

EDUCATION



State education board to seek \$653M increase in upcoming budget year

Request comes amid projected state deficit

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Board of Education endorsed a budget request recently that includes a \$653 million increase in funding for PreK-12 public schools.

It’s a request that lawmakers may find hard to accommodate in a year when the state faces a projected \$891 million budget deficit.

PreK-12 education spending currently makes up about one-fifth of the state’s entire General Revenue Fund budget. The proposed increase, if approved, would bring the state’s total GRF spending on public education to just over \$11 billion.

“We were pleased to hear that the board, even in a tight budget year, continues to prioritize necessary investments for districts and students across the state,” Gerson Ramirez, a lobbyist for the advocacy group Advance Illinois, said during

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the meeting.

The proposed budget includes a \$350 million increase in Evidence-Based Funding, the minimum increase required under a 2018 law that calls for gradually increasing the state’s share of the cost of public education while focusing new money on the state’s most poorly funded districts. That includes \$300 million for direct funding for the qualifying districts and \$50 million that is distributed in the form of property tax relief grants.

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Totally chilling out!

Polar Plungers to test the waters of Lake Mendota Feb. 24

MENDOTA – Special Olympics Illinois is proud to announce the return of the coolest event of the year, the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. The Polar Plunge will return for 24 in-person events throughout February and March across Illinois.



Plungers will return to Mendota and the chilly waters of Lake Mendota for the Region A Polar Plunge on Saturday, Feb. 24. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and participants will start plunging in the lake at noon.

For 25 years, the Polar Plunge has become the signature winter fundraising event, engaging the community on the importance of inclusion, and raising critical funds to support the life-changing programming of Special Olympics Illinois. In 2023, the Polar Plunge raised more than \$2,000,000, providing tens of thousands of Special Olympics Illinois athletes access to year-round sports competitions and training, health and wellness initiatives, as well as leadership and personal development opportunities.

“The Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois has grown into an iconic celebration highlighting the values of our community and promoting the importance of inclusion,” said Pete Beale-DelVecchio, President & CEO, Special Olympics Illinois. “This exhilarating event brings together warm-hearted plungers,



Mendota High School faculty members and students react to hitting the cold waters of Lake Mendota in the 2023 Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. This year’s plunge is Saturday, Feb. 24. (Reporter photo)

dedicated local partners, generous sponsors, and selfless volunteers, all united in the mission to uplift and champion the exceptional athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. I encourage everyone to embrace this spirit and to ‘Be Cool. Take the Plunge!’”

There are many ways participants can Be Cool and Take the Plunge:

- Plunge at one of 24 in-person plunges hosted by Special Olympics Illinois.
- Participants can Create Your Own Plunge in their local community or turn it into a Super Plunge by committing to plunge 24 times in 24 hours.
- Local schools can join the Cool School Challenge and plunge with peers and

faculty on their school campus.

The 2024 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge is presented by Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois in collaboration with statewide sponsors Jewel-Osco, Gallagher, Lamar, and Puffin Drinkwear.

For more information on how to register or become involved in the 2024 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge visit <https://plungeillinois.com>.

About Special Olympics Illinois

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit sports organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports to a community of

more than 55,000 traditional athletes, Young Athletes, Unified partners, coaches, volunteers, and more. It strives to be a global leader in shaping a culture where people with and without intellectual disabilities are fully integrated into the community by providing year-round opportunities in competitive sports, health education, leadership and personal development.

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Rare cicada emergence to affect Illinois this spring

Two broods to sync up at the same time

By KEVIN BESSLER
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD—A loud chorus of cicadas is coming to Illinois this spring.

Illinois will be in the bullseye of a rare cicada emergence that hasn’t happened since Thomas Jefferson was president.

Two different broods of cicadas have synced up for the first time since 1803 and are expected to appear beginning in May.

The Northern Illinois brood comes from underground every 17 years and the Great Southern brood every 13 years. The ground will first have to reach the perfect temperature of 64 degrees Fahrenheit at a depth of 12 to 18 inches in the ground before the insects will emerge.

Ellie Taylor, a graduate teaching assistant in the Biological Sciences department at Northern Illinois University, said you not only will be able to see the cicadas, but you will be able to hear them as well.

“The amount of cicadas that will pop up will be so loud that it could actually reach upwards of 100 decibels,” said Taylor. That’s the equivalent of a power lawn mower or even a subway train.

Sixteen states are expected to experience the emergence of around one trillion cicadas.

Cicadas are not poisonous or harmful to humans or pets, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

In 1990, a large emergence of cicadas prompted Illinoisans to use snow shovels to clear their sidewalks of the dead cicadas, and that could happen this year.

Taylor said many animals will be feasting on the critters once they emerge, but back in the day, Native Americans used to toast cicadas over an open fire for a snack.

“These are insects that literally sit there and suck up the sap from trees, so I could see where they would be pretty tasty,” said Taylor.



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Compton Fire receives donation from Jerry's Bar

Compton Volunteer Fire Department representatives Kyle Kofoid, Gale Barnickel and Chief Steve Gilmore, first, second, and fourth from the left, accept a check from Kyle Rex, third from the left, co-owner of Jerry's Bar and Gaming Café. Jerry's hosted a fundraiser for the fire department on Saturday, Dec 23, 2023 in which all tips and proceeds were donated. Three of the department's volunteers were guest bartenders in Kyle Kofoid, Gale Barnickel, and Kim Menzel. The money raised will be used to update current equipment. The Compton Volunteer Fire Department consists of all volunteers and is looking for more. For information, contact Chief Gilmore at 815-739-0628. "It was great to see the community supporting the fire department and our local business," Chief Gillmore said. "We are always recruiting new volunteers. We need the younger community to help us grow our department." (Photo contributed)

Dan Rodriguez is coming to Red Dog Grill in Ottawa

OTTAWA — Acclaimed singer/songwriter Dan Rodriguez is set to captivate the audience in Ottawa, as he takes center stage at Heritage Harbor's Red Dog Grill on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024. The event, part of the Harbor Stories: Unplugged series, promises an intimate and unforgettable evening of live music in a setting reminiscent of the iconic MTV "Unplugged" sessions.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the show begins at 6:30 p.m. You must be 21 or older to attend. Dinner will be available from 5-6:30 p.m. and is not included in the ticket price. The venue is located at 411 Great Loop East Drive in Ottawa.

Known for his soulful melodies and heartfelt lyrics, Rodriguez, a Minneapolis native, has left an indelible mark on the music scene. In 2014, his song "When You Come Home" became the soundtrack for Budweiser's "Friends are Waiting" commercial campaign, premiering during the Super Bowl. In 2019, Rodriguez's "You

Feel Like Home" featured prominently in Explore Minnesota Tourism's ad campaign, showcasing his ability to evoke a sense of place and emotion through his music. Throughout his career, Rodriguez has shared stages with notable artists such as The Civil Wars, Andy Grammer, Sister Hazel, and Eric Hutchinson. His authentic performances and engaging stage presence have earned him a dedicated and growing fan base.

