall semester. Kaiser is majoring in Secondary Education and Psychology. To be eligible, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and

with no "D" or "F" grades. Lewis is a Catholic university offering market-relevant undergraduate and graduate programs to 6,300 students. Visit www.lewisu.edu for further information.

UW-Platteville dean's list

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - Lucas Anderson of Mendota and Marie Barnickel of Compton have been

named to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville dean's list. Anderson is majoring in mechanical engineering and Barnickel is an agricultural business major.

The dean's list honors full-time students who earned high honors in their respective colleges in the fall 2019 semester. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of either 3.75 or of 3.5, depending on their area of study.

MHS to hold spring Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences March 2 & 4

MENDOTA - Parents of Mendota High School students are reminded that spring Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will take place from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 4. Families may attend on either day.

The purpose of Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences is to improve the home-school connection. MHS offers online information through Parent Connect concerning grades, attendance, and discipline. However, no type of electronic communication can replace the effectiveness of a face-to-face meeting.

The high school looks forward to the opportunity to meet with MHS parents to

discuss their student's performance. Parents are asked to come to the gym foyer where they will pick up their student's report card. They may come on either evening, March 2 or March 4 any time between 4 and 7 p.m. An open house format is used for parents' convenience.

Faculty and administration will be available to discuss students' academic progress. Teachers will be seated with their co-teachers or alphabetically around the gym. Parents are encouraged to bring their student along to the conference.

Anyone with questions, please contact the MHS principal's office at (815) 539-7446.

Stage 212 will be "Swingin' to the Golden Oldies!"

LA SALLE - Stage 212 is kicking off a new benefit concert series, 212 Sings, with "Cocktails & Classics: Swingin' to the Golden Oldies!" All proceeds will go toward the Stage 212 building renovation fund.

The '50s and '60s were filled with the new sound of rock and roll, the cool beat of Motown and the harmonies of girl groups. "Cocktails & Classics" takes a tour of the songs made famous on American Bandstand and played on jukeboxes in diners across the country.

Performers include Abby Bertrand, Emily Brodzik, Becky Christopherson, Tony Christopherson, Dana Dawson, Damian Gonzalez, Phil Grant, Christin Mitchell, Neal Phelps and Kyle Showen. The production is directed by Phil Grant and Neal Phelps.

"Cocktails & Classics: Swingin' to the Golden Oldies!" will be presented on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased online by visiting www.stage212.org or by calling the box office at (815) 224-3025 and leaving a message.

Mendota H.S. freshmen attend FFA conference

DECATUR - Mendota FFA members Karli Althaus and Julia Krueger attended the annual 212° conference at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, on Feb. 7 and 8. Both students are freshmen at Mendota High School.

This two-day statewide event is designed for first-year members. The focus of the conference is student development and it helps FFA members become aware of all aspects of personal growth. After attending sessions on mental, emotional, physical, and social growth, students leave with a personal plan for self-improvement.

212° - the temperature at which water boils - focuses on taking students to the boiling point of personal leadership. At 211°, water is extremely hot, but just one more degree gets it to the next level.

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.



Illinois Association FFA Reporter Brodee McCormick of Athens, left, greets Mendota High School freshmen, Karli Althaus of Sublette, center, and Julia Krueger of Earlville, at the FFA's 212° conference in Decatur. (Photo contributed)

Teens

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Thanksgiving Meal and their fish fry (freshman and sophomore), volunteered at Christmas for kids (freshman and sophomore), LYO Christmas Shopping for Kids (freshman and sophomore), participated with LYO Christmas caroling (freshman) and in ELCA Youth Gathering (sophomore).

Meghan enjoys hanging out with family and friends, loves playing volleyball and going to sporting events. She has been a 4-H member throughout high school and helped at Kramer's Kitchen booth each of those years. She currently works at Beck's and has also done some babysitting throughout her high school years. She plans to attend a community

college and then transfer to a four-year college to study medicine.

Cole Stremmlau, a senior at Mendota High School, is the son of Tracie and Nicholas Stremmlau. He has been on the honor roll all four years. He is an Illinois State Scholar and is a member of National Honor Society (junior and senior) and currently serves as National Honor Society Vice-President. He attended Illinois Boy's State senior year.

Cole participated in basketball and track since freshman year, played football all four years and was a football co-captain senior year. He volunteered to help clean up the Ottawa park after the tornado (sophomore), helped cook sweet corn at the Sweet Corn Festival (all four years), helped organize shelves

at Nightingale's (junior and senior), volunteered to work at concession stands for sporting events (all four years), helped his neighbor shovel gravel (junior), tutored at Lincoln Elementary School (senior) and helped set up the beer gardens for the Sweet Corn Festival (all four years).

Cole enjoys traveling and helping his dad farm and likes trying new things (foods and activities). As a freshman and sophomore, he was a lifeguard at the Mendota Swimming Pool and since junior year has worked for Sicily's Pizzeria. He attended TEC 206 junior year.

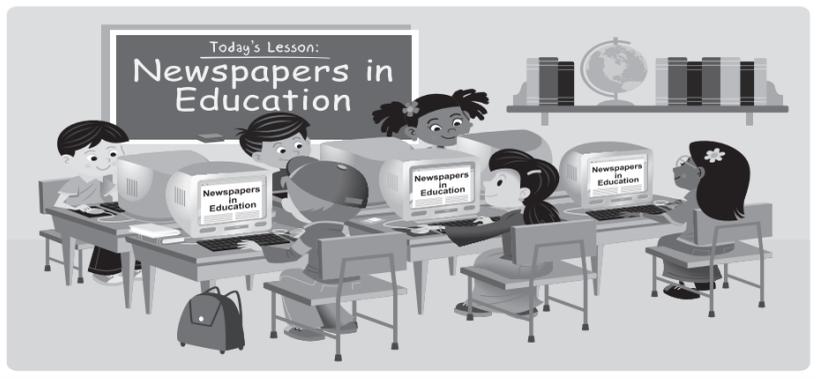
Cole plans to attend Illinois Valley Community College for two years and then transfer to a four-year university to get a degree in physical therapy.

CARL'S QUIZ

Are there any sounds in outer space?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The placement of keys on typewriter/computer keyboards was first used by Christopher Latham Sholes, who invented his typewriter in 1868. The keys were first arranged alphabetically, but that caused the type bars to clash at the printing point. When frequently used combinations of letters were separated mechanically to avoid this problem, the result on the keyboard was QWERTY. (Source: Old Farmers Almanac)

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



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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

LaVern N. Klinefelter

UTICA - LaVern "Skip" N. Klinefelter, 79, of Utica died peacefully Feb. 11, 2020 in his home surrounded by family.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 17 at Waltham Presbyterian Church with Rev. Joel Stevener officiating. Private burial will be at Waltham Cemetery at a later date. Visitation was from 2-5 p.m. on Feb. 16 at the church and for one hour prior to services.

Skip was born Dec. 15, 1940 in Mendota to Lawrence and Marion (Christofferson) Klinefelter. He married Joan Frey on April 24, 1965 in Mendota.

Survivors include his wife of Utica; three daughters, Tracy (Mark) Kolczaski of Burlington, Wis. and Wendy (Tom) Olivero and Marcie (Jim) Holland, both of Utica; five grandchildren, Jake, Ryan and Abby Kolczaski and Noah and Neil Olivero; two sisters, Joan Kulpa of Utica and Bonnie Klinefelter of New York, N.Y.; a sister-in-law, Mary Margaret Frey; two brothers-in-law, David Setchell and Chuck (Margy) Frey; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marilyn Setchell; two brothers-in-law, Jack Kulpa and Clayton Frey; and one nephew, Greg Frey.

Skip was a 1958 graduate of Mendota High School. He served in the Illinois National Guard 1964-1969. He was a petroleum salesman for 43 years, retiring from Northern Partners in 2007. He served on the Waltham School Board and was a 50-year member of Waltham Curling Club and Mendota Elks. He enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling in northern Wisconsin and attending his grandchildren's sports events. Memorials may be directed to Waltham Presbyterian Church or the donor's choice.



Sarah E. Cruz

SPRING VALLEY - Sarah E. Cruz, 35, of Spring Valley passed away Feb. 13, 2020 in Plainfield from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 at Victory Baptist Church, Mendota with Rev. Jay Miller officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be for one hour prior to services. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

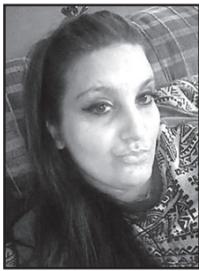
Sarah was born Feb. 23, 1984 in Mendota to Jim and Bonnie (Terry) Cushman.

Survivors include her mother, Bonnie Cushman of Spring Valley; three brothers, Travis Cushman of Spring Valley, James Cushman of Depue and Dustin Cushman of Arizona; two sisters, Emily Cushman of Colorado and Apple Terry of Spring Valley; maternal grandparents, Tom and Marian Terry of DePue; paternal grandparents, Sherman and Pauline Cushman of Dewey, Ariz.; an aunt, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father and her cousin, Jennifer Terry, who was like a sister to her, and passed away in 2018.

Sarah was baptized at Holy Cross Church and attended Mendota schools and also Hall High School. She loved to cook, sew and draw. She enjoyed being with friends and doing makeup.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Mark L. Wallis

MENDOTA - Mark L. Wallis, 58, of Mendota passed away Feb. 12, 2020 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

A memorial visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 18 at the Schwarz Funeral Home, Mendota.

Mark was born Dec. 5, 1961 in Rockford to Waymon and Joann (Berridge) Wallis.

Survivors include three brothers, Waymon (Frieda) Wallis of Georgia, his twin Matt Wallis of Mendota, and Victor Wallis of Rockton; one sister, Denise (Gary) Mcelyea of New Milford; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Diane; one sister-in-law, Lisa Wallis; and one niece, Tiffany Wallis.

Mark was an identical twin, who always referred to himself as the "good looking" one. He grew up in Rockford and moved to Mendota in 2007, where he worked as a laser technician for HCC, Inc. He was a motorcycle and gun enthusiast.

Memorials may be directed to Nightingale's in Mendota.



Daniel J. Colangelo

WEST BROOKLYN - Daniel J. Colangelo, 63, of West Brooklyn, formerly of Chicago Ridge, died Feb. 13, 2020.

Memorial visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 at Richard J. Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. A chapel service will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

Daniel was born Feb. 11, 1957 to Donato and Nadine Colangelo. He married Judith Horesovsky.

Survivors include his wife, Judith; one daughter, Sarah Colangelo; one sister, Nancy Jezewski; one brother, Steve (Carolyn) Colangelo; nieces and nephews, Amy (Salil), Alex (Susan), Sam, Adam, Luke and Jillian; great-nephew and niece, Mateo and Thea; and his faithful companion, Shadow.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law, Kent Jezewski.

Daniel was a member of Local #399 Building Engineers and was an avid ham radio operator.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the American Heart Association (<https://www2.heart.org/>).



Raymond D. Schallhorn

LA MOILLE - Raymond D. Schallhorn, 84, of LaMoille, passed away Feb. 15, 2020 at Heritage Healthcare Center in Mendota.

No services will be held per his wishes. Arrangements are entrusted to the Mueller Funeral Home, Peru.

Raymond was born Nov. 2, 1935 in Spring Valley to Fred and Margaret (Atherton) Schallhorn. He married Rheta Haefner on Nov. 20, 1955 at Clarion Lutheran Church, LaMoille.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Anita Geiger of LaMoille; one son, Dean (Mary) Schallhorn of LaMoille; one daughter-in-law, Eva Schallhorn of Schaumburg; six grandchildren, Dave (Janelle) Geiger of LaMoille, Heather (Greg) Sherman of Tonica, Cory (Laura Netzer) Schallhorn of Aurora, Colo., Michelle Schallhorn of Tyler, Texas, Nicole (Mark) Hampton of Albuquerque, N.M. and Emily Schallhorn of Schaumburg; six great-grandchildren, Owen and Cassidy Geiger of LaMoille, Avery and Mason Sherman of Tonica, William Schallhorn of Aurora, Colo. and Jane Hampton of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Janice Chaon of Markesan, Wis. and Louise Keutzer of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Glen Schallhorn; one son-in-law, Daniel Geiger; three sisters and three brothers.

Raymond was a 1953 graduate of LaMoille High School. He was a life-long farmer and a member of Clarion Lutheran Church, LaMoille.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the LaMoille Ambulance Service or Clarion Lutheran Church, LaMoille. See the online guestbook at www.muellerfh.com.



Emma Louise Kay Norton

MENDOTA - Emma Louise Kay Norton, infant daughter of Mariah Ambler and Dylan Norton, passed away Feb. 11, 2020 at Illinois Valley Community Hospital, Peru.

Private funeral services for the family will be held with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Emma is survived by her parents; four aunts, Hannah Ambler, Meagen Norton, Malarie Stallings and Corrina Ulch; one uncle, Garrett Norton; grandparents, Carl and Susan Ambler; grandmother, Angela Perryman Ulch; and great-grandparents, Betty (Jim Cosby) Snuffin, Sue (Bryan) Tracy, Elaine Norton and Donald and June Kofoid.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Greg Norton and her great-grandparents, Sam Snuffin, Carlos H. Ambler and James Norton.

Memorials may be directed to her parents.

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ing pumpkins, gourds, and squash last year. Artman, the daughter of Jason and Tori Artman, competed and placed second in the area of Equine Science - Placement for her work caring for the stock on a local horse farm over the past year.

Mendota High School senior Alison Schlesinger, daughter of Tod and Christine Schlesinger, competed and placed second in Poultry Production with her three-year project of raising

broiler chickens. Over the past year, she added projects working as an intern at the Mendota Golf Course, which allowed her to compete and place second in Landscape Management. Working at the golf course as well as managing the Mendota FFA Greenhouse (Nursery Operations) and mowing for some neighbors (Turf Grass Management) allowed her to also compete and place second in Diversified Horticulture.

Jack Beetz, son of Brooke Beetz and a junior at Mendota High School, competed for the second year in a row at the Section 7 Proficiency Interviews. His work with the family business allows him to maintain several placement record books related to crop production and agricultural sales. Jack competed and placed second in both Diversified Crop Production - Placement (Grain Production, Specialty Crop Production, Fiber and/or Oil

Crop, & Forage Production) and Forage Production. He was Section 7 winner in Forage Production last year. He also competed in and was the Section 7 winner in the area of Specialty Crop Production for his work in the production of seed corn. Jack will advance to the District 2 Proficiency interviews which will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at the Joliet Junior College Weitendorf Agriculture Education Center.

The Mendota FFA expressed their appreciation to the volunteer judges for the Section 7 interviews, Mrs. Rickette Collins, Mrs. Dawn Dieter, and Mr. Jeff Doughty. Their experience and knowledge ensures that highly qualified candidates

advance in the competition. The Illinois Association FFA is divided into 25 sections, which are then grouped into five districts. The Mendota FFA Chapter is located in Section 7, District 2. According to "Envision the Future: 2019 Illinois Agricultural Education Report" (www.ilaged.org) the majority (56 percent) of students' SAE projects last year were Job Placement; with the remaining projects being either Entrepreneurship/Ownership (38 percent) or Research (6 percent).

For more information about SAE's, the FFA or agricultural careers, contact MHS agriculture teacher/FFA advisor Matt Meyer or visit www.ilaged.org.

Estate Planning for Agriculture program takes place Feb. 25

OTTAWA - Join University of Illinois Extension and the LaSalle County Farm Bureau at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 for an "Estate Planning for Agriculture" program. The session will be held at the Extension's LaSalle County Office, 1689 N. 31st Road, Ottawa.

Presentations will be provided by Jim McCabe, Farm Business Farm Management, Fieldman; Chris Kline, Country Companies, Estate Specialist; and Tim Harris, Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers.

Topics to be covered include how to minimize economic impact of estate tax on our families, new estate tax rules, planning an estate around taxation, and what Federal and State estate taxation does for future generation legacy.

Advance registration is required by Feb. 24 by calling the Extension office at (815) 433-0707. There is no cost to attend. For questions, call Daryle Wragge at (309) 364-2356.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Redistricting

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party holding both chambers — like the Democrats currently do — having outsized control. Maps are drawn after the U.S. Census every decade, and the Illinois Constitution requires districts to be “compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population.”

If lawmakers do not agree on maps, a group is formed with four legislators from each party and a ninth that is chosen randomly by the secretary of state from two candidates put forward by the state Supreme Court. That backup scenario is unlikely with the current makeup of the Legislature, however, as Democrats have supermajorities in both chambers.

Under the coalition’s proposal, 17 commission members would be appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court — seven registered Democrats, seven registered Republicans and three with different or no party affiliation. Each congressional district can have only one commissioner.

Members of the public would be able to comment on any commission proposal, and could submit their own district maps. The commission would have to look at all submissions.

Doubek said this proposal is a revised version of an amendment submitted by CHANGE Illinois over the past two years, and “does a lot to improve equity, transparency and accountability.”

The current amendment includes prisoners in population counts and redefines the requirements about who can serve on the commission.

People ineligible for the commission include: lobbyists; persons appointed, running for or elected to a position with the state, federal, or local government; a paid consultant or campaign representative of a political candidate or political action committee; an individual with an ownership interest in an entity with a state, local or federal contract; and appointed or elected officials of a political party.

Persons must not have held those positions in the past five years, and people working for them and their immediate families are ineligible as well.

The resolutions also attempt to ensure minority communities are able to elect a candidate of their choosing.

“If there is a neighborhood or community that has a strong minority base but maybe not enough to control the outcome of the election,” Doubek said, “they need to be kept together so they can have as much influence as possible on choosing who represents them.”

Both chambers of the Legislature need to approve a constitutional amendment by a three-fifths majority before it can go to voters. That effectively sets the deadline as Sunday, May 3, because six months must pass before an amendment can appear on the general election ballot.

“Our chances are better than they have ever been,” Doubek said.

A poll last year by Southern Illinois University found 67 percent of Illinoisans want district maps created by an independent commission rather than the Legislature.

A spokesperson for Senate President Don Harmon, a Democrat, said, “The Senate president has a history of working for redistricting reform and looks forward to reviewing this proposal.”

Doubek said Terra Costa Howard, D-Glen Ellyn, who is the House sponsor of the amendment, had “a healthy exchange of ideas” with Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan.

And when Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker was running for office, he pledged to veto any “unfair” map sent to him by the General Assembly.

Republican Rep. Ryan Spain, from Peoria, said he has supported former versions of CHANGE Illinois’ redistricting amendments in the past two years.

“With everything that’s happening in the General Assembly — with federal investigators swirling around us, with confidence in our government at an all-time low and corruption at an all-time high — a Fair Maps initiative is an essential ingredient to fixing those issues,” he said.

The Fair Maps Amendment shares many similarities with California’s 14-member citizen commission that drew the state’s current maps after the 2010 census.

Michigan voters passed a constitutional amendment in 2018 to create an independent commission of 13 citizens to draw political maps. Iowa has a similar citizen-run commission, while Missouri’s system consists of a commission from each legislative chamber made up of equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans.

“While Illinois is behind on this topic, we are not operating in isolation and I think it’s important to look at other states,” Spain said. “It would be really disappointing with everything else that’s going on in Illinois if we can’t do the same.”

A 2014 analysis by the Washington Post named Illinois’ 4th congressional district, consisting of western Chicago suburbs such as Cicero and Brookfield, among the 10 most gerrymandered in the country. The district, which elected Democratic U.S. Rep. Jesús “Chuy” García in 2018 by a 73-point margin, resembles a pair of earmuffs. The two sides of the district are connected by a narrow patch of grass under Interstate 290.

The proposals are House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 41 and, when it is officially introduced, Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 18.

IVCC staff members retire; tuition & fee rate unchanged

OGLESBY — The retirements of longtime electronics instructor Jim Gibson of Hennepin and truck driver training program coordinator Bruce Hartman of Sandwich were announced at the Feb. 13 Illinois Valley Community College board meeting.

For 26 years, Gibson taught electricity, electronics and renewable energy and created the apprenticeship program with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

“Jim has had a monumental impact on our college and students in the trades,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran.

“He facilitated the electrician’s apprenticeship with the IBEW and was critically important to the success of our Making Industry Meaningful in College (MIMIC) program and our National Science Foundation grants.”

Gibson, who will retire officially July 31, wrote in his retirement letter, “Thank you for all the wonderful support over the years. The programs are in much better shape than when I was hired all those years ago.”

More than 2,500 drivers have completed IVCC’s truck driver training program since it opened under Hartman’s lead in 2000. Hartman, who will retire May 1, said, “We’ve helped so many people improve their family situation with careers in trucking.”

Corcoran praised Hartman, saying, “Bruce has been the ‘face’ of our program.”

Part-time counselor Karen Stachowiak also announced her retirement after 20 years.

“A wonderful counselor, Karen was always happy to be here,” Corcoran said, adding “Even on her days off, she reminded (supervisor) Mark Grzybowski, ‘I’m only a phone call away if you need me.’”

Entries open for IVCC edible car contest

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College’s 15th annual Edible Car Contest will be at noon Wednesday, Feb. 26 in the cafeteria.

The contest, which celebrates National Engineering Week, was originally sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. with judging at

In other business, board members approved:

- Holding the combined tuition and universal fee rate at \$133 per hour for the third straight year.

- College and Career Start program tuition reductions. Students enrolled in IVCC courses taught at high schools by high school instructors, will pay just \$30 per course.

- High school students enrolled in courses taught by IVCC faculty — at the high school or at the college — will pay just 75 percent of the tuition rate or about \$95 per credit hour.

- Students qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch will continue to pay just the \$5 registration fee.

- Changes to 77 course fees including 60 increases, 11 new courses, one decrease, plus the assignment of course fees to five existing courses.

- Tenure for nursing instructors Tracey Antle and Taylor Myers and English/reading instructor Jean Forst.

- A resolution designating the fiscal year as July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and the budget calendar.

- Accepted with regret the resignation of economics instructor David Barnes effective May 16. Barnes has accepted another position in Wisconsin.

Following closed session, the board authorized Corcoran to sign the agreement with IT employee James Niessner. The board also approved the termination of employee Amber Gonzalez.

Board members learned:

- The annual Academic Challenge Feb. 7 attracted 11 high schools and 217 students to compete in two 40-minute exams in biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, mathematics or physics. Competing high schools were LP, Streator,

11:30 and racing at noon. IVCC students, faculty, staff and area high schools are invited to compete. New in 2020 is a press category. Participants work in teams to come up with creative and workable designs.

For information, contact Dorene Data at (815) 224-0221, Dorene_data@ivcc.edu.



Newly tenured IVCC faculty, left to right, are nursing instructor Taylor Myers, English/reading instructor Jean Forst and nursing instructor Tracey Antle. (Photo contributed)

Ottawa, Hall, Mendota, Seneca, St. Bede, Midland, La Moille, Putnam County and Marquette. First and second place teams from the three divisions advance to the Eureka College Sectional March 13.

- Of 53 IVCC RN students taking the NCLEX state board exam, 48 passed on the first attempt for a 91 percent pass rate compared to the national and state averages of 88 percent. The five students who did not pass the first attempt, passed on the second. Of 12 LPN students, 10 passed on the first attempt for an 83 percent pass rate compared to national and state averages of 86 and 89 percent. The two who did not pass were successful the second time.

- A recent agreement allows IVCC ag students to transfer seamlessly to the ag program at Illinois State University. The articulation allows students with AAS degrees in agronomy and agribusiness to pursue ISU bachelor’s degrees in agriculture.

- Total budget for 42 student organizations was \$102,914 in 2019-20, down from \$112,604 in 2018-19 and \$129,689 in 2017-18.

- Part-time theater and speech instructor Donna Stone retired and assistant volleyball coach Mariela Bima resigned.

- IVCC’s Chem Club, led by faculty advisors Matthew Johll and Richard “Larry” Ault, earned the American Chemical Society’s top award for 2018-19. Of 380 chapters submitting reports, IVCC was one of just 59 designated “Outstanding.”

- The American Red Cross commended the college’s new Rotaract Club for leading a Jan. 23 blood drive that collected 48 units.

- There were 153 fall graduates earning 178 degrees and certificates compared to 165 earning 186 degrees in fall 2018.

- The college added \$12,157 in course scheduling consulting work from RSM US LLP. RSM enables the college to make better use of its resources by identifying trends in course enrollments.

- Board chair Jane Goetz announced board secretary Judy Day and student trustee Matthew Klein have been nominated for Illinois Community College Trustees Association awards.

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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.

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Will gas jockeys return?

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – “Whatcha writing about Daddy?” “Well, some lawmaker wants to make it against the law to pump your own gas.”

My 9-year-old, Caitlin, cocked her head to the left and asked, “Why?”

And that’s the question folks across Illinois are asking. I left several messages with state Rep. Camille Lilly’s office, but never heard back.

So that leaves reporters, other lawmakers – and voters – guessing why she would prohibit anyone but service station employees filling up a gas tank.

“My best guess is that she thinks of this as a jobs bill,” said state Sen. Neil Anderson, R-Moline. “But I can tell you this, in a border area like the Quad-Cities it would be absolutely devastating. Gas is already more expensive in Illinois and if every station in the state had to hire people to pump – at \$15 per hour – it would really bring up the price of gas in the state. In this area, people would just drive to Iowa to fill up.”

Back in 1976, Illinois lawmakers passed legislation allowing motorists to pump their own fuel. Today, only New Jersey and Oregon have laws on the books requiring gas jockeys.

My memories of the time before self-service gasoline are vague. But I do remember the quiet arguments between my parents.

“Don, please stay in the car and let the man do his job,” my mother would implore. But my father, never the most patient person in the world, would tire of waiting for someone else to do a job that he could do just as well himself. He’d begin pumping on his own and inevitably an attendant would come running saying, “Sir, sir don’t do that!”

I guess Dad was strumming the chord of economic independence with his act of civil disobedience. But if you asked my Mom, she’d say he was just embarrassing us all by not obeying the law.

Sometimes, it’s easy to fall victim to the Good ‘ol Days Syndrome. We like to think of it as a golden age when even the lowest skilled worker could find a job pumping gas.

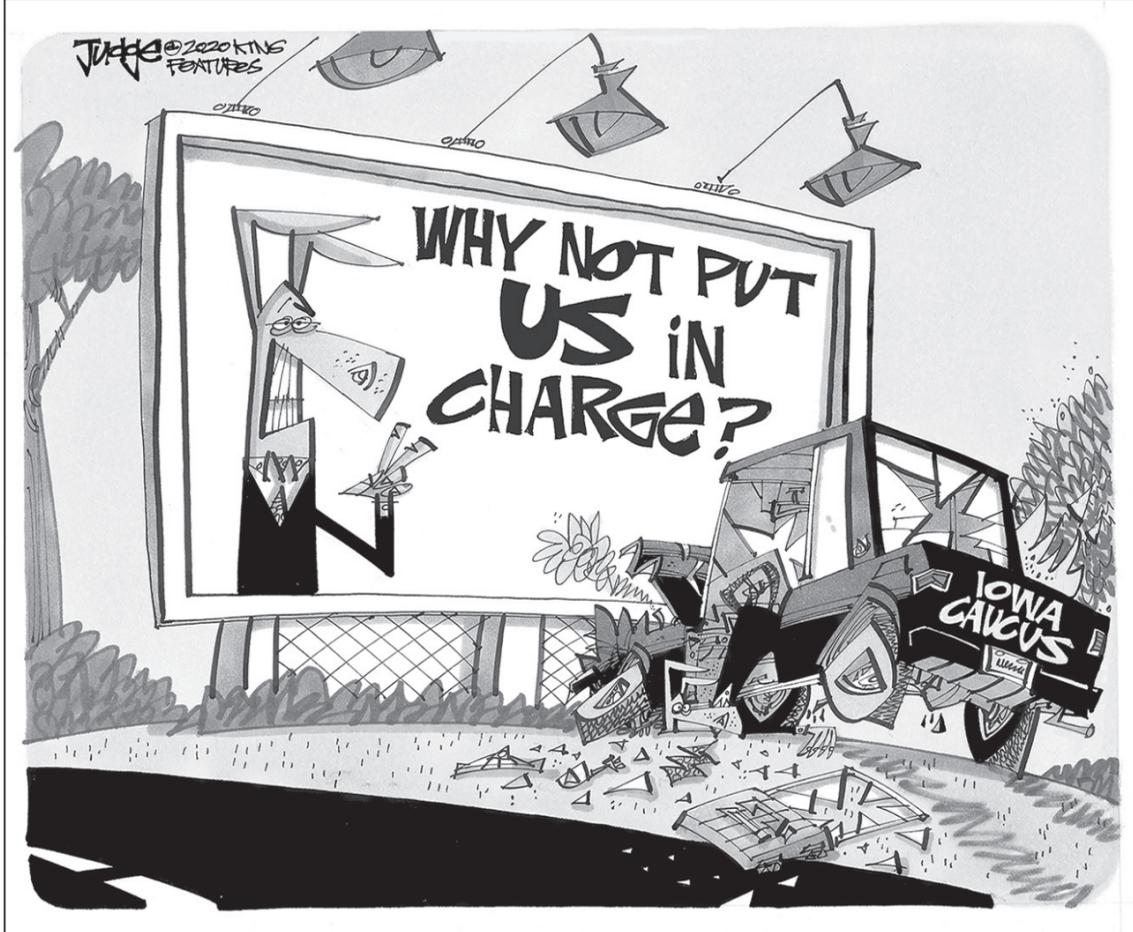
But it’s almost always a bad idea to introduce legislation to reduce business efficiency so more people can work.

Milton Friedman, the great Nobel Prize winning economist, used to tell the story of traveling overseas and seeing a canal being dug by people with shovels. He expressed dismay that there were no tractors or other earth-moving equipment. His host responded that it was a “jobs program.” Friedman replied, “If that’s the case, take away their shovels and give them spoons to dig with.”

Promoting efficiency is almost always the best policy. Josh Sharp, executive vice president of the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association, was flummoxed by the legislation.

“I haven’t spoken to Rep. Lilly about this bill. I have spoken to (legislative) staff. It’s unclear what she hopes to accomplish. This past year, the state gasoline tax has doubled, the minimum wage has been increased and cigarette tax has been increased. All of these things have adversely affected our members. Some are just holding on, if (Lilly’s) bill were to pass, it would put some of our members out of business,” he said.

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



Mendota Community Theatre begins – 1954

The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Feb. 17, 1999

By Jessica Nashold

The charter for Mendota Community Theatre, a not-for-profit corporation, was issued February 9, 1954. James D. Hume was correspondent. The first production, “Arsenic and Old Lace,” was already in rehearsal. George Likeness took a few cast members to a Kiwanis meeting where they presented several scenes. Even without props, it got good reviews from the members. The opening performance was scheduled for February 22, 1954. All proceeds were earmarked for the Mendota Community Hospital Auxiliary.

The Mendota Prop Twisters, a model airplane club, met February 14, 1954, at Lake Mendota to practice for competition with clubs from other towns. Lenny Prescott achieved 68 mph with his Trixter Trainer and expected to do better. Jim Poisel and Vernon Mast practiced combat flying with their planes. There was damage to about eight of the models because of rough terrain.

The Prop Twisters hope the park board will roll the northwest end at the lake.

The Mendota Trojans enjoyed a 69-67 win over Rochelle, which brought them to a four-way tie for second place in the conference. In his Sports Review, Uncle Dick declared –

The Trojans are a threat to any team they compete with.

They went on to master DePue, 74-44, and Rock Falls, 71-43.

A staff headed by Ruth Unger, managing editor, Marjorie Boyle, feature editor, and Bill Gorman, sports editor, met regularly in Room 5 at MHS during the seventh period. They were working on the Atodnem. Faculty advisors were Eulalia Breese and her assistant, Mrs. Ira Schmidt.

Past Exalted Ruler Night was held at the Elks Club on February 18, 1954. There were 15 Past Exalted Rulers present. Arthur Sauer was honored as

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the Mendota Elks Club “Ambassador of Good Will” for his visits to other clubs throughout the state and his attendance at state and district meetings. Exalted Ruler J.D. Clark presented Sauer with a gold tie clip and cuff links carrying Elks emblems on a pearl background.

Mendota’s new street markers were installed on the standards, which had been in place since November. The first marker was attached on February 24, 1954, at the corner of Ninth Street and Sixth Avenue, by V.L. Withrow, assisted by “other city employees.”