The evening's host, Illinois native Dan Hubbard, will guide the audience through a night of musical storytelling. With his own unique style and musical prowess, Hubbard adds a local touch to the event, creating a seamless connection between the performers and the audience.

"Harbor Stories: Unplugged is a unique series that brings national singer/songwriters to the forefront in an intimate setting, reminiscent of the iconic MTV's 'Unplugged' sessions," states Rich Crum,



Director of Hospitality at Heritage Harbor. "The event promises an evening of raw, authentic performances that connect artists and audience on a deeper level."

Crum further emphasizes the significance of this musical experience, saying, "Harbor Stories: Unplugged aims to create a space where the magic of live music can be fully appreciated. We invite everyone to join us for an unforgettable evening of music that transcends the ordinary."

For more information and ticket inquiries, please call 815-433-5000 ext. 2 or visit [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harbor-stories-unplugged-featuring-dan-rodriguez-tickets-716271145277?inf_contact_key=3249704d3d6b88161e39f2b0e4703062680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1).



No casualties, all fun, during Tweens Nerf War

MENDOTA — Graves-Hume Public Library hosted its annual Tweens Nerf War on Monday, Jan. 29.

This year's Nerf War was another successful event as tweens from all over the area brought their supplies to battle it out against each other.

"Our annual Nerf battle was a hit, said Jen Bresley, Graves-Hume tween/teen manager. "The library turned into a battle arena with Nerf bullets flying everywhere. Our tweens used teamwork and cooperation to successfully capture their opponent's flag."

"We ended the night with lots of smiles and our stomachs full of Rosati's Pizza," Aspecial thanks to Rosati's Pizza of Mendota for providing the pizza.

Tweens meet monthly and programs are open to kids in grades 5-8.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 as attendees will be sculpting with air dry clay.

Library programs are open to all, no library card is required, call 815-538-5142 to register.

Looking for your family?

LaSALLE – The LaSalle County Genealogy Guild is holding a workshop at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Anyone who would like to find a missing piece of your family's puzzle, please bring a laptop, family papers and whatever any other information, and the guild will help you track it down. You may also want to bring a flash drive to save your data.

The guild will also focus on how to search immigration and naturalization records. If anyone has questions about Ancestry, Family Search, Family Tree Maker, Newspapers.com or other heritage sites, the guild will help you with that too. The LaSalle County Genealogy Guild hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday and Saturday; walk-ins are welcome.

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Junior Master Gardener SPIN Club planned

OGLESBY – Learn the basics of gardening and many other beneficial skills at a University of Illinois Extension Junior Master Gardener 4-H SPIN Club. This six-session series will include a variety of educational and hands-on activities. Participants will compost, plant, pollinate, and make friends with insects! Sessions will take place at the Oglesby Public Library District, 111 S. Woodland Ave., Oglesby, beginning

Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 4-5:30 p.m. Additional sessions will be March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, and May 15. This club is open to all youth ages 10-18. Non-members are welcome too. A fee of \$5 will include all supplies, a garden tote with tools, and much more! Get registered now as the first session is Feb. 28. Please register at: <https://4hzsuite.org/external-event-registration/26508> This program is in part-

nership with the University of Illinois Extension, LaSalle County Master Gardener program, and the Oglesby Public Library District. To learn more about LaSalle County 4-H opportunities, call University of Illinois Extension, LaSalle County 815-433-0707 or email Toni Pienta at fusinatt@illinois.edu. If you will need an accommodation in order to participate, please email fusinatt@illinois.edu. Early requests

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Naitzy Garcia special guest reader for Princess Kindness

MENDOTA – The Graves-Hume Public Library will be hosting a special family program called Princess Kindness from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 17. Naitzy Garcia, 2023 Sweet Corn Festival Queen and current student and soccer player at Rock Valley Community College, will be our special guest reader. Join Garcia and Graves-Hume for a story-time, princess games, and pamper time! All ages are welcome to attend. Library programs are open to all, and no library card is required. Please call 815-538-5142 to register.

MHS conferences are Feb. 20, 22

MENDOTA – Mendota High School Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20 and Thursday, Feb. 22, from 4-7 p.m. both days. The purpose of Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences is to improve upon the home-school connection. MHS offers on-line information through Parent Connect concerning grades, attendance, and discipline. However, there is no electronic communication that can replace the effectiveness of a face-to-face meeting. The conferences afford the opportunity to meet with MHS

parents to discuss student performance. Parents should come to the gym foyer to pick up their student's report cards on either Feb. 20 or Feb. 22. Faculty and administration will be available to discuss your student's academic progress. MHS uses an open house format and encourages you to stop by the high school anytime between the hours designated. Parents are encouraged to bring their student with them to the conference. Teachers will be located in the main gymnasium. For more information, contact the Principal's Office at 815-539-7446.



Blackstone Pizza Lunch

Blackstone School held its January Principal Award pizza lunch on Feb. 2. Students attending the lunch, front row, left to right, are Avalia Blanton, Amelia Nettleton, Victoria Lechuga and Brianna Pinto. Middle row, Nova Marez, Brody Sellers, Aspen Jensen, Evelyn Sutis, Riley Foote and Bryson McLain. Back row, Colton Boyson, Delayni Silva, Sophia Martinez, Mia Wegener and Anthony Castaneda. (Photo contributed)

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

We continue to spread kindness at Blackstone. Our students took home a kindness challenge board. They are trying to complete as many of the kindness tasks on there as possible. If they get five in a row like a bingo board, they can return it to school for a heart to add their name to put on our kindness bulletin board and they also get a prize. All kindness boards are due Feb. 9.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week were Gus Eich, Camren Bucks, Harper Kaufman, Aaron Hernandez, Cameron Brown, Eduardo Villagomez, Maddux Becker and Kipp Stewart. The winners were Brody Sellers, Riley Foote, Evelyn Sutis and Nova Marez.