Alderman George Baumann witnessed this event.

The Rev. Eugene Holcomb was installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church on February 17, 1954. Ministers of congregations in neighboring towns attended, as did representatives of the Mendota Ministerial Association, together with their wives. J.L. Wirschem was moderator. The installation was followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Grade and high school boards met February 15, 1954, at Lincoln School to discuss the schools’ needs. It was agreed to set up a Citizens’ Committee composed of parents and taxpayers in areas covered by the school districts.

They will meet again February 19.

At the second meeting, it would be determined who would be serving on the Citizens’ Committee.

The CB&Q proposed discontinuing two trains – Number 6 and Number 9. Number 6, eastbound, would be replaced by a train making stops at Sandwich, Plano and Aurora before arriving in Chicago. Number 9, westbound, would make five stops before

arriving in Mendota. Mayor Christ Troupis announced a hearing would be held in Chicago in March.

Mendotans should contact city officials and make their wishes known.

The Kanteen celebrated its 11th anniversary on February 20, 1954. “Through the Years” was the theme for a program at the Kanteen followed by birthday cake and dancing at the K.C. Hall to music by Johnny Moreno’s band.

Yohn’s Ready-to-Wear and Dry-goods conducted a closing out sale during most of February 1954.

The whole store is a huge bargain counter – help us empty it.

Wayne and Gertrude Preston announced they would be opening a similar business in the Yohn building in March.

Paul Techel of Freeport became the new station agent in Mendota for the Milwaukee. He began his duties here on January 28, 1954, and his wife and daughters arrived February 21.

Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls combined forces for a youth program on February 11, 1954. In a closing ceremony illustrating emphasis on Reverence, Protestants Hal Goebel and Sharon Schuttler, Jewish youths Harold Gordon and Arlene Gott of LaSalle and Catholics David Jones and Ann Lipke joined hands, symbolizing unity of purpose.

Mendota Newcomers sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, met in the Lions Den at the Mendota Fairgrounds. The monthly meeting was open to all new residents to introduce them to each other and to community organizations and activities in Mendota.

In a Hi-Light feature, “The Stylist,” it was reported that Lynn Truckenbrod was sporting a navy blue sweatshirt with turtle neck while Glen Fischer had one with a pointed collar. Sonja Killian had a new hairdo –

Her bright red hair is cropped close to her head in a feather cut.

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Mike Bloomberg’s offensive campaign

By Rich Lowry

The rich are different from you and me -- they can buy themselves instant presidential campaigns.

Former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg has elbowed himself into the Democratic nomination race solely on the basis of his fortune.

His campaign is high-handed as only a billionaire many times over could even contemplate. He entered late, is skipping the early contests and hasn’t participated in any of the debates to date (although that will change soon, thanks to the Democratic National Committee retrofitting its rules for Bloomberg).

It’s a free country, and with more than \$50 billion to his name, Bloomberg can spend as much money as he likes on whatever suits his fancy. But Bloomberg 2020 is still an affront to small-d democratic sensibilities, a tribute not to his superior political skills or messaging compared with the other candidates, but to his access to an enormous personal bank account.

The level of his spending is truly astonishing -- Croesus goes all-in on Super Tuesday. Bloomberg spent more than \$300 million on various forms of advertising. He’s single-handedly changed the market for TV ads in many places. He spent \$10 million on a Super Bowl spot, or about half of what Joe Biden raised in the entire fourth quarter.

This is the Bloomberg way. He spent a quarter of a billion dollars to become and stay New York mayor for three terms. He was eligible for his third term only because he got a term-limit law changed, with the support of charities that he happened to make generous donations to.

What’s wrong with all this, beyond the cynicism of thinking everything has a price tag? Maybe Bloomberg is right, that

trying to go in and convince voters of your appeal at town hall events and meet-and-greets in places like Iowa and New Hampshire is for suckers.

But there is much to be said for grassroots politics. It forces candidates to take account, up close and personal, of what their voters believe and want. As president, Abraham Lincoln devoted serious time to meeting with random people who showed up to see him, in what he called “public opinion baths.”

The candidate who does countless of these early-state events must have the ability to inspire and impress, think on his feet, show endless patience and stamina. If he’s not up for it, or is a pretender, he will inevitably be exposed.

In comparison to the other candidates, Bloomberg is a Wizard of Oz candidate, shielded and inflated by his TV ads.

Another advantage of the traditional approach is that anyone can do it. Pete Buttigieg, the unknown mayor of a small Indiana town, finished strong in Iowa through sheer talent, tireless work and clever messaging.

All this said, perhaps Bloomberg will break all the rules and be the last man standing between Bernie Sanders and the cusp of the American presidency. Then, his spending might look to a lot of Democrats like a public service. There is also no denying that Bloomberg is a genuinely talented man.

Yet this style of campaigning shouldn’t be the norm. If Bloomberg succeeds, he will enrich many TV stations, consultants, pollsters and campaign workers, but impoverish our politics.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Mendota H.S. Academic Challenge team advancing to sectional after IVCC regional

OGLESBY – La Salle-Peru High School, Seneca High School and St. Bede Academy each won their respective team divisions at the Feb. 7 Illinois Valley Community College Regional Academic Challenge sponsored by Eastern Illinois University.

LP won Division 1500 (enrollments of 701-1500) followed by Ottawa and Streator; Seneca captured Division 700 (enrollments of 301-700) followed by Mendota and Hall; and St. Bede took Division 300 (300 or less) followed by Midland and Marquette Academy.

In all, 217 students from 11 teams competed.

Teams finishing first or second, along with individuals finishing first or second in each division and testing category, advance to the Eureka College sectional on March 13. State finals are April 20-23 at EIU, said IVCC Academic Challenge coordinator Ron Groleau, Dean of Natural Sciences and Business.

Each participant took two exams from among seven possible disciplines: biology, English, math, computer science, physics, engineering graphics or chemistry.

Division 300 winners: Biology: Kathryn Siena, Marquette, first; Angelo Weyer, Marquette, second; and Donny Zitt and Sean Kissel of Marquette tied for third. Chemistry: Jacob Schirz, St. Bede, first; Elaina Wamhoff, St. Bede, second; and Macy

Bosnich, St. Bede, third.

Computer Science: Dylan Zupec, Putnam County, first; Ben Johll, St. Bede, second; Jacob Schirz and Thomas Matlock, St. Bede tied for third. Engineering Graphics: Nathan Scherer, Marquette, first; Gene Rasmussen, Midland, second; and Wyatt Smith, Marquette, third. English: Ben Johll, St. Bede, first; Paige Terando, Putnam County, second; and Chloe Garkey and Sean Kissel, Marquette tied for third.

Mathematics: John Shen, Marquette, first; Calvin Deering, LaMoille, second, and Ryker Ewing, Midland, third. Physics: Riley Grandsart, Midland and Sam Maschmann, St. Bede, first; John Shen, Marquette, second; and Adam Curry, Putnam County, Tina Li, St. Bede and Ashley Chirchirillo, Midland tied for third.

Division 700 winners: Biology: Harvey Vela, Mendota, first; Liam Indigo, Mendota, second; and Kyler Lapp, Hall, third. Chemistry: Danny Widman, Seneca, first; Jenna Goslin, Seneca, second; and Faith Anderson, Mendota, third. Computer Science: Jacob Ursua, Seneca, first; Ted Landgraf, Mendota, second; and Abigail Draper, Hall, third.

Engineering Graphics: Jacob Ursua, Seneca, first; Carson Collet, Seneca, second; and Josh Wiley, Mendota, third. English: Paige Blackburn, Hall, first; Danny Widman, Seneca, second; and Levi Maierhofer, Seneca, third.

Mathematics: Jacob Brown, Seneca, first; Abigail Draper, Hall, second; Sarah Croasdale, Hall, third. Physics: Mark Parlier and Paige Blackburn, Hall, tied for first; Madi Mikolasek, Mendota and Tommy Cahill, Seneca, tied for second; and Garret Granby, Seneca, third.

Division 1500 winners: Biology: Jonny Johnson, LP, first; Shea Rathburn, LP, second; and Marianna Carus and Ben Phillips, Ottawa, tied for third. Chemistry: Kenny Gray, Ottawa, first; Klaire Phillis and Mason Pshak, Streator, tied for second; and Victoria Snook, Ottawa, third. Computer Science: Keeton Kowalski, LP, first; Rogelio Valle and Sam Scolari, LP, tied for second; and Joseph Barroso, LP, third.

Engineering Graphics: Kyle Szweczek, Ottawa, first; Makaia Decker, Krish Patel and Noah Trolinger, Ottawa, tied for second; and Keegan Nagle, Ottawa, third. English: Edie Smelko, Ottawa and Shea Rathburn, LP, tied for first; Regan O'Fallon, Ottawa, second; and Joseph Barroso, LP and Sydney Craig, Ottawa, tied for third.

Mathematics: Nathan Beck, Streator, first; Greg Rashid, Streator, second; and Ryan Thrush, Ottawa, third. Physics: Lucki Scudder, Streator, first; Alex England, Streator, second; and Regan Linde, Ottawa and Nathan Beck, tied for third.

IVCC News Briefs

Ag information sessions coming up

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's agricultural program will host two Ag Information Sessions for prospective students and parents.

An evening session is 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 and a morning session is 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, April 3; both sessions are in rooms CTC124-125.

Led by co-program coordinators Willard Mott and Kathryn Lillie, guests will interact with current students and faculty, hear an overview on the revitalized program and tour campus. Enrollment, financial aid and scholarship information will be provided.

Refreshments will be available. RSVP at www.ivcc.edu/ag-infosession. For information, contact Mott at willard_mott@ivcc.edu or Lillie at kathryn_lillie@ivcc.edu.

Nursing info session set for March 4

OGLESBY – An Illinois Valley Community College nursing admission information session will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 in Room CTC124.

Sponsored by the nursing department, counseling center and admissions and records, the session will cover admission requirements and courses students should take before applying to either the associate degree (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) programs.

Due to space limitations, students are encouraged to RSVP through the web form at <https://www.ivcc.edu/admissions/nursingadmissions.php> or contact Kathy Sramek at (815) 224-0439 or kathy_sramek@ivcc.edu.

Free wind ensemble concert March 5

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Wind Ensemble will offer a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

The performance will include the music of Frank Ticheli, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Brian Balmages, Johannes Hanssen, Percy Grainger, Johannes Brahms, and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Selections include English Folk Song Suite, Children's March, Valdres, and Phantom of the Opera, amongst other selections.

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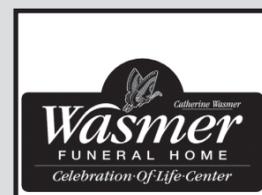
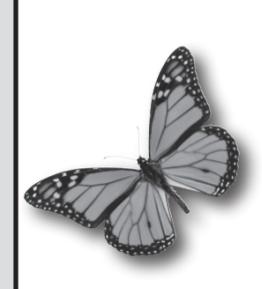
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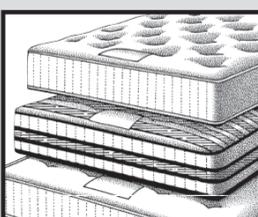


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Winter driving tips

MENDOTA—The Mendota Police Department would like to remind drivers of a few safety tips to keep everyone safe while driving in winter weather conditions.

Take the time to clean the snow and ice from all vehicle windows prior to driving on the road. Keep your speed down to assist in keeping control of your own vehicle when driving on slick icy roads. If traveling long distances remember to pack a few emergency items to take along in the event your vehicle should go off the roadway, including a cell phone, blankets and water.

If you are leaving town and need information regarding road conditions, call 800-452-4368.

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST-DOMESTIC BATTERY
 Brett M. Woods, 40, of 1406 Guiles Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 9:54 a.m. Feb. 14 on an Indiana arrest warrant for domestic battery-strangulation. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail to be extradited to Indiana.

FELONY THEFT

Ernesto Angulo-Aguirre, 27, of 1010 Main St., Apt. 1, Mendota, was charged with theft, a class 2 felony, at 1:54 p.m. Feb. 14 after police officers responded to a local church in reference to a theft that had occurred. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail to appear before a judge for a bond hearing.

BLESSED EVENTS

PHALEN – Mr. and Mrs. Cody Phalen (Ashley Piskie) of Mendota, boy, Feb. 13, 2020, at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru.

BEETZ – Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Beetz (Lyndsey Kramer) of Mendota, boy, Feb. 14, 2020, at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru.

Kickoff for Starved Rock fundraiser set for April 5

UTICA – A group of individuals in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will soon be kicking off a fundraiser called “For the Love of Starved Rock” to help pay for three projects that need immediate attention at Starved Rock State Park.

The three projects that are targeted include creating an ADA accessible trail and scenic overlook; boardwalks and a bridge to open the Tonti Canyon; and boardwalks and clean-up to help prevent the erosion of the LaSalle Canyon trail system. These three projects will cost an estimated \$500,000.

“This campaign will let us, the employees, business owners, visitors and residents show our gratitude to one of the largest and most visited parks in the state,” said Amy Trimble, president/CEO of Starved Rock Lodge. “It will allow us to become part of the solution in making sure that our park is here in the future and will help us in celebrating the natural area that provides us with the wonderful quality of life we have become accustomed to.”

The kick-off event for the “For the Love of Starved Rock” campaign will be

a dinner held on Sunday, April 5 hosted by Starved Rock Lodge, Tangled Roots Brewing Company, US Foods and several other local businesses.

All monetary donations will be managed by the Starved Rock Country

Community Foundation in Ottawa. For more information on making a monetary donation, attending dinner or providing a donation for the silent or live auction at the April 5 event, visit www.fortheloveofstarvedrock.com.



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LaSalle County (marriage licenses)

Edgar L. Phillips Jr. and Alyssa B. Jones, both of Mendota; issued Feb. 11, 2020.

Vincent Espinoza and Samantha M. Trainer, both of Mendota; issued Feb. 11, 2020.

Samuel K. Babis of Mendota and Angie Grzybek of Aurora; issued Feb. 13, 2020.

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SPORTS



Bureau Valley's Savanna Birkey puts up a shot over Mendota's Izabella Nanez during the Stillman Valley Regional on Feb. 10. (Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican)

Riverdale defense causes fits in win over Lady Trojans

❑ MHS eliminated in regional semis

STILLMAN VALLEY – Good defense wins games in a lot of sports. A blanketing Port Byron Riverdale defense against Mendota was a perfect example of it in basketball.

The Lady Trojans were under attack for 32 minutes as the Lady Rams held Mendota's offense 18 points below its season scoring average. The end result was a 39-31 Riverdale victory in the semifinals of the Stillman Valley Class 2A Regional on Feb. 11.

Mendota concluded the season with a 21-11 record. Riverdale (25-3) went on to defeat Stillman Valley in the championship game, 45-35.

After the dust settled, only three of Mendota's players managed to dent the scoreboard. Amellia Bromenschenkel led the Lady Trojans with 21 points, while Jenna O'Donnell and Daisy Arteaga added five apiece.

After leading 19-17 at the half, Mendota tallied just 12 points in the second half while Riverdale heated up with 22 over the final two periods.

"We battled hard and got some good looks at the basket, but they just didn't fall," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "We didn't execute perfectly on offense, but it wasn't a bad effort. Props to Riverdale on their man defense."

The two teams played an even first quarter, with the score knotted up at 9-all at the end of one. Riverdale held a 13-12 advantage in the second period when the Lady Trojans went on a 7-0 run to grab a 19-13 lead. Bromenschenkel sandwiched a two-pointer and a three-pointer around an Arteaga hoop after a steal and Mendota enjoyed the biggest lead by either team with 1:48 left in the half. But Riverdale managed two free throws and a basket to close the gap to two (19-17) at the break.

Mendota got the first points of the second half on a hoop by Bromenschenkel just 26 seconds in, but as it turned out, the Lady Trojans scored only 10 more points the rest of the game. A Sidney Garrett deuce started an 8-0 scoring streak for the Lady Rams to put them up 25-21 halfway through the quarter. Bromenschenkel connected on one of two free throws to silence the run and end a Mendota scoring drought that reached almost six minutes.

Riverdale's Brooke Smeltzly and O'Donnell exchanged three-pointers, and then Garrett knocked down a two with 16 seconds left to propel the Lady Rams to a 30-25 lead heading to the fourth frame.