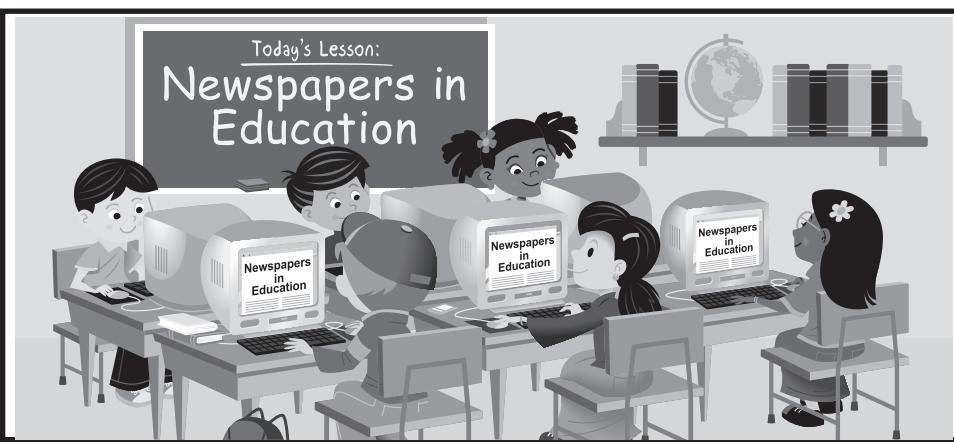
Congratulations to all of you!

The January Principal Award pizza lunch was held on Friday, Feb. 2. The students invited to the lunch were Avalia Blanton, Axel Garza, Victoria Lechuga, Asen Jensen, Amelia Nettleton, Brianna Pinto, Brody Sellers, Riley Foote, Bryson McLain, Delayni Silva, Anthony Castaneda, Sophia Martinez, Colton Boyson, Mia Wegener, Evelyn Sutis and Nova Marez. We had a great time celebrating these students with a special lunch. Their picture will be included in an upcoming edition of The Mendota Reporter.

The January KIND KID winners were recently an-

nounced at Blackstone. Students recognized for extraordinary kindness this past month were Gabriel Dykstra, Dominick Cordella, Serenity Moss, Axel Garza, Leanna Rojas, Sophia Moore, Merakim Riniker, Isla Full, Emiliano Valdez, Elliot Clark, Cainan Sellers and Laurel Dunfrund. We are so proud of all of our kind kids at Blackstone!

Notes just went home with all students about parent/teacher conferences that are coming up in a couple of weeks. Parents should choose some times that work for their schedule and return the paper to school. We look forward to meeting with all of our parents on Feb. 20 or 21 to discuss student progress.



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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Lorraine Moore

MENDOTA – Lorraine (Fritts) Moore, 94, of Mendota, peacefully passed away in her sleep Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at Allure Healthcare of Mendota after a long battle with dementia. As her journey ended here on earth, she arrived in Heaven to her long-awaited eternal home and is once again reunited with the love of her life, Warren Moore, aka Smiley.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, at the Merritt Funeral Home in Mendota, with her funeral service immediately following at 11 a.m. with Rev. Glen Foster officiating. Interment will take place at Restland Cemetery, Mendota, following the service.

Lorraine was born on June 11, 1929, in Sycamore, as the baby sister of two older brothers and the only daughter to Alva and Ada (Blume) Fritts. Lorraine married her soulmate, Warren, on Sunday, Oct. 22, 1950, being blessed with a loving and happy marriage for 51 years. Immediately following their wedding, the two moved to Mendota, where they made their family home. Lorraine continued living in their family home for another 22 years following Warren's passing, welcoming into their home her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her three sons, Randy (Karen) Moore, Sr. of Lakeland, Fla., Rodney Moore of Richland, Ind., and Raleigh (Tina) Moore of Mendota; six grandchildren, Tam-Lynn (Brett) Zinke of Lakeland, Fla., Lori (Chris) Winstead of Lakeland, Fla., Ryan (Ciara) Moore of Cherry, Randy (Amanda) Moore, Jr. of Lakeland, Fla., Amy Moore of Mendota, and Hunter Moore of North Utica; nine great-grandchildren, nephews, and one niece.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, Alva and Ada Fritts, both brothers, Russell and Clarence Fritts, and her husband, Warren.

Warren afforded Lorraine the ultimate career as a homemaker, taking great pride in her family. Never having sisters or daughters, Lorraine was a true "tomboy" who was blessed with three scrappy, active boys. With Warren's help, Lorraine raised three God-fearing, hard-working men. She taught them how to worship the Lord, play baseball, ride bicycles, fish and camp, and the importance of working hard for the things you want in life. Lorraine was exceptionally proud that each of her three sons earned the rank of Eagle Scout. She was always looking for the good in others, teaching her children and grandchildren not to "hate" as it is too strong of a word.

After being diagnosed with breast cancer, Lorraine underwent treatment at the University of Wisconsin Hospital becoming the hospital's first breast cancer survivor to reach the 25-year milestone of being in remission, thus, beating breast cancer.

She served as the chairman on the First Baptist Church Board of Education. Additionally, being very active within her church, Lorraine taught Sunday School and served on several different women's circles. Later in life, Lorraine studied Biblical Theology to become a licensed Lay Minister alongside Warren. Warren and Lorraine loved to travel and over their lifetime together, they traveled throughout the lower 48 states. Being a farm girl at heart, as well as a true "tomboy," she loved to work on machines, engines, and equipment alongside Warren and her sons, not to mention often found under the hood of a vehicle working beside her grandsons. Lorraine enjoyed gardening, animals, and plants and she adored farming side-by-side Warren for 19 years.

In lieu of flowers, Lorraine and her family have designated the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, a charity close to her heart, where donations may be made as an expression of sympathy. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Dennis L. Sears

MENDOTA – Dennis L. Sears, 74, of Mendota, passed away Jan. 27, 2024, at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

Cremation rites have been accorded and there will be no visitation or services. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Dennis was born on Sept. 17, 1949, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Roy and Betty (Lemons) Sears. He later moved to Illinois where he eventually met the love of his life, Betty Miller, and they married on Dec. 8, 1969.

Dennis is survived by his daughter, Shannon (Jeff) Morey of Mendota; his grandchildren, Keely (Kyle Harkins) Morey of Peru and Jeremy (Stephanie) Morey of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Betty in 2020.

Dennis loved the outdoors and his favorite place to visit was Boulder Junction, Wis. He was an avid fisherman and everyone who knew Dennis knew of his great love for fishing. He loved cooking for his family also. He cherished time with his family.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Social Security and scam awareness

By Mike Weilt

PERU – Social Security imposter scams continue to be widespread across the United States. Scammers use targeted, sophisticated tactics to deceive you into providing sensitive information or money.

If you receive a suspicious letter, text, email, or call, do not respond. We want you to know how to identify a scammer and avoid becoming a victim.

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(Weilt is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)

Council adopts ordinance creating code hearing unit

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council created several ordinances dealing with city ordinance violations and gave its support to the values of the Reimagine Mendota organization at its Feb. 5 regular meeting.

Alderman John Hensenberger presented a resolution in which the city would give its support in a partnership with the Illinois Housing Development Authority for housing needs assessment and community revitalization planning. The council passed the resolution with two dissenting votes.

Annie Short, city project director, said IHDA offers at no cost such things as a feasibility study to see what kind of housing is needed in a community as well as making aware grant opportunities to communities. It was emphasized that there are no strings attached to a partnership with IHDA.

Alderman John Holland presented several ordinances for the council's consideration. The council approved an ordinance creating a code hearing unit effective March 1. Beginning in May and continuing every other month, a hearing officer will handle cases in Mendota involving city ordinance code violations instead of them being heard in Ottawa. By having the hearings in Mendota, it will allow the city to keep a larger portion of the fine revenue.

In a related matter, the council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code specific to fines.

Also during Holland's report, the council adopted an ordinance establishing a fund balance/net assets policy and approved an ordinance declaring surplus revenue from TIF 2022 in the amount of more than \$26,000. That money will

be returned to the county for distribution.

Alderman Jay Miller presented a license addition request from the Mendota Moose Lodge to add two video gaming terminals, which was approved by the council.

Alderman Vicki Johnson shared a resolution concerning the Reimagine Mendota-Community Heart & Soul organization asking for the city's acceptance of the group's value statements. The council passed the resolution.

The group has developed the following value statements:

People: We love the small-town feel of our friendly, caring community where people can engage and connect, creating a sense of home.

Community: We are dedicated to sustaining a safe environment, excellent schools and community activities that make Mendota a great place to live and raise families.

Businesses: We value our local businesses, services and health care systems, providing hometown convenience in meeting everyday needs.

Location: We appreciate Mendota's location as a crossroads of highways and rails, giving us convenient access to larger cities while still benefiting from living in a small town.

Recreation: We cherish our lakes and parks that enhance the quality of life and connection to the community and others.

Events: We treasure our long-standing events while embracing new activities that reflect our evolving community and bring our community together.

History: We take pride in our unique history and encourage growth and revitalization so all can feel like they belong.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

DEATH NOTICES

The Mendota Reporter will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$100 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to editor@mendotareporter.com.

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Budget

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That law calls for continuing to increase funding each year until all districts are funded at 90 percent or more of their target “adequacy” level.

When the law first went into effect, nearly one in five school districts were being funded at or below 60 percent of their adequacy level. Today, no districts are being funded below the 60 percent level, but the state still has a long way to go before reaching the goal of having all districts at or above 90 percent of adequacy.

According to a report that accompanied the budget proposal, it would take another \$2.5 billion in EBF to reach that goal.

In addition to the increase in Evidence Based Funding, which districts use to enhance their general operating budgets, ISBE’s request includes about \$300 million in new or increased funding for several specific categories of school expenses.

The largest of those is a proposed \$112 million increase, or nearly 26 percent, for a program that reimburses school districts for the cost of providing transportation to students with disabilities. That would be enough to cover about 84 percent of the total cost for that category of transportation funding, which is roughly the same percentage the state was paying before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The package also calls for a \$75 million increase in early childhood education funding to continue Gov. JB Pritzker’s Smart Start Illinois initiative, a multi-year program that seeks to eliminate early childhood and preschool “deserts” for 3- and 4-year-old children by 2027.

That money would enable state-funded preschools to reach an additional 5,000 children next year. State officials estimate that total enrollment in those preschools will grow to nearly 114,000 in 2025, an increase of more than 17,000 since 2023.

ISBE’s budget plan also calls for addressing the pressures some districts are facing due to the large number of international migrants arriving in Illinois.

Over the last two years, state officials estimate the number of “newcomers” in Illinois has grown nearly 85 percent, to about 36,200. Since August 2022, more

than 34,000 migrants have been bussed or flown to Illinois by order of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott after crossing that state’s southern border.

Newcomers are defined as students ages 3 through 21 who were born outside the United States and who have been attending one or more schools in the U.S. for less than three full academic years.

The proposal calls for \$35 million in new funding for a line item called “supporting newcomers.” That money would be available for such expenses as hiring bilingual teachers, paraprofessionals and other staff; buying materials written in the students’ native languages; providing additional before- and after-school programming; and providing other supports for children and families.

Funding for ISBE is just one part of the state’s overall annual budget, but it is one of the largest categories of state General Revenue Fund spending. It was unclear whether Gov. JB Pritzker was endorsing the request.

The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget issued a report in November projecting the state could face a budget deficit next year of \$891 million, assuming revenue trends remain stable and the state continues making all of its required payments into its rainy day fund and pension funds.

Pritzker is scheduled to deliver his budget proposal to the General Assembly on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Meanwhile, Advance Illinois issued a statement that noted school districts will face their own budget pressures next year when federal pandemic-related relief programs come to an end.

“ISBE’s proposal serves as a solid road map for investments Illinois must undertake to meet the comprehensive needs of every child and student in the state generally, and in the ongoing aftermath of COVID disruptions,” the organization said.

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City of Mendota hires new employees for economic growth and youth engagement

MENDOTA – Recognizing the importance of sustainable growth and community wellbeing, the City of Mendota has hired three individuals to join the city’s workforce and contribute to the implementation of innovative development strategies and grant initiatives. This includes a skilled and diverse team who will collaborate on projects designed to enhance the local economy, improve quality of life and create positive youth opportunities.

The three employees include Project Director Annie Short, Project Coordinator Maria J. Arteaga and Grant Manager Alexandria (Ali) Braboy.

Short, a Mendota native, recently moved back to Mendota after working in Wisconsin for the past 20 years. Short is a Western Illinois University graduate, and she brings work experience in community organizing, strategic planning, non-profit

leadership and drug prevention initiatives.

Arteaga, a long-time Mendota resident, graduated from Mendota Township High school and attended Illinois Valley Community College for two years. Her work experience is in schools as paraprofessional, coaching youth soccer and helping in the community. She is bilingual, which allows her to navigate and connect with different cultures and communities.

Braboy is an Illinois Valley native who graduated from Illinois Valley Community College and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has worked with journalism, grant writing and community planning.

Mayor David Boelk expressed enthusiasm for the initiative, stating, “The City is proud of this investment to improve the quality of life for residents.”

The employees will work on the

Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration Partnership for Success Grant (PFS). Mendota was awarded the \$1.875 million grant in late 2023, which includes funds for schools, organizations and staff to implement substance use prevention programming and create more positive youth activities over the next five years.

In addition to the efforts required by the grant, the new employees will play a pivotal role in supporting current staff with infrastructure development and community revitalization efforts. This work is crucial for the city’s future following the two devastating downtown fires in 2022.

By investing in human capital and talent, Mendota aims to position itself as a hub of opportunity, creativity and economic vibrancy.

For more information about the City’s work, visit www.mendota.il.us.