Another Smeltzly try to start the fourth gave Riverdale its biggest lead of the game (33-25). Bromenschenkel followed with back-to-back buckets to cut the margin to four, but that was as close as the Lady Trojans could get. Mendota went the next six minutes, 36 seconds without scoring until Arteaga's basket with six seconds left provided the final margin.

"It was tough to see it end knowing how close we were to bigger things," added Hansen. "But I'm proud of a really good season overall."

RIVERDALE 39, MENDOTA 31				
Mendota (31)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
O'Donnell	2	0-0	1	5
Bromenschnkl	8	2-4	10	21
Espinoza	0	0-0	3	0
Bokus	0	0-0	2	0
Arteaga	2	1-2	5	5
Fitzgerald	0	0-0	1	0
Nanez	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	12	3-6	23	31

Riverdale (39)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Sharp	1	1-2	1	3
Hanrahan	1	0-6	1	2
Smeltzly	5	1-4	0	13
S. Garrett	6	3-6	3	15
Lodico	0	0-1	2	0
Oleson	3	0-3	0	6
Jackson	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	16	5-22	8	39

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	4
Mendota	9	19	25	31
Riverdale	9	17	30	39

Three-point goals: Mendota - Bromenschenkel 3, O'Donnell 1; Riverdale - Smeltzly 2

Trojans dealt two more losses by Stillman V., North Boone

The Mendota varsity boys' basketball team wrapped up its home schedule with a 48-35 loss to Stillman Valley in a Big Northern Conference contest on Feb. 11 at the MHS gym.

Yet another slow start plagued the Trojans. They found themselves trailing 13-4 after the opening period and never could catch up. Mendota was down 28-14 at the half and 36-22 after three.

Alexis Quintana (12 points) and Chris Sandoval (10 points) led the Trojan offense. Sandoval connected on a pair of three-point field goals.

Mendota couldn't keep pace with North Boone in the second half and dropped a 66-51 BNC game on Feb. 14 at Poplar Grove.

The Trojans rallied from a 14-8 deficit after one to tie the game at 26-all heading to intermission. But the Vikings put up 20 points in each of the final two frames while Mendota could only score 25 second-half points.

Quintana and Krew Bond each had nine points to top the Trojans (2-28, 0-9), while Sandoval and Gavin Glazebrook provided eight points apiece.

STILLMAN V. 48, MENDOTA 35				
Stillman Valley (48)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Viverito	4	1-7	5	10
Davidson	4	4-4	2	15
Ogden	4	3-6	2	11
Fisher	4	1-3	0	11
Goodman	0	1-2	0	1
Broski	0	0-0	1	0
Rahn	0	0-0	3	0
Totals	16	10-22	13	48

Mendota (35)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
E. Arteaga	0	2-4	1	2
Sandoval	4	0-0	3	10
Glazebrook	1	1-2	3	3
Hughes	0	0-2	3	0
A. Guzman	1	0-0	1	2
Stremlau	2	0-2	2	4
J. Schmidt	1	0-0	0	2
Quintana	5	2-2	12	12
J. Arteaga	0	0-0	2	0
Escatel	0	0-0	1	0
A. Schmidt	0	0-0	3	0
Romero	0	0-1	0	0
Totals	14	5-13	20	35

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
	1	2	3	4
Stillman Valley	13	28	36	48
Mendota	4	14	22	35

Three-point goals: Mendota - Sandoval 2, Stillman Valley - Viverito 1, Davidson 3, Fisher 2

NORTH BOONE 66, MENDOTA 51				
Mendota (51)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
E. Arteaga	3	1-2	4	7
Sandoval	3	1-1	0	8
Glazebrook	3	1-2	2	8
Stremlau	3	1-2	4	7
Quintana	4	1-2	3	9
Landgraf	0	1-2	1	1
Hughes	0	0-0	1	0
A. Guzman	0	0-2	0	0
Bond	4	0-0	0	9
Stamberger	0	0-0	1	0
Romero	1	0-0	3	2
Totals	21	6-13	19	51

North Boone (66)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Yunk	0	4-6	4	4
Hutchinson	4	6-9	2	14
Nolen	3	2-5	1	8
Carter	6	2-4	4	19
Pinkowski	1	4-6	0	6
Schallmosee	5	2-4	1	12
Doetch	1	0-0	0	3
Presser	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	20	20-34	13	66

Three-point goals: Mendota - Sandoval 1, Glazebrook 1, Bond 1; North Boone - Carter 5, Doetch 1

MHS's Connelly drops both sectional matches

OREGON – Mendota High School wrestler Ty Connelly had his season come to a close in the Oregon Class 1A Sectional held Feb. 14-15.

Connelly opened the tournament with a pin loss to Marcus McKenna of Polo. The pin came at the 1:15 mark.

Connelly was bumped to the wrestleback round where he was pinned in 1:40 by Jackson Murphy of Sandwich.

Connelly finished the season with a 16-18 record.

Trojans assigned to Winnebago Regional

❑ MHS draws El Paso-Gridley in opener

WINNEBAGO – The Mendota Trojans have been assigned to the Winnebago Class 2A Boys' Regional Basketball Tournament to be played Feb. 24, 25, 26, 28.

The Trojans will make their first appearance on Tuesday, Feb. 25 when they take on El Paso-Gridley. Tip time is at 6 p.m. A Mendota win would propel it into the semifinal-round to meet the winner of the Hall-Byron game at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The championship game is slated for Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

The winner of the Winnebago Regional will advance to the Princeton Sectional to battle the survivor of the Rock Falls Regional at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March. 3. The other sectional participants will come from the Chillicothe (IVC) and Aledo (Mercer County) regionals.

Winnebago Class 2A Regional	
Monday, Feb. 24	Tuesday, Feb. 25
1 – (8) Oregon vs. (9) Stillman Valley – 7 p.m.	2 – (3) El Paso (E.P.-Gridley) vs. (13) Mendota – 6 p.m.
	3 – (6) Spring Valley (Hall) vs. (11) Byron – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 26	Friday, Feb. 28
4 – (2) Winnebago vs. Winner Game 1 – 6 p.m.	5 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 7:30 p.m.
	6 – Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5 – 7 p.m.

JV boys turn back 2 BNC foes

A huge second-half offensive explosion propelled the Mendota junior varsity boys' basketball team to a 63-54 triumph over Stillman Valley in a Big Northern Conference shootout on Feb. 11 at the MHS gym.

The Trojans came back from a 15-8 first-quarter deficit to tie the game at 22-22 heading to the locker room. Mendota managed to forge in front by two, 40-38, with one quarter left to play. In the fourth, the Trojans gunned in 23 points

compared to 16 for Stillman Valley.

Mendota's Krew Bond had a big second half after scoring only two points in the first half. He ended up with a team-high 18 tallies, including nine in the fourth frame. Rafael Romero also hit double figures with 10 markers, while Emilio Perez and Ted Landgraf added seven points apiece.

Mendota had a balanced scoring attack that resulted in a 58-46 win over

North Boone in BNC action on Feb. 14 at Poplar Grove.

The Trojans (12-16, 3-5) took control early in the contest when they opened up a 14-8 lead after the first period. Mendota held a comfortable 32-18 margin at halftime and then was never seriously threatened in the second half.

Bond topped four Trojans in double figures with 18 points. Romero was next with 11 points, while Perez and Landgraf each contributed 10 tallies.

Freshman cagers struggle in 2 losses

Mendota's freshman boys' basketball team concluded the home portion of its schedule with a 56-19 loss to Stillman Valley in Big Northern Conference action on Feb. 11 at the MHS gym.

After playing to a 6-6 tie at the end of one, Stillman Valley had a strong second quarter and grabbed a 23-10 halftime lead. The Cardinals increased the margin to 45-17 after three.

"Though the score doesn't indicate it, we played pretty well in the first half," said Mendota coach Matt Gehm.

"Stillman Valley's height and athleticism was an issue for us on offense as we had difficulty seeing over their trapping defense to find the open man."

Ricky Orozco had five points to pace the Trojans, while Johnathan Cortez and Angelo Quintana added four points apiece. Anthony Childs pulled down six rebounds for Mendota.

The Trojans hauled down 26 rebounds and committed 22 turnovers.

North Boone lit up the

nets en route to a 64-26 conference triumph over the Trojans on Feb. 14 at Poplar Grove.

The home team grabbed an 11-5 lead after the opening stanza and then outscored Mendota, 20-10, in the second period to take a commanding 31-15 halftime advantage. In the second half, the Trojans managed only 11 points compared to 33 for North Boone.

"Four of North Boone's shooters hit three-pointers and two of those hit multiple," stated Gehm. "Many

of those were in transition and we just didn't rotate or pick up on the perimeter well. They also had a 6-4 center who really bothered us early on the offensive end, and our perimeter shooting was not up to the task."

Quintana led Mendota with 14 points and nine rebounds. Jasiel Watson picked up three steals.

Mendota pulled off 27 rebounds and turned the ball over 18 times.

The Trojans fell to 3-18 overall and 1-6 in Big Northern action.

SPORTS

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Feb. 10 – 1. Sully's 31-14; 2. Mauch Carpentry 31-14; 3. CM Farm 27-18; 4. High Rollers 22-25; 5. Bad Kats 16-29; 6. Sports-N-Stuff 10-35

High team game (scratch) – Sports-N-Stuff 933, High Rollers 918, Mauch Carpentry 826
High team game (hdcp) – Mauch Carpentry 1278, Sports-N-Stuff 1258, CM Farm 1234

High team series (scratch) – High Rollers 2573, Sports-N-Stuff 2470, Mauch Carpentry 2323

High team series (hdcp) – Mauch Carpentry 3679, CM Farm 3521, Sully's 3508

Men's high game (scratch) – Jose Sarabia 243, Tony Yost 213, Ron Westphal 212

Men's high game (hdcp) – Jose Sarabia 276, Tony Yost 270, Josh Roulston 260

Men's high series (scratch) – Jose Sarabia 658, Josh Roulston 581, Bob Thomas 567

Men's high series (hdcp) – Jose Sarabia 757, Josh Roulston 746, Bob Thomas 741

Women's high game (scratch) – Steph Westphal 234, Emily Thomas 213, Audrey McConville 205

Women's high game (hdcp) – Audrey McConville 306, Steph Westphal 291, Margina Schwartzbach 290

Women's high series (scratch) – Gail Sessler 554, Steph Westphal 543, Hannah Westphal 494

Women's high series (hdcp) – Audrey McConville 784, Tara Schneider 774, Margina Schwartzbach 738

Shamrock 5K Run/Walk to benefit Holy Cross School

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 \$25 by March 1 and \$30 between March 2 and March 14. Participants who pre-register by March 1 are guaranteed an official Shamrock 5K T-shirt. 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.runrace.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.

E. Willis earns track honor

KENOSHA, Wis. – Elizabeth Willis of Mendota was recently selected as the CCIW Field Athlete of the Week. She is a member of the Carthage College women's track and field team.



At the first home meet of the season, Willis started with a top finish in the shot put with a mark of 14.09 meters. This was her longest throw of the season, and placed her first in the CCIW and second overall among all of Division III. The senior then moved to the weight throw, where she hit a season-best mark yet again with a toss of 18.36 meters.

Mat Masters

Princeton Meet - Feb. 16
1st place – Natalya Durbin; Ethan Escatel
2nd place – Keith Grim; Corbin Furar; Angil Serrano
3rd place – Komen Denault; Keegen Stewart
4th place – Loralie Hart; Trayvon Rucker; Elizandro Orozco

IDNR is accepting applications for Recreational Trails, Off-Highway Vehicle & Illinois Bicycle Path Grant programs

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) today announced applications are being accepted for grants through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program, and Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a reimbursement grant program that provides 80 percent of project funding with a required 20 percent local match. This grant program is federally funded and is administered by the IDNR in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The funds can be used to assist government agencies and trail groups in the rehabilitation, development, maintenance, and acquisition of recreational trails and related facilities. The trails may be motorized, non-motorized, or multiple use trails. RTP funds can also be used for environmental protection and safety education projects related to trails. This program is funded through the transfer of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in off-highway vehicles used for recreational purposes. The program has \$750,000 available for grants, with a maximum development grant amount of \$200,000. There is no maximum on acquisition grants. The deadline to apply is March 2, 2020.

The primary purpose of the Off-Highway Vehicle Program (OHV) is to provide financial aid to government agencies, not-for-profit

organizations, and other eligible groups or individuals to develop, operate, maintain, and acquire land for OHV parks, trails and trail side facilities that are open and accessible to the public in Illinois, and to restore areas damaged by unauthorized OHV use. Funds for the grant program are derived from revenue generated in the State Treasurer's "Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Fund." OHV will reimburse up to 100 percent of total approved project costs up to the maximum. If necessary, the remainder of the costs will be borne by the project sponsor. OHV is a reimbursement program, meaning that a project sponsor must have sufficient cash, donations, or eligible in-kind services to pay for work, and then be paid back the grant percentage after approval of a reimbursement request. The OHV program will have approximately \$200,000 available for grants in 2020. There are no maximum grant amounts. The deadline to apply is March 2, 2020.

The Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program (Bike Path) provides financial assistance to eligible local units of government to assist them with the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of public off-road, non-motorized bicycle paths and directly related support facilities. Agencies that apply for projects that accommodate additional trail users, such as equestrians, will receive special consideration in the review

of grant applications. Project applications are limited to land acquisition or trail development along a single trail corridor. Looped trails within a single parcel or park site are not eligible for Bike Path funding. Those projects, however, may be eligible for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) or Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant assistance. The only exceptions are looped trails located within very large preserves. Bicycle routes sharing existing roadway surfaces are also not eligible for funding consideration under this program. The Bike Path program will reimburse up to 50 percent of total approved project costs up to the maximum allowable cost. The remainder of the costs will be borne by the project sponsor. The program has approximately \$1 million available for project assistance. There is a \$200,000 maximum grant amount for development projects and there is no maximum for acquisition projects. The deadline to apply is March 16, 2020.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity for these grant programs can be found online at this link: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grants/SitePages/CSFA.aspx>.

Consult the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/AEG/Pages/IllinoisTrailsGrantPrograms.aspx> for more information or call the IDNR Grants main line at 217-782-7481.

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Why you might be better off exercising at a gym than at home

Routine exercise benefits minds and bodies in various ways. Studies have shown that physical activity can improve mood and lower people's risk for various diseases, including heart disease and diabetes.

As beneficial as exercise can be, many people simply don't make physical activity part of their regular routines. Recent studies and reports from the United States' National Center for Health Statistics and Statistics Canada, conducted separately from each other, found that roughly 80 percent of adults in both the U.S. and Canada



People looking to make exercise part of their daily routines may get better results by exercising at a nearby gym.

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are not meeting the minimum physical activity requirements recommended by their respective governments. While a host of factors can influence a person's decisions on physical activity, where to exercise is one factor that could go a long way toward determining just how much adults exercise.

Basements, attics, spare bedrooms, or two-car garages may seem like the perfect places to create home gyms. However, the benefits of working out at a gym may outweigh the convenience of working out at home.

- Workout partners and/or other gym members may improve your chances of losing weight. People who exercise at home tend to work out alone. In so doing, they may be removing a potentially strong motivator that could keep them exercising. A 2016 study published in the research journal *Obesity* found that increasing contacts and interactions with thinner individuals, and declining contacts and interactions with heavier individuals, were linked to actual weight loss. In other words, working out with a fit friend or simply interacting with fellow gym members who maintain healthy weights can benefit people through exercise.
- Gym memberships have a way of paying for themselves. The cost of a gym

membership is one factor many people cite as a reason for not exercising more. However, many health insurance plans now offer sweat equity rebates that reward policy holders for working out. Such rebates can greatly reduce the cost of a gym membership, if not remove it entirely. For example, a sweat equity program that offers a \$200 rebate every six months for policy holders who exercise 50 times during that period can make a \$30 monthly gym membership free. In that example, gym members would pay \$180 for six months but get all of that money back if they work out 50 times in a six-month period.

- Gyms can make it easier to diversify your workouts. Exercise boredom is something even the most ardent fitness enthusiast can relate to. Exercise boredom refers to the disinterest that can develop over time as people do the same workouts for weeks, months or years at a time. A home gym may not be spacious enough to include too many machines, whereas gyms typically include enough machines and classes to allow people to diversify their workouts as often as they'd like.