IVCC’s CAD lab receives a new design

OGLESBY – IVCC’s computer aided drafting and design lab received a refresh this past fall with 21 new Dell Alienware computers that handle the complex software speedily.

Students are bathed in a galactic glow as they design on widescreen monitors that display precision graphics. The fast processors guarantee quick file access and smooth navigation through industry-standard software programs like AutoCAD and SolidWorks.

CAD designers, known as detailers, sketch everything from simple parts to complex buildings to small electronics components to artificial human body organs. “Anything that gets made begins with a drawing,” said Program Director Dorene Data.

“There are no limits to how far can you go in this field,” she added. Students graduate from the CAD program with a working knowledge of project management and CAD applications in mechanical, architectural, and civil/structural fields.

“Jobs are readily available in civil engineering, architecture, electrical engineering, water treatment, and building industries,” Data said.

Local employers include Illinois Department of Transportation, American Buildings, CSC, HCC, Flink, Vactor, Pantrol, BMF Cookie and Cracker Machinery, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, and design and engineering



IVCC’s computer aided drafting and design lab received a refresh this past fall with 21 new Dell Alienware computers, state of the art for an industry that Program Director Dorene Data says holds a lot of potential for program graduates. (Photo contributed)

firms. Artists have also embraced the design software.

IVCC students can earn a Basic CAD certificate in two semesters, a Mechanical/Electrical CAD and/or Architectural/Civil CAD certificate in three semesters, or pursue an Associate in Applied Science degree. Through a partnership with Northern Illinois University, they can complete a bachelor’s degree while spending

three years in the IVCC program and completing the final year at NIU in online or in-person classes.

Computer designs come to life under 3D printers used in the lab, and are exhibited to the public through activities such as the annual Edible Car Contest and the MIMIC (Making Industry Meaningful in College) Fair. The lab also is opened to potential designers from grade and high schools

through summer camps.

This spring, beginning CAD (CAD1200-300 and CAD1200-100) classes are available as evening classes and online.

For more information on the CAD program, contact Data at Dorene_Data@ivcc.edu or visit the web page <https://www.ivcc.edu/programsbyareaofstudy/computeraidedengineeringanddesign.php>

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Your shoes, your path, you're the one for the journey

Life is weird.
Ever changing from minute to minute, and without a doubt, day to day, week to week, month to month, and so on.



Never the Last Chance
By Brandon LaChance

It's sometimes chill. Sometimes chaotic. Maybe nice, maybe mean. Could be fun. Could be boring. Anxiety goes up, anxiety goes down. Stress is at a zero, words are said or an action is done, and stress reaches 10. Add the fact everyone is different – reactions happen in multiple ways and triggers or non-triggers have no flags, alerts, or warning labels – all walks of life are in their shoes, no one else's, and are on a path which zigs when others zags or turns right when others go left. We're not talking about labels, brands, or colors when it comes to shoes, we're talking about the person connected to the feet in them and all the ingredients included in the making of the individual. Although we live in a society which tries to tell us what is cool or not to wear, what is cool or not to say, what is cool or not to feel, or how we should think, the person in those shoes has the right to do all of these things the way they want and walk in the direction they choose. There are speed bumps, in all shapes and sizes whether inanimate or animate. There are influencers, we either listen to or ignore. But again, those shoes do the walking, not the shoes next to them, in front, behind, to the left, to the right. However, sometimes it's hard to get past the speed bumps, hard to shut out the influencers, and hard to keep moving along the path. Like shoestrings untie, emotions unwind. They become unfiltered and no matter how much effort is put toward keeping them in touch, emotions and how they make us feel create an unbeaten path with more obstacles or take us on known trails with bigger, steeper, slicker objectives to get through. Sometimes we don't have the information. We don't have the means, the resources. And the only thing we can think of is to give up. Quit becomes the answer with the thought of not being enough in the foot notes. However, erasing the walkway doesn't get anyone anywhere. Maybe it's a mountain. Maybe it's stepping over a rock on a sidewalk. What could be thought as a mountain to one is the rock to the other and vice versa. But we all have them and can get past them. No one puts on their shoes to begin life and never has something come up, an influencer, a speed bump, a doubt, or a stressor. And all though they're linked to those key words, everyone's personal tag line is on their shoes with them being the only one who can see what it is and is also the only one who is going through them. There are elements which are similar. Maybe done in different ways, but we all have the opportunity to tighten the shoestrings, we can all keep traveling our given path, we can break, pause, delay, maneuver, but we can stay to the path. Our shoes are different sizes. Headed in different directions. But the one guaranteed, certain element is, we're all enough to keep going. I'm not a psychiatrist or a counsellor and I don't have a doctorate. But I am someone, like millions of others, who has had his path moved, buried, elevated, sideswiped, demolished, reconstructed and went through the same type of levels with emotions and feelings involved. When I thought about throwing away my shoes, quitting, I had to think, who's going to walk where I'm supposed to go? The answer for all of us is the same, no one, because no one is enough for what YOU'RE supposed to do or be where YOU'RE supposed to be. Keep tightening your laces.

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So WHAT ARE THE ODDS WE'RE GOING TO USE A.I. RESPONSIBLY?

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Mendota High goes smoke-free – 1990

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Feb. 8, 1995.)
By Jessica Nashold

It was five years ago that smoking was banned from the Mendota High School building. Although state legislation would have permitted the school to maintain a "special room" in which smoking would have been allowed, the board did not exercise this option.

If anyone wants to smoke, they must venture outside.

Following the public announcement of the new rule, there was one formal complaint.

One lady asked to return her season ticket because her husband smokes.

Superintendent Morris Morgan informed the board of his decision to retire at the end of the 1989-90 school year. He had served 21 years.

An interim superintendent, Dean Madsen, stepped in to take over some of Morgan's tasks. In February 1990, Michael Duffy, superintendent of the Elmwood Unit School, was unanimously selected by the board as Morgan's successor to begin Aug. 1.

Duffy knew the school as he had done his student teaching in the MHS ag department under Fred Morris. His comment –

The size of the school is ideal for children. I like to think a range of 500 to 1,000 students is ideal.

The Mendota Plan Commission held a public hearing Feb. 15, 1990, to consider a request from Edward D. Jones Co. for permission to install a radio and satellite antenna. The Plan Commission approved the request, which was granted at the next city council meeting.

The Graves Public Library District Board met with two librarians, three

Backtracks & Sidetracks

aldermen and interested citizens to discuss the feasibility of acquiring park land adjacent to the library lot for proposed expansion.

Board president Bill Morgan stated he had been favorably impressed by a renovated library he had seen in Whiting, Ind. Although he had initially favored a new library in the Civic Center, he said, the library in Whiting had "swayed him" to favor a renovation.

Augie Holland thought wings to the north and south would probably not extend more than 20 feet in front. Morgan asked that the alderman recommend approving a transfer of land from the city to the library district to provide space for an addition. This would involve land from the library building to the second sidewalk east.

Evelyn Lamps expressed concern for the fate of markers and trees in memory of Mendotans who had lost their lives in World War I. The trees were located in this area. Mendota Mayor James Strouss said local veterans had no objection to the markers being moved. Alderman Greg Gromann reported receiving eight phone calls favoring expansion of the old library.

The council subsequently agreed to an expansion not to exceed 20 feet.

IDOT was preparing to resurface Illinois Route 251 under the viaduct on 13th Avenue. The road would be widened and both the east and west sidewalks under the overpass removed. However, only the east sidewalk would be replaced.

Lonnie Kent, the Mendota Police Department DARE officer presented 50 diplomas to fifth grade students who had completed a program under his direction.

An icy pavement caused a semi to slide into the Preston Realty office at 617 Main while making a right turn from Washington to Main. A hole was gouged in the building. Current occupant at 617 Main is the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce.

A local author, Angelo P. Nicolosi, had published a neo-gothic mystery novel entitled "Tiles" shortly after moving to Mendota in 1989. In the Feb. 14, 1990, Reporter, a short story of his based on a 1903 incident in Mendota, was published in full. Nicolosi expressed the hope that others would provide him with "similarly intriguing tales" on which he might base future stories. He was at work on another novel, "Day of the Will."

In the Mendota Police Department, the position of police lieutenant was created, which would entail a \$41.67 monthly stipend in addition to the \$12.60 hourly wage. Officer Dave Brown was first to be assigned to the new post.

SIDETRACK – The 125-year history of the Mendota library, covering events from its organization through the years in the building donated by William Graves, the Carnegie building and more recent the Graves-Hume building, is now available at the Chamber of Commerce office and on Saturday during February can be picked up between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Graves-Hume Library. It will later be available at the Mendota Museum in the former Graves Public Library building.

'Masters of the Air' does a public service

By Rich Lowry
Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks have once again done a public service.

Like "Band of Brothers" and "The Pacific" before it, the new series "Masters of the Air" is a profound act of devotion to the memory of the men who won World War II, this time focused on the air war in Europe.

Telling the story of a nation's history will always depend on popularizers more than academic historians (especially when the latter don't like their country's history very much), and Spielberg and Hanks are better popularizers than anyone has cause to expect.

"Masters" tells the story of the 100th Bomber Group of the 8th Air Force, known as the "Bloody 100th," not for the destruction it wrought, but the punishment it took in some of the most hazardous duty of the war.

No one has ever reproduced the story, the machines, the conditions and the missions of this aspect of the war as accurately and carefully before, and we can assume, no one ever will again.

Ten years in the making with a \$250 million budget, this is a production at the very highest level of technical proficiency. The B-17s -- the long-range bombers known as Flying Fortresses, or "Forts" for short -- steal the show. They are lovingly reproduced and often look like something out of a painting.

Which doesn't obscure their deadly purpose or the deadly business of flying one over hostile territory.

If nothing else, "Masters" brings home the experience of flying in a tin can breathing through primitive air masks in below-zero temperatures, while getting shot at by German anti-aircraft guns and trying to fend off ferocious assaults from much faster German fighters.

Relying on Air Force records, the show's makers have obsessively reproduced the exact position of each plane and its precise fate during missions. As the screenwriter John Orloff has explained, they felt a factual rendering was mandatory; this wasn't "Star Wars" -- a made-up conflict involving fictional people -- but real battles in which Americans gave

their last full measure of devotion. Orloff notes that about three months after its arrival in England, 34 of the 100th's 36 crews had been shot down. The tour of duty was 25 missions, but the aviators made it through just 11 on average.

In contrast to the British who bombed at night, the U.S. engaged in daylight bombing that was supposed to be precision in nature. Without protection from fighter planes, which wasn't available at the beginning, this made the B-17s sitting ducks. Sometimes the missions involved hitting industrial sites, sometimes they targeted cities themselves and German morale, sometimes they were designed to bait the Luftwaffe into combat so it could be degraded.

With the introduction of the long-range P-51 fighters that could properly defend the B-17s, the balance of the air war shifted decisively in 1944.

There's been a long-running debate about the morality and efficacy of the Allied bombing campaign. There's no doubt that there was a real moral cost to the campaign and its wanton destruction. Unfortunately, though, there was no easy way to take down a totalitarian power that had come to dominate the European continent, and for a long time, strategic bombing was our only serious means to attack the Nazis directly.

As for the efficacy, if nothing else, the campaign diverted massive Nazi resources to air defense. But it achieved more than that.

"By 1945," military historian Cathal Nolan writes, "the bombers would destroy Germany's transportation systems and demolish most vital war industries, especially oil supply and refining, and effectively end fighter production."

He continues, "Neither Germany nor Japan could by the end of their respective wars move military supplies, complete production or deploy weapons and divisions as they wanted, even inside their homelands."

Young American men gave their all in harrowing conditions to make this contribution to victory. "Masters" is their story as it deserves to be told.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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LOCAL AND AREA

EDUCATION BRIEFS

A. Engels named to Iowa Dean’s List
IOWACITY, Iowa—Alyssa Engels of Mendota was among the more than 7,900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean’s list for the 2023 fall semester. Engels is an undergraduate - first year student in Iowa’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is majoring in Human Physiology. Dean’s list status was earned by 1,810 first year undergraduates during the 2023 fall semester at Iowa, 1,773 second year students, 1,940 third year students, and 2,458 fourth year students.

P. Manning named to Dubuque Dean’s List
DUBUQUE, Iowa – The University of Dubuque has announced its Academic Dean’s List students for the Fall Semester 2023. Among the students receiving the honor is Paige Manning, a sophomore biology major from Mendota. Full-time students in good academic standing (registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the Dean’s List. Once grades have been submitted for any Incompletes, the Office of Academic Affairs will review eligibility again for possible placement on the Dean’s List for the given term. Dean’s List is awarded for the fall and spring semesters only and may be awarded retroactively.

Area students on Kish Dean’s List
MALTA—Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Fall 2023 Dean’s List. To be eligible for Dean’s List honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kishwaukee College with a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The following Kishwaukee College students have been named to the official Fall 2023 Dean’s List: Jacob Hicks of Amboy; JoDee Edwards, Cheryl Seguin, Kate Vallaro, all Earlville; Maxwell Salander of Mendota; Nicole Faber, David Negrete, both of Paw Paw.