Working out at home may be convenient, but people looking to make exercise part of their daily routines may get better results by exercising at a nearby gym.

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One golden rule for a happy marriage

I think most people would agree that a good marriage isn't just going to "happen." It requires some give and take. And more than anything, the key to a having a great relationship is a commitment to do things God's way.

For example, one major way I've discovered I can improve my marriage is by having an attitude of giving, rather than getting.

Our natural inclination is to focus on ourselves—what we want and how we can be happy. But Acts 20:35 says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (NIV).

If you enter marriage with the mindset that your spouse should make you happy all of the time, you're setting yourself up for disaster. However, if you instead focus on choosing to be a blessing

to your spouse—if you set your mind on thinking about what you can do for them—then you'll not only strengthen your marriage, but you will also become truly happy.

I admit, I used to be an incredibly selfish person. To be honest, I just plain wanted my way, and I got upset when I didn't get it. In fact, I can still remember many mornings when I would lie in bed, thinking about how I was going to get Dave to do what I wanted him to do. I was wrapped up in myself, thinking all about what I wanted and what others could do for me.

Well, one morning, as I was formulating my plan for how I was going to get everyone to do what I wanted them to do that day, the Holy Spirit interrupted my thoughts and spoke something to my heart that I'll never forget. He said, "Joyce, sometimes you remind me of a toy robot that someone winds up every morning. Then, after you're wound up, you walk around all day long, saying, 'What about me? What about me? What about me?'"

That really got my attention! I realized then how selfish I was and began seeking God's help to change. As I started making progress, little by little, He showed me practical ways to be a blessing to my



husband, Dave, rather than expecting him to always do something for me.

For example, a great place to start is learning your spouse's likes and dislikes. I discovered that Dave really values spending quality time together. So even though I'm more of a multi-tasker, it's important for me to give him my undivided attention when he wants to sit and talk about something.

Likewise, Dave has made an effort to learn what I like. Many times he will clean up the kitchen in the evening just because he knows how much it blesses me. It may seem like a little thing, but it goes a long way toward sustaining a healthy relationship!

Remember Acts 20:35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." For many years I could quote this scripture, but I obviously didn't believe it because I spent my time trying to be blessed rather than be a blessing. But God showed me that we don't even know what "happy" is until we forget about ourselves, start focusing on others, and become generous givers in every way.

I remember a few years ago when I planned a birthday party for Dave. I

spent an entire day running errands, making plans, and consuming myself with how I could make it a great event. By the time his birthday arrived, I was absolutely filled with joy and couldn't wait to see his reaction.

I actually think I enjoyed his birthday more than he did! Why? Because I got my mind off myself and focused on being good to someone else.

The truth is we can never out-give God. Even if you feel right now like you're doing all the giving and your spouse is doing all the taking, rest assured that God will always take care of you and bless your obedience to His Word.

Galatians 6:7 says, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." I love this! When we make a decision to be givers and spend our time focusing on how we can be good to others, God says He will find ways to bless and take care of us.

I want to encourage you to begin taking a few minutes each morning to "set" your mind in the direction of giving instead of getting. Purposely think of something you can do for your spouse that will be a blessing.

As you choose to spend time making their life better, you'll begin experiencing more happiness yourself...and truly have a marriage you both enjoy!

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Feb. 20 - Newsletter deadline,
9 a.m.-noon L.E.A.S.E. preschool screening,
5-8 p.m. Mat Masters practice in memorial
building, 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council

Feb. 23 - 9 a.m. Praise Worship,
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages,
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Feb. 24 - Newsletter folders in lounge,
5-8 p.m. Mat Masters practice in memorial
building, 6:30 p.m. Men's group,
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, 7 p.m. AA

Feb. 25 - 7 p.m. Boy Scouts

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday,
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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

Feb. 24 - 5:45 p.m. Choir practice

Feb. 25 - 7 a.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer,
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2. Which book could be s
ummarized, "God will hold us
accountable for all our
actions"?

Daniel, Hosea, Zephaniah,
Haggai

3. In Genesis 28, who had the
vision of angels going up and
down a ladder reaching into
Heaven?

Joseph, Ahab, Ehud, Jacob

4. What does Paul say is the
supreme gift of the spirit to
believers?

Faith, Love, Holiness, Eternity

5. In Genesis 19, where did Lot
encounter an angel?

Wilderness spring, City gate,
New temple, Tent door

6. Where did Jesus turn water
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Bethany, Nazareth, Cana,
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ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Zephaniah;

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6 options for funding your next home improvement project

Before starting a home improvement project, either on one's own or with the assistance of a professional contractor, homeowners must first consider the costs involved. According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, more than one-third of homeowners do not understand what hiring a professional will cost, and then cannot successfully budget and secure financing once they have set their sights on a renovation project.

HomeAdvisor says that some of the more popular projects, such as remodeling a kitchen or bathroom or building a deck, can cost, on average, \$19,920, \$9,274 and \$6,919, respectively.

Homeowners may find that the more expensive renovations require them to secure some type of financing. Those who have never before sought such financing may want to consider these options.

1. **Cash-out refinancing:** With cash-out refinancing, a person will begin the mortgage process anew with the intention of paying off the current mortgage balance, and then taking out additional funds for other purposes. Cash-out refinancing is a way to tap into a home's existing equity for use on improvements or other expenses, such as college tuition.

2. **Home equity line of credit:** Financial experts indicate that a HELOC works like a credit card, with the house as collateral. There is a credit limit, and borrowers can spend up to that limit. The interest rate may or may not be fixed. However, the interest may be tax-deductible if the financing is used to improve, buy or build a home.

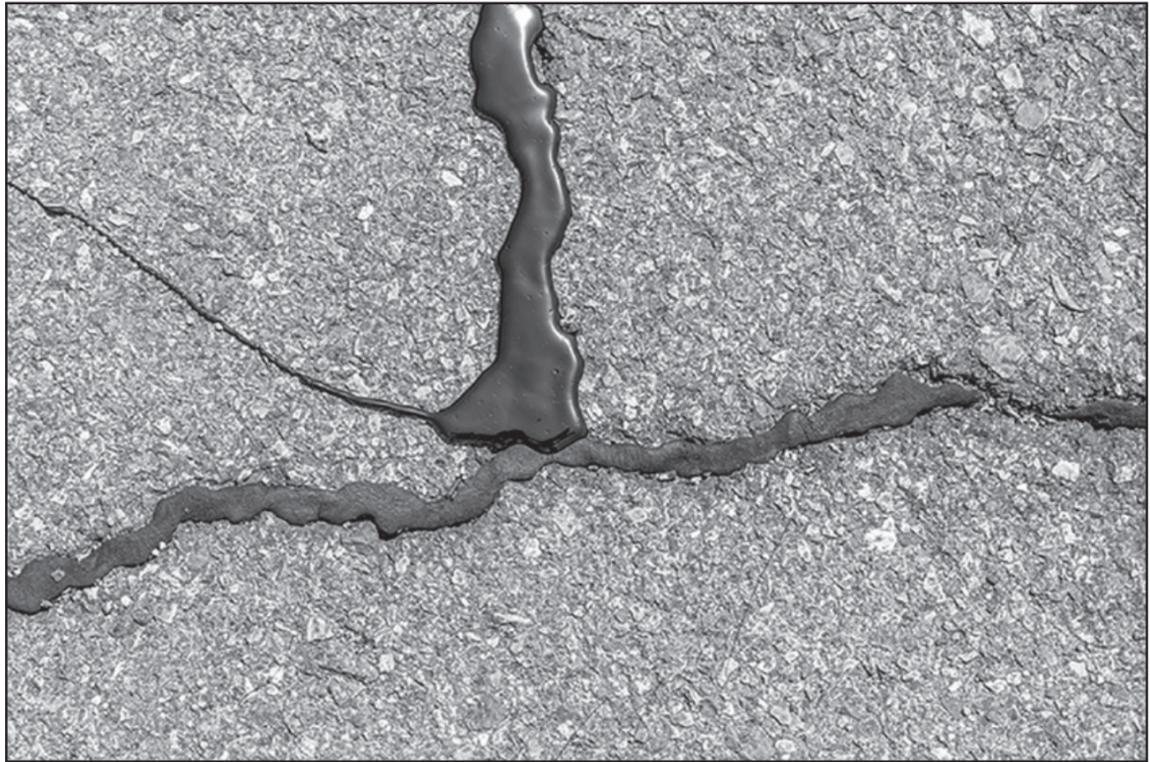
3. **Home equity loan:** Individuals also can borrow against equity in their homes with a fixed interest rate through a home equity loan. Most lenders will calculate 80 percent of the home value and subtract a homeowner's mortgage balance to figure out how much can be borrowed, according to the financial advisory site The Simple Dollar.

4. **Personal loan:** Homeowners can shop around at various financial institutions for competitive personal loans to be used for home improvement purposes. Funds may be approved within one business day, which can be ideal for those who want to begin their improvements soon.

5. **Personal line of credit:** A personal line of credit allows borrowers to borrow only the money needed at the time, and offers a variable interest rate that is generally lower than fixed loan rates. Again, like a credit card, PLOC gives a person a maximum borrowing amount and is ideal for ongoing purchases.

6. **Credit cards:** In a pinch, credit cards can be used to finance improvements, but they do come with the cost of very high interest rates if the balance is not paid in full by the time the bill comes due. However, for funding smaller projects and maximizing rewards points through home improvement retailers or specific credit card company promotions, credit cards can be a way to earn various perks in addition to the benefit of improving a home.

Homeowners looking to finance their next improvements should speak to a financial advisor and shop around for the best types of funding for them.



Driveway repair can be a do-it-yourself project, but pay attention to the details to ensure the job is done right.

Best methods to repair damaged driveways

Asphalt and concrete driveways are common throughout suburban neighborhoods. They are as much a part of a home as lawns, decks and other exterior elements. Regardless of how they're utilized, driveways need to be cared for and maintained to retain their appearance and function.

Even the most durable driveways can suffer from cracks and pits over time. As cracks form, they pave the way for more deterioration if they are not addressed. Water infiltration can break down the integrity of the driveway during freeze and thaw periods, and any little hole or crack can promote weed growth. Driveway repair can be a do-it-yourself project, but pay attention to the details to ensure the job is done right.

Asphalt

The home improvement resource The Family Handyman says it is key to first repair cracks and pits in an asphalt driveway before planning to topcoat it, which is generally done every year or so to maintain its appearance and du-

ability. A variety of topcoat products are available at various price points. Experts recommend investing in a quality product that will not shrink and crack. A melt-in material that is similar to products used by highway crews can be purchased for around \$100. This product also will require use of a propane torch. Caulk-style crack repair products may not require as many tools, and are much easier to apply. They may not last as long, however. Homeowners must weigh the pros and cons to each before beginning.

The experts at Popular Mechanics say that there also are other asphalt patch mixes available at home supply retailers. Serious holes, rather than cracks, can be addressed with a coarse-aggregate filler commonly referred to as cold patch.

After cracks and holes are filled, use a sealer to lock everything in place and create a smooth topcoat appearance. Speak with a store employee if you are unsure which product is needed for your application.

Concrete

The process is similar with concrete driveways, yet the products differ. Small driveway cracks can be repaired by scrubbing out the crack to remove debris and then filling using a mortar repair compound, suggests the repair advice site Home Guides. Larger cracks and potholes should be cleaned. Once that's done, apply a painted-in bonder to the crack or hole, followed by a dry concrete patching product mixed with water. The material can be worked into the damaged area with a trowel, and then leveled using a wood board. Afterward, a liquid concrete sealer can be applied to help prevent future cracks and holes.

Homeowners who are hesitant to fix their driveways can contact masons or asphalt specialists to perform the job. Keeping up on driveway repair can prolong the life of the surface and help delay a complete driveway replacement for several years.

Tips for waterproofing a basement or crawl space

Water can be a homeowner's worst nightmare. Few things have the potential to damage a home as much as water. From leaks to flooding to moisture problems like mold, water can wreak havoc on a home.

Basements or crawl spaces are areas of a home where water can do the most damage. Basements and crawl spaces tend to be the lowest-lying spots in a home, and therefore prime spots for water to enter. Water problems in these areas can contribute to the demise of the structural integrity of the foundation.

According to Olshan, a foundation solutions company, water can enter homes in numerous ways. Many building materials, including concrete, that seem solid at first glance actually are quite porous. As ground water collects around these materials, the weight of the accumulated water, called hydrostatic pressure, can weaken the materials, causing cracks where water can seep through. Water



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also can enter subterranean spaces through basement windows and gaps between footings and concrete slabs, or push up through foundation floors when homes are

in areas with high water tables.

Remedying water issues in a home generally breaks down into two methodologies: exterior waterproofing and interior waterproofing. Depending on the cause and severity of the water issue, one or the other, or even both, may be recommended.

Exterior waterproofing

Exterior waterproofing aims to keep water away from and out of the home. The home improvement information resource Do-ItYourself.com says that exterior waterproofing generally includes the application of a waterproofing agent to the concrete foundation. In addition, exterior waterproofing also could include excavation so a drainage system can be installed around the entire footing of the home. Regrading a property and properly relocating gutters and downspouts can help with many water issues.

Interior waterproofing

When water in a basement or crawl space needs to be remediated indoors, a system to collect, drain and remove water may be necessary. This can include

sump pumps, drains, gravity discharge systems, and more. Moisture barriers, which can include special paints or products applied to the foundation walls and floor, also can help keep water from entering the space.

Moisture solutions

Keeping water out is only one part of the equation. Homeowners also need to manage moisture, like excessive humidity. A marriage of HVAC and waterproofing techniques may be necessary to improve air flow and remove humidity in the air.

While many homeowners have attempted to address water issues on their own, many times it is a job best left to the professionals. Because water penetration can have multifaceted causes, a professional can best assess the situation and create solutions that fit with homeowners' budgets and needs. The review and advice site Angie's List suggests finding at least three waterproofing companies that offer both interior and exterior waterproofing services that can provide the best ideas for fixing the issue.

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Knowing which improvements add value to a home can help homeowners tailor their efforts to those that are most financially beneficial.

Exterior renovations that can improve home value

Renovating a home to improve its value can be a smart investment. Interior improvements, such as updating kitchens and baths, offer good return on investment, but there are plenty of exterior renovations that can add value to a home and give it that coveted “wow” factor.

Landscaping

Abundant and well-planned landscaping can instantly boost curb appeal. According to the landscaping company Lawn Starter, 71 percent of prospective home buyers say a home’s curb appeal is an important factor in their buying decisions. As buyers use the internet to look for their dream homes, there’s no denying a beautifully landscaped, nicely photographed property can entice buyers to click and read more about a house.

Address insects and minor repairs

Improving home value may come down to fixing areas of the home that can negatively affect its appeal to buyers. Hire an inspector to look at key components of the house and recommend what needs to be fixed. This way it is discovered before home buyers come in and do their own inspections. Termite infestations, deteriorating roofs and hidden water leaks are some things that might need fixing.

Improve the entryway

The front door is the focal point of a home’s exterior. Invest in a new door or paint it a striking color to add appeal. Remodeling

magazine’s “Cost vs. Value Report 2019” indicates changing an entry door to a steel replacement can offer 74.9 percent ROI. Such a door provides visual appeal and added security — things buyers look for. In addition to the front door, make sure that the entryway has a level walkway, steps that are in good repair, accents that are free from rust or tarnish, and decorative plants.

Outdoor lighting

Outdoor lighting can add to the ambiance of a property and serve as a security feature. Utilize different lights, such as a bright light by the entry, uplighting in trees and shrubs for drama, a light-lined path to the door to improve visibility, and motion-detection lights to improve the security of the property.

Repaint (or reside) the exterior

A fresh coat of paint or new (or cleaned) siding can instantly give homes a facelift. Neutral, warm and inviting colors tend to have the widest appeal. Adding manufactured stone veneer to the home can offer a 94.9 percent ROI, says Remodeling. And after doing the front door and siding, investing in a garage door replacement offers the highest ROI of all exterior projects listed on the “Cost vs. Value Report 2019.” This improvement returns 97.5 percent when selling.

Knowing which improvements add value to a home can help homeowners tailor their efforts to those that are most financially beneficial.

7 things to consider when buying a shed

Backyard sheds can be useful assets. Sheds can create storage space in the garage, basement or other areas of the house that have become gathering spots for gear typically used outdoors. Sheds are ideal for housing mowers, tools and even pool-care equipment. But they can be put to other uses as well, such as being key spots to engage in hobbies or even as a child’s clubhouse.

Various factors should be considered before building or buying a shed. A storage shed can be a significant investment. Once placed, sheds may remain in their dedicated spots for years to come. That means careful thought should go into the planning process.

1. Check your local building codes first. Before you accumulate building materials or order a shed, be sure to know the ins and outs of shed codes. The codes may impact the shed’s placement, construction, the materials used, size, and numerous other factors. It’s much easier to amend plans beforehand than to face the hassle and expense after learning you did things incorrectly.

2. Choose placement wisely. Spend several days assessing the yard and thinking about the uses for the shed. If you plan to store pool floats and chemicals inside of the shed, it should be located close enough to the pool to be convenient. Look at the lay of the land. If there is a soggy patch of land that can turn swampy under the shed’s foundation, that is a poor location



Sheds can be an asset and improve storage capability in the backyard.

choice. If you need access to electricity, placing it far away from the house could necessitate running expensive wiring.

3. Consider the design. Just because a shed is for storage doesn’t mean aesthetics should be overlooked. Choose a shed style that complements your home. You may also want to match certain architectural features, like arched doorways or dormers. Design also may relate to practicality. For instance, storing a riding mower inside may necessitate dual doors that open widely.

4. Invest in quality materials. Spending a little more and using quality materials can ensure it lasts long enough to be cost-effective. The right materials will be resistant to splitting,

cracking, decay, and insect damage.

5. Prepare the site well. A proper foundation for the shed is almost as important as the shed itself. You cannot just drop the shed on the lawn and leave it, as the shed can sink or structural issues may arise if it is placed on a weak base.

6. Blend into the environment. Surround the shed with shrubs or plants so that it blends into the yard and complements the space.

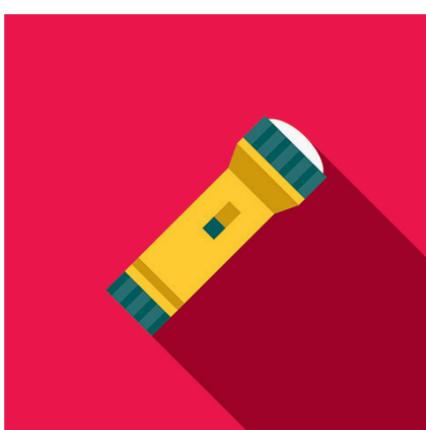
7. Deck out the interior. Use every storage tool at your disposal to maximize floor, wall and even rafter space for storage. Plan where items will be kept and customize the storage options around those locations.

Sheds can be an asset and improve storage capability in the backyard.

A flashlight is invaluable item for homeowner

A flashlight is an invaluable part of any disaster preparedness kit, and it’s a handy tool to have on hand in a car, at home or when traveling. You never know when you might need a flashlight, and it’s helpful to have many on hand. When stocking up on flashlights for emergency kits, choose ones with light-emitting diode, or LED, technology.

According to Popular Mechanics, LED flashlights are 70 percent more efficient than incandescent models. That means the batteries powering the light have the potential to last 10 times longer. Furthermore, LEDs do not have any fragile parts like incandescent bulbs. That makes them more likely to withstand shock or even endure being dropped.



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Graves-Hume Public Library to host singer/songwriter/storyteller Barry Cloyd

MENDOTA - Enjoy an entertaining evening of music and history when Graves-Hume Public Library presents "An Irish Immigrant's Song: the Celtic Influx" with Barry Cloyd. This special program will take place on Tuesday, March 3 beginning at 6 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public; no library card is required. Please call the library at (815) 538-5142 to register.

In the mid 1800s at the time of the "Great Hunger," sometimes known as the Irish Potato Famine, the Midwest was the western frontier of America. The influx of Celtic/Irish people in those times literally changed the face of America as they arrived seeking freedom and work on the great construction projects of the era. Their presence and stories still have an impact on our lives today.

Through ancient myth and song, as well as some original pieces, Barry Cloyd presents the history and heart of the Celtic people who came to the Midwest in search of liberty and opportunity. A Midwestern based, full-time touring singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist and educator, Cloyd has spent a lifetime creating a performance style that weaves the genres of Celtic, Blues, Folk and Roots music into a unique blend all his own. He is a strong



Cloyd

vocalist as well as a storyteller, theatrical performer and historian, who delivers his music on a multitude of guitars and other stringed instruments.



Representing the LaSalle County Livestock Judging senior team, left to right, are Dalton Walter, Emma Freebairn, Kara Freeborn and Cole Freebairn. (Photo contributed)

Local 4-H Livestock Judging team prepares for upcoming competitions

LA SALLE COUNTY - The LaSalle County Senior Livestock Judging team recently competed at a Livestock Judging competition event held at Black Hawk East in Kewanee. The team also plans to compete in more events throughout Iowa and Illinois through the months of February, March and April.

The junior and senior judging team has been practicing diligently at farms and the University of Illinois Extension in LaSalle County. During weather in which most people would stay inside under a warm

blanket, team members are out in the cold, wet weather improving their skills with livestock. Livestock judging gives youth the opportunity to practice and gain new knowledge in the fields of animal science, business, public speaking and leadership. The 4-H livestock judging program teaches youth to identify breeds of livestock and helps them make decisions which improve their local herds. LaSalle County 4-H supports this team's diligence, discipline in perfecting their skills and improving knowledge to

become the best they can be.

Led by Sharon Reel and Scott Freebairn, the LaSalle County 4-H Judging team includes senior team members, Kara Freebairn, Cole Freebairn, Dalton Walter, Heston Wilson, Karly Reel, Ian Sundberg and Kameron Hastings; and junior team members, Ella Crane, Marlie Meisel, Leah Reed, Karson Sundberg, Braydon Wilson and Kieran Black.

For more information and to enroll in 4-H, contact the University of Illinois Extension-LaSalle County at (815) 433-0707.

Dean Braxton to speak in Mendota

MENDOTA - Crossroads Coffeehouse will welcome Dean Braxton back to



Braxton

Mendota on Friday, March 20. Braxton will share his experience as a man who died, went to heaven and was prayed back to life.

During the presentation, Braxton will offer answers to life and death questions such as: Is there really a heaven? Are there angels around us? Is there life after death?

The program will take place at the Mendota Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Crossroads Coffee House is a non-denominational Christian coffee house providing fellowship, music, and beverages in a safe, relaxing environment.

Country superstar Martina McBride announced as headliner at the 2020 Bureau County Fair

PRINCETON - Multiple Grammy nominated country star Martina McBride has been announced as the headliner at the 2020 Bureau County Fair in Princeton. McBride will perform on Thursday, Aug. 27.

McBride's incomparable vocals have kept her at the top of the charts garnering six No. 1 hits and 20 top 10 singles. Selling more than 18 million albums to date, she has earned 14 Gold, nine Platinum, three Double Platinum and two Triple Platinum certifications.

In 2017, McBride's career marked a milestone when she hit her 25th year of touring. Last year, she released a new Christmas album, "It's The Holiday Season" featuring her favorite Christmas standards, all backed by a symphony, and also brought back her "The Joy of Christmas Tour," each performed with a local orchestra.

McBride has earned more than 15 major music awards, including four wins for Female Vocalist of the Year from the Country Music Association and three from the Academy of Country Music for Top Female Vocalist. In addition, she was awarded the Covenant House Beacon of Hope Award and Music Business Association's prestigious 2015 Harry Chapin Memorial Humanitarian Award for her philanthropic efforts on behalf of domestic violence.

McBride has released two books - the first, "Around the Table," a full-color illustrated collection of her favorite recipes, hosting tips, practical menu planning advice, and themed décor inspiration. Her second book, "Martina's Kitchen Mix: My Recipe Playlist for Real Life," was released in October 2018.

Folk musician to perform at Princeton Coffeehouse

PRINCETON - Singer/songwriter Lucy Kaplansky will perform at the Princeton Coffeehouse on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Born and raised in Chicago, Kaplansky was drawn to the folk music scene in New York's Greenwich Village at the age of 18. There she played with, among others, Suzanne Vega and Richard Shindell and in a successful duo with Shawn Colvin.

In 1983, while continuing to play music, Kaplansky began pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology. This led to several years of working in that field, including as a staff psychologist at a New York hospital.

Increasingly drawn back to music, Kaplansky gave up her career as a psychologist in 1994 to follow her musical heart fulltime. Her debut album, Tide, was released that same year. Since then Kaplansky has released eight other solo albums and four albums with other musical collaborators.

Kaplansky describes her most recent album, Everyday Street (2018), as a "collection of songs weaving stories of joy, friendship, loss and discovery." Joined by Shawn Colvin in the opening song,



"Old Friends," Kaplansky reflects on their abiding personal and musical friendship, begun forty years before.

The New Yorker says Kaplansky "is a truly gifted performer with a bag full of enchanting songs" and The Boston Globe described her as "the troubadour laureate of modern folk."

Pete and Mary Ellen Nelson are the sponsors of the Lucy Kaplansky show at this month's Coffeehouse. Admission is \$20 at the door.

The Princeton Coffeehouse is located at the Open Prairie UCC Church, 25 East Marion, in downtown Princeton. The venue is completely accessible and there is ample free parking nearby. Fair trade coffee, tea and homemade desserts are available.

For a calendar of upcoming Princeton Coffeehouse shows, visit www.theprincetoncoffeehouse.com or call (815) 878-4805.



Tickets for Martina McBride will go on sale Saturday, March 7 at 9 a.m. All tickets will be sold online at www.bureaucountyfair.com. Visit the website for complete ticket information and prices.

The 165th Bureau County Fair in Princeton runs Aug. 26-30.

GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY

Game Night

MENDOTA - The Graves-Hume Public Library is hosting a game night for adults and teens on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. Game Night is a great way to try new games, meet new people and have a great time. Bring your friends and have a blast trying new games and fun favorites. Bring a favorite board game or modern card game, if you would like. No experience necessary. Additional game nights will be held on March 31 and April 28.

Family Fun Night

MENDOTA - The Graves-Hume Public Library will host a Family Fun Night on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. The evening will be packed with fun activities for all ages. Space is limited; registration is necessary.

This month's theme: Mo Willems Night. Upcoming Family Fun Nights are planned for March 26, and April 23.

Tween Iron Chef competition

MENDOTA - The Graves-Hume Public Library will host a Tween Iron Chef competition on March 4 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. This program is open to kids in grades 5-8. Space is limited; please register for this event.

The next tween event: Fun Outdoor Games on April 1.

Women's fellowship group schedules meeting

LA SALLE - Christian women of all ages are invited to attend 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 for the afternoon 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.

Grace United Methodist Church is located at 1345 Chartres St., LaSalle. RSVPs are encouraged but not required to attend.

Please contact Lois at (815) 663-1724 or vcroasdale@comcast.net to sign up.

CLUB NEWS

NSDAR meets in Mendota, welcomes new members

MENDOTA - Fort du Rocher Chapter of NSDAR held their Feb. 8 meeting at "The Other Side" in Mendota.

A welcoming ceremony was held for several new members including Theresa Oloffson, Joni Bratney, Leslie Althaus and Donna Robinson.

Following the business meeting, a program was presented by Deb Redd, RN from Illinois Valley Community Hospital. Her topic

covered diabetes' causes, care and control.

After the program, lunch was served. Guests at the meeting included Richard Althaus and Emerson Byrd, spouses of members, and Diane McCully.

The next NSDAR meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 at First United Presbyterian Church in Mendota. The program will be "Quilts of Honor." Guests are welcome to attend.

Utica Garden Club to meet

UTICA - The Utica Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Utica Community Building.

The program for this month will be "Care and keeping of your trees" with speaker Dennis Taylor of Taylor's Way Landscaping. New members are always welcome.

BCGS program will feature Lovejoy Homestead

PRINCETON - The Bureau County Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday evening, Feb. 27 at the Society library, 629 South Main St., Princeton. The speaker for the evening will be Pam Lange of Princeton, who will discuss the Lovejoy Homestead in Princeton.

Lange is highly knowledgeable about Bureau County history having been the executive director of the Bureau County Historical Society for the last 15 of her 25 years working there. While in college she wrote her master's thesis on Owen Lovejoy, the well-known "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, minister, and congressman from Illinois. Lange has also been a member of the Lovejoy Homestead Board of Trustees for 27 years.

The Lovejoy Homestead, located on the east edge

of Princeton, is currently a public museum. Lange's presentation will include the Denham and Lovejoy families, who occupied the home for almost 100 years, and the Underground Railroad, which was a part of Bureau County's history. Lange has recently updated a 1949 booklet on the history of the homestead with more information on the family and an update of its history since the first printing. Copies will be available for purchase at the meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For further information about the program, call the BCGS library at (815) 879-3133 during regular hours of operation Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The library is also open those hours on the first Saturday of each month especially for those who cannot research during the work week.

TRI-COUNTY NEWS

PAW PAW

Village Board adds trustee, hires maintenance worker

PAW PAW - Kristie Romanski was sworn in as a village trustee during the Feb. 12 Paw Paw Village Board meeting. Romanski is filling a vacancy on the board.

Members of Paw Paw Girl Scout Troop 5158 were present at the meeting to request that "Girl Scout Week" be designated in honor of the Girl Scouts' 108th birthday. In response to their request, Village President Mike Torman proclaimed March 8-14 as Girl Scout Week in Paw Paw.

The board heard complaints from residents regarding a burned house that needs to be razed and refuse removed and also about unsightly and visible storage of derelict vehicles.

In other business:
 • Algonquin Liberty Power, representing Shady Oaks II Wind Farm, presented information regarding wind turbines within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Paw Paw, which will be regulated by the county.
 • In order for the village to remain in

compliance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, a survey is sent to each residence every two years to determine whether there are actual or potential cross connections to the village's water system. Such a survey will be sent soon and will be due back by March 23.

• Two village pumps were repaired by Mississippi Valley Pump Inc.
 • The board hired Mark Clayton as a full-time maintenance person for the village.

Bureau Co. 4-H seeks Expansion & Review members

BUREAU COUNTY - The Bureau County 4-H program is seeking Expansion and Review members to participate in their "Building the Future of 4-H" event, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12 at Illinois Valley Community College, Room CTC 124.

The Expansion and Review Committee includes Bureau youth and adults who look at county 4-H enrollment trends and participation data. With U of I Extension 4-H

Program Coordinators, committee members brainstorm ideas to improve the program and reach more youth.

In appreciation of participants' input, a taco bar, chips and salsa will be provided.

To participate in this event, please contact U of I Extension - Bureau County by March 6 at (815) 875-2878 or e-mail Bureau County's 4-H and Youth Development Program Coordinator, Danielle Gapiński, at des85@illinois.edu.

EARLVILLE

Methodist church to host Pancake & Sausage supper

EARLVILLE - The public is invited to join the congregation of the Earlville United Methodist Church at their annual Pancake and Sausage supper on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the church. Serving begins at 4 p.m. and continues until 7 p.m. Carry outs will be

available all evening.

This all-you-can-eat meal features whole hog sausage, fresh pancakes, applesauce and beverages. Frozen two-pound (eight quarter-pound patties) packages will also be available for sale. Adult tickets are \$7 in

advance; children 12 and under, \$5 in advance.

Early tickets are available from many parishioners or call Stan Meloy at (815) 246-9685, Jay Allen at (815) 488-9154, or First State Insurance in downtown Earlville at (815) 246-8261.

Princeton Public Library announces weekly programs

PRINCETON - Princeton Public Library has scheduled several upcoming programs open to the public.

Monday, Feb. 24 - Monday Night Movie, 6:30 p.m. - The president that is in office has a high approval rating. However, he is a lonely father struggling to raise his daughter after his wife dies. Things get worse when he is attracted to a lobbyist and they start being seen together. The press and his political rivals attack him and his rating drops in the polls. Eventually he must choose between one of his bills and one that his lobbyist girlfriend was hired to get passed. What will he do?