Kish announces part-time Honors List
MALTA—Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Fall 2023 Part-Time Student Honors List. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have completed a minimum of six (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kish with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The following students have been named to the Kishwaukee College Fall 2023 Part-Time Student Honors List: Elizabeth Bend of Earlville; Sally Diaz, Kathryn Fabiszak, Reagan Gibson, Italia Howell, Jessica Solis, all of Paw Paw; Eden Lindenmeyer of Sublette.

Paw Paw students graduate from Kish
MALTA – Kishwaukee College is proud to announce the graduates for the Fall 2023 semester. Graduation honors are divided into three categories based on final cumulative grade-point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale: summa cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.75-4.0; magna cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.5-3.749; and cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.25-3.499. Students who fulfill the requirements for a Certificate and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher are awarded a Certificate with Distinction. Members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society are recognized as PTK. The graduate total for the semester is 181 students who completed a total of 199 degrees and certificates for Fall 2023. The following students from Paw Paw completed the requirements for graduation from Kishwaukee College: Elizabeth Marie Hemphill, CERT, Therapeutic Massage, With Distinction; David Negrete, CERT, Basic Automotive Technology, With Distinction, PTK.

Area students on Aurora U. Dean’s List
AURORA—Aurora University has named its Dean’s List students for the fall 2023 semester. The Dean’s List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher. Among the students achieving the honor are Kylie Congdon, Health Science, and Jamie Truitt, Psychology, both of Earlville; Camryn Collins, Social Work and Criminal Justice, Alayna Nosalik, Business Administration and Communication, and Lizbeth Quintana, Social Work, all of Mendota. Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution located on a 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois.

IVCC gives Academic Honors list
OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College has announced its Academic Honors list for the Fall 2023 semester for students who earned a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 in six or more semester hours. Area students named to the list include: **Arlington** – David Fiocchi, Dylan Hunter; **Compton** – Jenah Sims; **Earlville** – Rachele Anderson, Brandon Bruce, Easton Fruit, Rylinn Greer, Emily Harness, Hailey Kuter, Autumn Massier, Liam McGann, Nathan Murley, Hannah Pfaff; **La Moille** – McKenna Klein, Brianna Lipe, Sadie Quest; **Mendota** – Edgar Arteaga, Madelyn Becker, Kamdyn Becket, Vanessa Bermudez, Shelby Bege, Logan Brandner, Jenny Brown, Maricia Cocanour, Belen Coronel, Geraldo Escatel, Shannon Figueroa, Dana Fox, Eliza Gambrell, Lillian Gehant, Alexia Gross, Cassandra Guerra, Charles Heiting, Bryan Herrera, Nicholas Hochstatter, Kiara Johnson, Aubree Jones, Ava Jones, Iker Landeros, Lilly Leifheit, Edward Lopez, Cruzysela Martinez, Lizabeth Miller, Izaiah Nanez,

Allison Olczak, Melissa Ortega, Mia Preciado, Jonathan Quintana, Miranda Roberts, Natalia Salinas, Ryleigh Sondgeroth, Matthew Spayer, Daisy Valdez, Tyler Valdez, Grace Wasmer, Kailey Zamora; **Van Orin** – Ava Williams, Isabella Wittenauer; **West Brooklyn** – Emma Pierce

IVCC names Presidential Honors students
OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College has named its Presidential Honors list for the Fall 2023 semester for students who have earned a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.0 in 12 or more semester hours. Area students named to the list include: **Arlington** – Rylan Kerper; **Earlville** – Elizabeth Browder, Bridget McGann and Tai Sheehan; **La Moille** – Christina Van Sickle; **Mendota** – Hope Baratta, William Bentley, Isabella Caruso, Isabelle Escatel, Analiyah Flores, Zoe Hanson, Chloe Hillyard, Emma Kamin, Abigail Kunz, Deborah Lengsfeld, Cody Nettleton, Odalis Sangabriel, Emma Schultz, Mileigh Schultz, Alexandra Stremlau, Garret Zinke.

Area students earn degrees, certificates
OGLESBY – This fall, 196 students earned 251 degrees and certificates at Illinois Valley Community College. Graduates are eligible to participate in the college’s spring commencement ceremony. Area students earning degrees or certificates are: **Arlington** – David Fiocchi, Truck Driver Training; **Earlville** – Rachele Anderson, CNA; Carter Garbacz, Emergency Medical Technician; Alexander Hoelzer, AAS in Computer Networking Administration; Autumn Massier, TDT; Jennifer Risch, TDT Advanced Proficiency; Avery Strohm, Associate in Science; Dani Whittaker, AAS in Business Administration; **La Moille** – Brooke Motter, CNA; Collette Motter, CNA **Mendota** – Briana Avila, Associate in Arts; Sabrina Belmonte, Associate in Arts; Shelby Boege, ECE Gateways Credential Level 2, Infant/Toddler Gateways Credential Level 2; Jenny Brown, Associate in General Studies, Criminology; Ricardo Carbajal, Industrial Electrician; Isabella Caruso, Associate in Arts; Maricia Cocanour, Associate in General Studies; David Dye, EMT; Jaime Espinoza, TDT; Bonnie Hall, Associate in Arts; Emma Kamin, Associate in Science, AAS in Welding Construction Technology, Advanced SMAW, Basic SMAW, Intermediate SMAW; Deborah Lengsfeld, ECE Gateways Credential Level 2 & 3, Infant/Toddler Gateways Credential Level 2; Edward Lopez, TDT; Jonathan Quintana, TDT Advanced Proficiency; Miranda Roberts, CNA; Shawn Schwemlein, TDT Advanced Proficiency; Jessica Smith, EMT; Quenten Sondgeroth, EMT; Matthew Spayer, TDT Advanced Proficiency; Kyle Walzer, industrial Electrician **Sublette** – Joel Stephenitch, TDT; Sara Strike, CAN; **Troy Grove** – Brandon Bice, Paramedic.

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: When is the movie “Wicked” coming out? Will it be one of those live musicals on TV like they did with “The Sound of Music”? -- **H.G.**



Grande

A : “Wicked,” a prequel to the classic 1939 film “The Wizard of Oz,” is a musical, but it won’t air live on television. It will be released in movie theaters as a two-part film series -- the first releasing on Nov. 27, 2024 and the second a year later. It’s a film adaptation of the Tony-Award-winning Broadway musical, which was based on the novel written by Gregory Maguire. “Wicked” the motion picture will star Ariana Grande as Glinda Upland, otherwise known as Glinda the Good Witch, and Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, aka the Wicked Witch. The film adaptation appears to be in good hands with director Jon M. Chu at the helm. He’s also directed the hit film “Crazy Rich Asians” and the well-received musical film “In the Heights.”

Chu recently thanked his cast and crew on social media, stating it was “the most ambitious cinematic production I have ever been a part of, or, frankly, ever witnessed.”