The Princeton Public Library is located at 698 East Peru St. (Route 6) in Princeton. They may be contacted by phone at (815) 875-1331.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 - Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. - Theme: "Lines & Yarn; yarn painting craft"; **Music Jam,** 6:30 p.m. - If you play bluegrass, gospel, country, folk or popular music, bring your guitar, banjo, mandolin, etc. and play a song or jam with the group. Players and listeners are welcome.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - The Constitution: Why It Matters, 6:30 p.m. - Theme: "The Founders Would Have Hated Our Bill of Rights" presented by Matt Schafer, Princeton

High School graduate and Assistant General Counsel, Litigation at ViacomCBS, New York. Find out why most of the Founders never wanted a Bill of Rights and those who did would have never agreed to the one we have. By tracing the development of the Bill of Rights from the Founders to present day, Schafer will explain some of the most consequential events in the document's history.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Thursday, Feb. 27 - Board Game & Card Playing Night, 6:30 p.m. - If you like playing board games such as Scattagories, Blokus, Trivial Pursuit or Ticket to Ride, come join the group or bring your own favorite game and teach others. You can also play your favorite card games - euchre, hearts, rummy, poker, pinochle, kings in the corner - or teach others your favorite. Bring your friends along and come relax and have some fun. This event is free, all are welcome to join in.

Saturday, Feb. 29 - Intro to Balloon Animal Making, 12:30 p.m. - Registration is required for this free introductory course to animal twist balloons and balloon sculpting basics. (Limit of five people, age 13 and up.) All balloon supplies will be provided. Please bring a large bag to take your creations home.



Attending a ribbon cutting ceremony at Kishwaukee College to celebrate the opening of the college's new food pantry, Kody's Cupboard, are, front row left to right, Albert Warnaar, Kish student government president; Kathy Spears, board secretary; Dr. Laurie Borowicz, Kish president; Cris Luna-Trujillo, student trustee; and Michelle Rothmeyer, vice president of student services; back row, Kish students. (Photo contributed)

Kish holds ribbon cutting for new on-campus food pantry

MALTA - Kishwaukee College recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of Kody's Cupboard, the college's new food pantry. Kody's Cupboard has been developed to provide supplemental resources to alleviate hunger and meet basic needs for the Kish campus community.

Michelle Rothmeyer, vice president of student services, said Kish is committed to providing supportive services for their students. "Studies show that hunger and food insecurities prohibit students from achieving their college goals," she noted. "Our students have also shared with us their concerns, which is why we decided to bring a food pantry to campus."

Reducing barriers is an important factor in students

achieving academic success. Kody's Cupboard is one way the college is helping to combat food insecurity and hunger. The food pantry will provide free supplemental food and personal care products to the Kish campus community regardless of need. Students, including GED and ESL students, are eligible for items in the pantry, which is located in the student involvement office (C1128) and is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

"The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a food pantry for campus, an initiative developed by the staff and faculty. It's one way that we take some of the stress off from going to college," remarked Kathy Spears, board secretary. "It has been embraced by the

faculty and staff at the college and we believe this resource will prove a benefit for Kishwaukee College students."

Kody's Cupboard is currently accepting donations of unopened, nonperishable food items, baby food and personal care products. Food donations can be dropped off at the student involvement office (C1120) at Kish.

Through the generosity of donors, the Kish Foundation has already contributed \$1,800 toward Kody's Cupboard. Monetary donations can be made to the Kishwaukee College Foundation and submitted to the administrative office (C2160).

For more information on giving or about Kody's Cupboard, contact administrative assistant Madeline Sandgren at msandgren@kish.edu or call (815) 825-9528.



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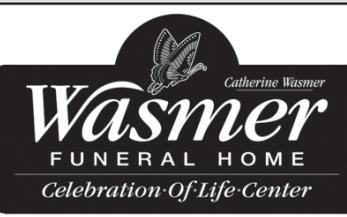
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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo
HOLLYWOOD -- Meryl Streep's next films are HBO Max's "Let Them All Talk," for director Steven Soderbergh, with Candice Bergen, DiAnne Wiest and Lucas Hedges, and Netflix's "The Prom," a film version of the Broadway musical. Her co-stars are Nicole Kidman, Andrew Rannells and Kerry Washington.



Meryl Streep

Midnight," with Felicity Jones and Kyle Chandler. Kevin Costner produced and starred in "Dances With Wolves," a Best Picture Oscar winner that grossed \$424 million. He returned two years later with "The Bodyguard," which grossed \$411 million, and then "Water World" (\$241 million). Costner is currently producing the third season of "Yellowstone" for the Paramount Network.

Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible" franchise films are always high grossers. The totals for the six films so far: 1. \$458 million, 2. \$546 million, 3. \$398 million, 4. \$695 million, 5. \$683 million and 6. \$791 million. In addition, Cruise also produced "Vanilla Sky" (\$203 million), "The Others" (\$210 million), "Last Summer" (\$457 million) and "Jack Reacher" (\$218 million). "Top Gun" is due June 26, and "Mission: Impossible" 7 and 8 are due in 2021 and 2022.

Leonardo DiCaprio produced and starred in "The Aviator" (\$214 million) and "The Wolf of Wall Street" (\$393 million). Clint Eastwood won a best director Oscar for "Million Dollar Baby," which grossed \$217 million, and directed "Gran

Torino" (\$270 million), "American Sniper" (\$547 million) and "Sully" (\$241 million).

Mel Gibson scored big producing "Braveheart" (\$210 million) and "The Passion of the Christ" (\$622 million). He's now producing "The Passion of the Christ: Resurrection" for 2021. Brad Pitt produced "The Departed" (\$291 million), "Eat, Pray, Love" (\$206 million) and "World War Z" (\$540 million). His next is "Blonde," with Ana de Armas and Adrien Brody.

But believe it or not, Bradley Cooper crushed them all with "Silver Lining Playbook" (\$236 million), "American Hustle" (\$251 million), "American Sniper" (\$547 million), "A Star Is Born" (\$425 million) and a slam dunk with "Joker," at over \$1.2 billion, which he'll share with director Todd Phillips and co-producer Emma Tillinger Koskoff. Cooper is currently producing the World War II drama "Atlantic Wall," an untitled Hulk Hogan biopic with Chris Hemsworth, and one with himself as Leonard Bernstein in a biopic. With grosses like that, who needs to act?

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson
Q: Is Kerry Washington from the TV series "Scandal" still married in real life? I never see her husband with her at a w a r d s shows. -- **Y.S.**

A: Yes, the actress is still married to former NFL cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha, and they have three children together. She recently talked to Willie Geist of "Sunday Today" about why she doesn't publish pictures of her kids on social media. She says she believes in keeping their lives private and only shares their photos with her parents and her counselor.

"I have a private Instagram for my shrink and he loves it!" Washington explained. "It's not great when I get parenting feedback, incidentally, based on something he heard me [say] in the background of the video."

Next up for Washington career-wise is the upcoming series "Little Fires Everywhere," opposite Reese Witherspoon and Joshua Jackson. It's based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Celeste Ng and will



Washington

premiere Wednesday, March 18, on Hulu.

Q: When will the new "Fantastic Four" Marvel movie be out? I'm skeptical that it will be any good since the one from a few years ago wasn't. -- **C.C.**

A: Were you disappointed in the 2005 movie and its sequel, or the 2015 version? The 2005 "Fantastic Four" featured a pre-Captain America Chris Evans (as Johnny Storm), Jessica Alba, Ioan Gruffudd and Michael Chiklis. They all returned for the sequel, "The Rise of the Silver Surfer," in 2007.

Those movies weren't exactly critically acclaimed, so Marvel tried again in 2015 with a "Fantastic Four" movie starring Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan, Kate Mara and Jamie Bell. It didn't generate high approval ratings either, so perhaps a reboot with another all-new cast will be the film that Marvel fans deserve.

There has been talk of real-life married couple Emily Blunt and John Krasinski starring as Sue and Johnny Storm, and fans are suggesting the team be rounded out with Zac Efron and John Cena. If this does become a reality, don't expect it in theaters until about 2023.

Couch Theater

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

"Ford v Ferrari" (PG-13) -- In 1966, designer and engineer Carroll Shelby (Matt Damon) was challenged by Ford exec Lee Iacocca to design a car using a Ford engine that would be so fast, it could beat Enzo Ferrari, the prevailing champion design, in the 24 Hours of Le Mans race. He accepted, but with the stipulation that it required the addition of a driver who could instinctually manage the necessary level of power. He recruited British driver Ken Miles (Christian Bale), as talented and driven as Shelby, if a bit more dramatic. It's about racing and strong personalities. But it's also about relationships and trust, and the kind of belief in others that's necessary to reach the next level in this deadly sport. I enjoyed it both for the exciting race scenes and for the brotherhood and collaboration. Directed by James Mangold.

"Roma" (R) -- Director

Alfonso Cuaron breathes life into 1970s Mexico City, seen through the eyes of Cleo (Yalitza Aparicio), a live-in domestic worker for an upper-middle-class family with four children. She cares for the children and home she lives in, and explores and loses a relationship, all with the backdrop of upheaval -- tensions in the streets and in the falling apart of her employers' marriage. It's shot in black and white, with an exquisitely sentimental feel. Aparicio is brand new to acting, but gives a solid performance. Her quiet triumphs and solemn tragedies are not overdramatized; they feel authentic. It's likely as much due to Cuaron, for whom this is semi-autobiographical, really a love song to a time and place in his past.

"Waves" (R) -- Complicated relationships are the forefront of this family drama. Tyler (Kelvin Harrison Jr.) is a talented and popular high-school wrestler. He's also damaged goods, nursing a critical injury. He is driven by his heavy-handed father, Ronald (a tight performance

by Sterling K. Brown), and supported by his sympathetic stepmother (Renee Elise Goldsberry). Taylor Russell plays Tyler's younger sister. It's no surprise that the film is titled "Waves." In addition to being set in South Florida, where the ocean provides perspective, the story is wave after wave of action and reaction. And that's the essential question it asks: Where does another's influence end and one's responsibility begin?

"The Good Liar" (R) -- Ian McKellen plays Roy Courteney, a lifelong degenerate and con man who, along with his partner Vincent (Jim Carter), defrauds unsuspecting dupes of their money via offshore accounts. His latest target is Betty, played by Helen Mirren, a sweet widow with a big bank account. Roy works his magic, and just as the deed is on the cusp of being done, the plot thickens. Although McKellen and Mirren are lovely, you can see this con coming a mile away.

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Trivia Test

1. SCIENCE: What is dendrochronology?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What are the ingredients in a Tom Collins drink?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who is considered to be the father of nuclear Navy submarines?
4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Anne of Green Gables"?
5. AD SLOGANS: Which product is advertised as "the quicker picker-upper"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the shortest president in U.S. history?
7. HISTORY: Who was the oldest signer of the U.S. Declaration of Independence?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Which country lies on the eastern border of Ukraine?
9. MOVIES: Which 1980s movie featured the Top Ten hit song "Danger Zone" (Kenny Loggins)?
10. MEDICAL: Who is the drug morphine named for?

Answers

1. The scientific method of dating tree rings
2. Gin, lemon juice, simple syrup and club soda
3. Admiral Hyman Rickover
4. Lucy Maud Montgomery
5. Bounty paper towels
6. James Madison, 5-foot-4
7. Benjamin Franklin (70)
8. Russia
9. "Top Gun"
10. Morpheus (Greek god of sleep and dreams)

King Crossword

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- 4 Nowhere to be seen
- 8 Visored military cap
- 12 -- out a living
- 13 State
- 14 Object of worship
- 15 Have a bug
- 16 Dilute
- 18 Up to
- 20 Finish
- 21 Second letter
- 24 Sponsorship
- 28 Negative aspect
- 32 Took the bus
- 33 Fire residue
- 34 Oodles
- 36 Wager
- 37 Amorphous lump
- 39 Onion rings, e.g.
- 41 Takes to the skies
- 43 Carry on
- 44 "That feels so good!"
- 46 Black board?
- 50 Exemplar of dullness
- 55 Cattle call
- 56 Leading man
- 57 Volcanic flow
- 58 Request
- 59 Floor cleaners
- 60 Gasoline, e.g.

DOWN

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- 2 Related
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- 4 Anarchic
- 5 Eggs
- 6 Prepared
- 7 Genealogy chart
- 8 Actress Margot
- 9 "Green" prefix
- 10 "Bam!"
- 11 Hostel
- 17 Genetic stuff
- 19 -- Saud
- 22 Twitches
- 23 Fire-fighting legend
- 25 Asian desert
- 26 Mid-month date
- 27 Green or Rogen
- 28 Slight touches
- 29 Norway's capital
- 30 "Halt!"
- 31 Icelandic poetry
- 35 More than just a few
- 38 Lullaby composer
- 40 Society newbie
- 42 Tool with teeth
- 45 50 percent
- 47 Muscat's land
- 48 Small winning margin
- 49 Oxen's harness
- 50 Water barrier
- 51 Berlin's "What'll --?"
- 52 Potential syrup
- 53 Greek cross
- 54 56-Across' partner

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

* It was American political scientist, economist, psychologist and professor Herbert Simon who made the following sage observation: "What information consumes is rather obvious: It consumes the attention of its recipients. Hence a wealth of information creates a poverty of attention, and a need to allocate that attention efficiently among the overabundance of information sources that might consume it."

* Those who study such things claim that the act of licking a stamp burns one-tenth of a calorie.

* The shortest song in the world is "You Suffer," recorded in 1986 by the British band Napalm Death. It lasts precisely 1.316 seconds.

* Stanley Mason was an inventor who really got around, in a manner of speaking. In addition to coming with the idea for the granola bar, he also created the squeezable ketchup bottle, the disposable diaper, heated pizza boxes and the dental floss dispenser.

* There are more Polish people living in Chicago than in any city on Earth except for Warsaw, Poland's capital.

* You might be surprised to learn that the most dangerous profession in the country -- in terms of the percentage of people holding that profession who have been killed -- isn't firefighter or police officer, it's president of the United States. A total of 9% of our presidents have been assassinated.

* Renee Zellweger was born the same year that Judy Garland died: 1969. Zellweger played Garland in the movie "Judy," which debuted 50 years after her death, in 2019, the same year that Zellweger turned 50.

* In the Commonwealth of Virginia, a statute contained within what's known as the Code of 1930 prohibits bribery or corruption by anyone other than a political candidate.

Thought for the Day: "I think the biggest mistake most people make when they pick their first job is they don't worry enough about whether they'll love the work, and they worry more about whether it's good experience." -- Steve Ballmer

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By virtue of 765 ILCS 101/10-50 and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on February 25, 2020, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

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

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PIERRE BLACK, YVONNE BLACK, 1339 TODD FARM DR, APT 101, ELGIN, IL, 60123, according to the Mortgage dated March 21, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012-07356, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4102012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0095E, Use Period Number(s) 12 Phase 2
PIERRE BLACK, YVONNE BLACK, 1578 MARK AVE APT 5, ELGIN, IL, 60123, according to the Mortgage dated March 21, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012-07356, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4102012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0095E, Use Period Number(s) 12 Phase 2
DIANE BODIE, WILLIE T BODIE JR, 1525 SCHOENHERR AVE, BOLINGBROOK, IL, 60490, according to the Mortgage dated February 10, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008-04971, in the Office of the

Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3062008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0132, Use Period Number(s) 39 Phase 2
ERIKA BOUNDS, JOVAN PLUNKETT, 51 MCCARTHY RD, PARK FOREST, IL, 60466, according to the Mortgage dated July 07, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-16110, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7232013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0165E, Use Period Number(s) 08 Phase 1
LATOYA BRANDON, JOSE CRUZ, 1800 WISCONSIN AVE, BERWYN, IL, 60402, according to the Mortgage dated January 31, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-03041, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2192015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 02150, Use Period Number(s) 24 Phase 4
MICHAEL CASSEM, 1836 APPLE TREE LN, ROCKFORD, IL, 61108, according to the Mortgage dated September 18, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-22809, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10092013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0030E, Use Period Number(s) 43 Phase 1
ERICA CASTILLO, LAURA CASTILLO, 600 S CUYLER AVE, OAK PARK, IL, 60304, according to the Mortgage dated February 08, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-04041, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2272013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00040, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 1
JULIUS L COLLINS III, RHONDA DUNBAR, 133 N ARBOR TRL APT 505, PARK FOREST, IL, 60466, according to the Mortgage dated February 16, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009-06069, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3102009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0371, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 3
JULIUS L COLLINS III, RHONDA DUNBAR, 4062 216TH ST APT 2E, MATTESON, IL, 60443, according to the Mortgage dated February 16, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009-06069, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3102009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0371, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 3
TANYA DIAZ, ROBERTO RAMOS, 3221 TWYFORD RD, WAUKEGAN, IL, 60087, according to the Mortgage dated December 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014-03643, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois,

on 2282014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0078E, Use Period Number(s) 37 Phase 1
CHRISTOPHER FRANK, 728 S WEBER RD UNIT 810, ROMEOVILLE, IL, 60446, according to the Mortgage dated January 15, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-07124, 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. 0141, Use Period Number(s) 11 Phase 2
PATRICK GENTRY, LINDA GENTRY, 1012 LINCOLNSHIRE CT APT D, ELGIN, IL, 60120, according to the Mortgage dated February 20, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-04316, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3112014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0141E, Use Period Number(s) 08 Phase 2
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LINDA GIBSON GREEN, GERALD GREEN, PO BOX 21033, CHICAGO, IL, 60621, according to the Mortgage dated May 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-10310, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6022015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 37 Phase 7
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LINDA GIBSON GREEN, GERALD GREEN, 5611 S MORGAN, CHICAGO, IL, 60621, according to the Mortgage dated May 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-10310, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6022015, are the owners of the

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STEVE GOLSTON, LAVELLE BRACKINS, 4622 S LEAMINGTON AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60638, according to the Mortgage dated January 21, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-02550, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2102015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 02120, Use Period Number(s) 31 Phase 4
STEVE GOLSTON, PATRICK GENTRY, 728 N PARKSIDE AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated January 21, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-02550, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2102015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 02120, Use Period Number(s) 31 Phase 4
DWAYNE GUILLORY, WARRIE GUILLORY, 10035 MOONGROVE PASS, SAN ANTONIO, TX, 78239, according to the Mortgage dated July 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-14137, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7282015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0387, Use Period Number(s) 37 Phase 6
FRANK HANNAH, 14420 S STEWART AVE, RIVERDALE, IL, 60827, according to the Mortgage dated October 12, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-24447, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10302013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 34 Phase 2
CAROLL PETE HARBIN, SHONNA HARBIN, CASSIE HARBIN, 100 TAY CT, WEATHERFORD, TX, 76088, according to the Mortgage dated October 15, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011-22310, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10282011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0139E, Use Period Number(s) 48 Phase 2
KARLA L HARPER, L QUITA MALEXANDER-SOMMER, 453 CALHOUN AVE, CALUMET CITY, IL, 60409, according to the Mortgage dated October 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-24739, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11142012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00950, Use Period Number(s) 13 Phase 2
KENNETH HAUTMAN, DISHAWN KING, 337 W 110TH PL, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Mortgage dated April 13, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-08764, 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. 00550, Use Period Number(s) 20 Phase 1
ALEJANDRO HERNANDEZ JR, 5427 RAILS WAY, NORCROSS, GA, 30071, according to the Mortgage dated May 17, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-10876, 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. 0388, Use Period Number(s) 13 Phase 6
ROGELIO HERRERA JR, RACHEL HERRERA, 2928 N RIDGEWAY AVE APT 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60618, according to the Mortgage dated May 30, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009-17717, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7082009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0215, Use Period Number(s) 03 Phase 4
JOHN T JACKSON JR, CAROL L JACKSON, 3620 LEE AVE, RICHTON PARK, IL, 60471, according to the Mortgage dated April 01, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012-08084, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4182012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 37 Phase 2
GWENDA D JENKINS, 553 NORMAN RD, BOLINGBROOK, IL, 60440, according to the Mortgage dated April 29, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006-13604, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6012006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00260, Use Period Number(s) 06 Phase 1
NEFRETERIE JENKINS, JAMAL JONES, 1328 W 109TH ST APT 3, CHICAGO, IL, 60643, according to the Mortgage dated July 25, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-21032, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9182013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0142E, Use Period Number(s) 08 Phase 2
GLORIA JOHNSON, KRISTINA HOPKINS, 17319 VINTAGE WOOD LN, SPRING, TX, 77379, according to the Mortgage dated June 28, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-13428, 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. 0113, Use Period Number(s) 33 Phase 2
SHURON E JOHNSON, 242 E 132ND ST APT A, CHICAGO, IL, 60627, according to the Mortgage dated October 20, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-24949, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11072013, are the owners of the timeshare

estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0141E, Use Period Number(s) 06 Phase 2
JAMES B JONES, MICHELLE JONES, 8200 S ALBANY AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60652, according to the Mortgage dated August 02, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008-18873, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8192008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0389, Use Period Number(s) 29 Phase 6
FANNIE ARLINE JULIA WALKER, 9623 S GENOA AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60643, according to the Mortgage dated June 26, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-13369, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7162015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0068, Use Period Number(s) 24 Phase 1
ARMENA KETCHUM, 2600 W 83RD ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60652, according to the Mortgage dated February 08, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-03310, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2232015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00110, Use Period Number(s) 01 Phase 1
CARLITO LARA, CRISTINA LARA, 2741 N RIDGEWAY AVE FL 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60647, according to the Mortgage dated November 23, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-24072, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12112014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0068, Use Period Number(s) 27 Phase 1
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LARREISHA LEPARD, WANDA JONES, D O M O N I Q U E ROWLES, PSC 41 BOX 2148, APO, AE, 09464, according to the Mortgage dated July 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-15705, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8222014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to

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SANTIAGO LOPEZ, ALBA ASCENCIO, 48 PONDEROSA DR, ROMEOVILLE, IL, 60446, according to the Mortgage dated August 02, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-17855, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9182014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00100, Use Period Number(s) 14 Phase 1
SANTIAGO LOPEZ, ALBA ASCENCIO, 22B FERNWOOD DR, BOLINGBROOK, IL, 60440, according to the Mortgage dated August 02, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-17855, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9182014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00110, Use Period Number(s) 28 Phase 1
JENNIFER MAGANA, RAPHAEL JEFFRIE, 1126 KAREN DR, JOLIET, IL, 60431, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-11751, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6252014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 28 Phase 1
JENNIFER MAGANA, RAPHAEL JEFFRIE, 10204 SOUTH SANGAMON ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60643, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-11751, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6252014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 28 Phase 1
JOSLYN MCBRIDE, THOMAS MCBRIDE, 2951 SATELLITE BLVD APT 1012, DULUTH, GA, 30096, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-14605, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8052014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01520, Use Period Number(s) 13 Phase 2
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CHAHUNTEVIA NICHOLSON, PAMELA SPRAGGINS, 4858 S MICHIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60615, according to the Mortgage dated December 29, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2011-07524, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3292011, are the

owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0098, Use Period Number(s) 21 Phase 2
M A U R E E N O P A R A E C H E , C H I N E L O O P A R A E C H E , 828 OAKTON ST APT 1D, EVANSTON, IL, 60202, according to the Mortgage dated August 26, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-17612, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9152015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01660, Use Period Number(s) 40 Phase 1
CINTIA ORTIZ, DEWAYNE LUCAS, 3009 S KEELER, APT U, CHICAGO, IL, 60623, according to the Mortgage dated April 12, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007-10949, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5082007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0033E, Use Period Number(s) 03 Phase 1
RAFAEL PACHECO JR, JOHANNA CRUZ, 5500 W WAVELAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60641, according to the Mortgage dated September 13, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-19120, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10032014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00020, Use Period Number(s) 37 Phase 1
AARON PEREZ, CHRISTINE HANNA, 223 N PLEASANT AVE, GALESBURG, IL, 61401, according to the Mortgage dated August 24, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-17141, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9092014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 02160, Use Period Number(s) 40 Phase 4
PAUL F PERKINS JR, 68 CANTERBURY RD, AURORA, IL, 60506, according to the Mortgage dated April 20, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007-11627, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5162007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01670, Use Period Number(s) 43 Phase 1
JAVA POLLOCK, TYREE WHITE, 1432 FAIRWAY DR, RANTOUL, IL, 61866, according to the Mortgage dated February 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-03843, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3032015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00570, Use Period Number(s) 44 Phase 1
JAVA POLLOCK, TYREE WHITE, 317 MARCO DR, RANTOUL, IL, 61866, according to the Mortgage dated February 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-03843, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3032015, are the

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under File No. R2011 26357, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12212011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0140E, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 JUAN R MORALES, VERONICA MORALES, 7233 WALLPEPPER CT, WESTERVILLE, OH, 43082, according to the Deed dated July 10, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 21726, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8201999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00770, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 1 ROSALIE NGUYEN, 1418 BENTON RD, LAKE VILLA, IL, 60046, according to the Deed dated August 30, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 17509, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9091998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0031, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 ELISA NORMAN, BRUCE NORMAN, 124 OTTER, WAXAHACHIE, TX, 75165, according to the Deed dated June 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12305, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7012015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0048, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1 JONATHAN NORMAN, 5656 BINBRANCH LN, MCKINNEY, TX, 75071, according to the Deed dated October 12, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 24293, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10292013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0418, Use Period Number(s) 47,

Phase 7 STEPHEN TRENT PATTERSON, LAVONNE PATTERSON, 400 W 14TH ST, SMACKOVER, AR, 71762, according to the Deed dated January 08, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 04590, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2252000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0104, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 2 PETER PAUL PELLEGRIANO, MONIQUE C. BAKER, SAMUEL J. DELGATTO, LORRAINE DELGATTO, 1409 MANZANITA WAY, LAS VEGAS, NV, 89101, according to the Deed dated September 20, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2001 03567, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2132001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00750, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1 PETER PAUL PELLEGRIANO, MONIQUE C. BAKER, SAMUEL J. DELGATTO, LORRAINE DELGATTO, 2581 CORVUS, HENDERSON, NV, 89044, according to the Deed dated September 20, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2001 03567, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2132001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00750, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1 MARIE POLLARD, PRISCILLA C MEDRANO, 1646 TOTEM POLE WAY, KRUM, TX, 76249, according to the Deed dated September 09, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 25346, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10082009, are the owners of the

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and recorded under File No. 2014 18423, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9252014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01640, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 1 EARL SALTHER, 2234 S 19TH AVE, BROADVIEW, IL, 60155, according to the Deed dated November 10, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007 28742, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12042007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0166, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 SCOTT A SCHIEL, TAMMY SCHIEL, PO BOX 143, DONOVAN, IL, 60931, according to the Deed dated April 09, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 09433, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4292008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 4 SCOTT A SCHIEL, TAMMY SCHIEL, 10908 E LE CLAIRE ST, GRANT PARK, IL, 60940, according to the Deed dated April 09, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 09433, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4292008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 4 MICHAEL SLENCZKA II, 1165 ROBIN DR, CAROL STREAM, IL, 60188, according to the Deed dated October 25, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 31114, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12122006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00830, Use Period Number(s) 12,

Phase 2 GREGORY J SMITH, MARY F SMITH, 139 RIESER CIR, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60565, according to the Deed dated September 23, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007 25488, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10192007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0006E, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1 TAMMY TAYLOR, WELDON LOVEJOY, 105 S BLUE BONNET CIR, JUSTIN, TX, 76247, according to the Deed dated April 22, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 10042, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5102012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0136E, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2 HERMELINDA VASQUEZ, VERONICA VASQUEZ, 916 N NORMAN LN, WHEELING, IL, 60090, according to the Deed dated August 08, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 19095, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8272013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0004E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 1 CARLOS G VELASQUEZ, 16036 ARBORVITAE CIR, CREST HILL, IL, 60403, according to the Deed dated July 14, 1999 and recorded under File No. R0099 25325, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9241999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 2 MARY E WADE-JONES, PO BOX 4499, MONROE, LA, 71211, according to the Deed dated July 16, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005

21000, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8112005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0113, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 2 KENYATTA WARD, EVELYN ALEXANDER, 1961 VERMONT ST., BLUE ISLAND, IL, 60406, according to the Deed dated June 23, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 18075, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7152005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01590, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2 HENRY LAWRENCE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60619, according to the Deed dated June 23, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 18075, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7152005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0109, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 2

particularly described as Unit No. 0108, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 DAVID ZEEB, MICHAEL FITAK, 5740 N 59TH AVE APT 1067, GLENDALE, AZ, 85301, according to the Deed dated April 28, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 18272, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7142000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0109, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 2 DAVID ZEEB, MICHAEL FITAK, 8916 CAROLE CIRCLE, URBANDALE, IA, 50322, according to the Deed dated April 28, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 18272, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7142000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0109, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 2 TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction. Fox River Resort Club, An Illinois Not-for-profit Corporation By: Don Larson Its: Attorney-In-Fact 0201 (Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2020)

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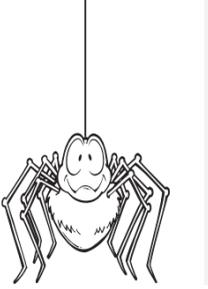
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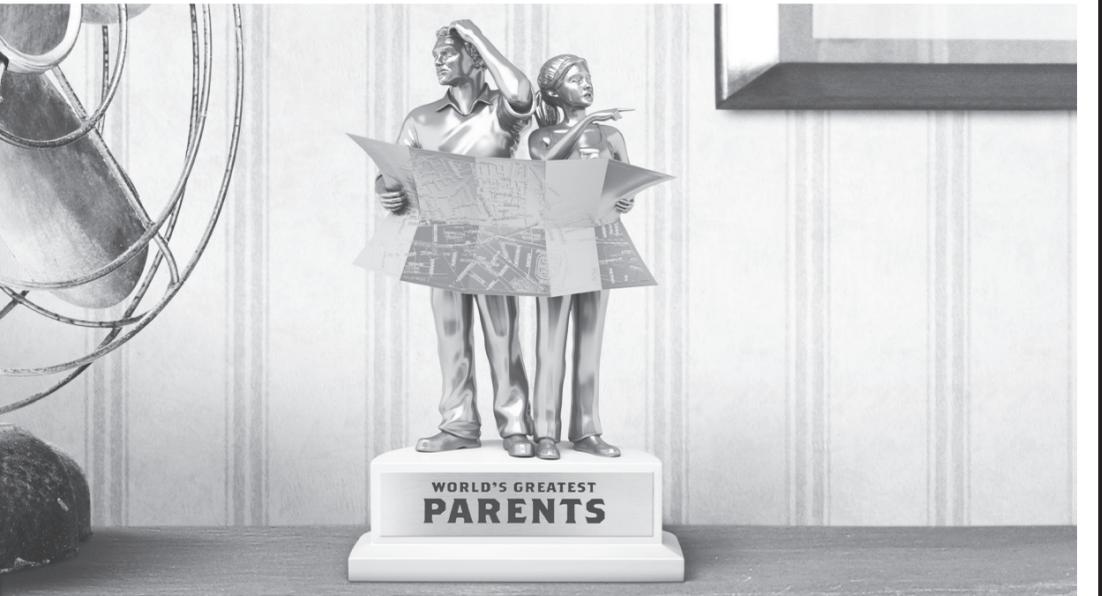
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FEATURE HOME



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- BUILDING LOT- BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SUBDIVISION..\$19,900
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- MENDOTA - 2 BDR, 1 BA, RANCH.....\$71,900
- MENDOTA- 2-3 BDR, 1.5 BATHS\$81,700
- LASALLE- 3 BDR., RANCH-NEW ROOF 2 C. GARAGE.....\$86,500
- MENDOTA- 2 BDR - UPDATED KITCHEN - ATT GARAGE ..\$92,000
- MENDOTA- 3 BDR- EDGE OF TOWN-HEATED BLDG
- PENDING**\$98,000
- MENDOTA - BRICK 4 BDR, 2 BATH, LARGE LOT **PENDING** \$99,000
- LAMOILLE- 2-3 BDR. - COUNTRY - APPROX 11 ACRES
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- LAMOILLE - COUNTRY, 3 BDR, 2 BATH\$149,900
- LAMOILLE - MULTI FAMILY-BRICK-GOOD INVESTMENT \$150,000
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- MENDOTA- BRICK RANCH, 3 BDR. - EDGE OF TOWN\$154,900
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SPACIOUS HOME - Located in town, but backyard has country feel, 4 bd, 1.5 ba, large eat-in kitchen, main floor laundry and bedroom, full basement, wrap around porch. 501 W. Main St., Sublette \$74,500