Q: What can I look forward to seeing Tom Ellis in now that “Lucifer” has ended? Does he have another series lined up? -- **D.L.**

A: British actor Tom Ellis gained fame here in the United States for his portrayal of the DC Comics character Lucifer Morningstar. Netflix aired “Lucifer” after Fox chose not to renew it for a fourth season, and it continued on the streaming giant for a total of six seasons. Next up for Ellis is a new series called “Second Wife,” that he’s co-producing with his wife, Meaghan Oppenheimer, for Hulu. It stars Ellis and Emma Roberts (“American Horror Story”) as a couple who spontaneously marry after meeting in London. The half-hour dramedy doesn’t have a premiere date yet, but it’s expected sometime in 2024.

If you can’t wait to see more of Ellis, you can catch him in the upcoming Netflix film “Players” with Gina Ro-

driguez (“Jane the Virgin”) this Valentine’s Day. You can also see him in the limited series “Washington Black,” based on the best-selling novel by Esi Edugyan. It co-stars Sterling K. Brown (“This Is Us”) and can be streamed later this year on Hulu.

So, it looks like you won’t be experiencing a dearth of Tom Ellis projects for much longer!

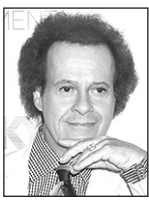
Q: Why isn’t Maksim Chmerkovskiy on “Dancing with the Stars” anymore? He was my favorite pro on the show. -- **A.C.**

A: Maksim “Maks” Chmerkovskiy hasn’t been part of the ABC dance competition show since 2017, but has been sorely missed by his fans. His wife, Peta Murgatroyd, and his brother, Val, are still pros on “Dancing with the Stars,” but Maks has been busy with other projects. He’ll be a judge on the upcoming season of Fox’s “So You Think You Can Dance,” and he’s a celebrity contestant on the current season of “The Traitors” on Peacock.

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

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Former exercise guru Richard Simmons



Simmons

has kept a low profile for the last five years, but came out of hiding to denounce a proposed film starring comic Pauly Shore as Simmons.

“Hi, everybody!” wrote Simmons on a Facebook post. “You may have heard they may be doing a movie about me with Pauly Shore. I have never given my permission for this movie. So don’t believe everything you read. I no longer have a manager, and I no longer have a publicist. I just try to live a quiet life and be peaceful. Thank you for all your love and support!”

Unfortunately for Simmons, they don’t need his permission to make a movie about him. Celebrities are considered public domain. Now should the filmmakers defame or malign you, then you have recourse to sue. But he’s got another problem besides the feature film rumored to be in development. A short film starring Shore as

Hollywood

Simmons, titled “The Court Jester,” already premiered at the Sundance Film Festival on Jan. 19 and is available on YouTube.

Sad news for Barbra Streisand! Her 1,000-page memoir has -- dare we say? -- flopped! Despite prime interviews everywhere, “My Name Is Barbra” sold little over 200,000 copies, while Prince Harry’s book, “Spare,” sold 3.2 million copies across all formats. Britney Spears’ memoir, “The Woman in Me,” sold 1.1 million copies.

In addition, Streisand’s film company, Barwood Films, may be in hot water because they paid her groundskeeper \$200,000, which allegedly came from the Paycheck Protection Program. The program was intended to help small businesses make payroll in 2020 and 2021, and the loans were written off by the federal government.

You knew there would be a threequel in the “Top Gun” franchise after the \$1.5 billion grosses of “Maverick.” Ehren Kruger is writing a screenplay that would bring back Miles Teller and Glen

Powell. This explains why Tom Cruise’s recent move to Warner Bros. was “nonexclusive,” leaving the door open for his return to Paramount for the “Maverick” sequel.

Meanwhile, Teller has the Apple TV+ romantic-action film “The Gorge” with Anya Taylor-Joy and Sigourney Weaver coming soon. Powell has the \$200-million disaster film “Twisters” with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos due in theaters on July 19.

Pedro Pascal, the busiest actor in Hollywood, has “Drive-Away Dolls” coming Feb. 23; “Gladiator 2” on Nov. 22; “The Uninvited” sometime in March; plus the drama “Freaky Tales” and the thriller “Tropico” with Willem Dafoe on his vision board for 2024! No release dates yet for the last two.

Jennifer Coolidge, who took home Emmys two years in a row for “The White Lotus” (her winning streak is over now since she was killed off), is headed for the big screen with Jason Momoa and Jack Black for the film adaptation of the popular video game “Minecraft.”

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* A UCLA study determined that football players with lower jersey numbers are perceived as slimmer and faster than their teammates with higher jersey digits.

* The Sullivan Ordinance of 1908 in New York City aimed to prohibit women from smoking in public places, sparking not just widespread debate about women’s rights, but marking a symbolic battleground for female activists dedicated to gender equality. The law was vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr. just two weeks later.

* A study of over 10 million births revealed that children are 4.6% more likely to be born in the same month as their mothers.

* When Kentucky Fried Chicken expanded its operations to China in the 1980s, the food chain’s iconic slogan -- “It’s finger-lickin’ good!” -- was mistakenly, if amusingly, translated in Mandarin to “Eat your fingers off.”

* King Charles III was the first British royal to go to a traditional school.

* During the Napoleonic campaigns in the early 19th century, French soldiers observed an odd condition among many local Egyptian men, who reported blood in their urine, leading to the misnomer label “the land of the menstruating men.” The actual cause was the parasitic disease schistosomiasis.

* Some scientists make a habit of consuming the organisms they study, a practice that dates to Charles Darwin’s sampling of exotic animals such as pumas and iguanas during his voyages.

* The word “gymnastics” comes from the ancient Greek “gymnazein,” meaning “to exercise naked.”

* Are you a fan of Cheetos? If so, you might want to visit the town of Cheadle in Alberta, Canada, which is the proud possessor of a 20-foot statue of a ... Cheeto. Bonus: It even lights up at night!

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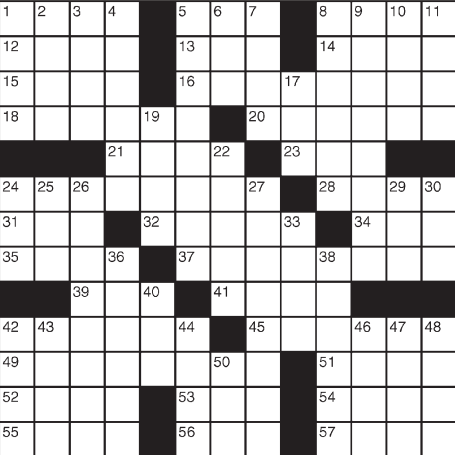
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2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country possesses Baffin Island?
3. AD SLOGANS: Which company’s slogan is, “You’re in good hands?”
4. LANGUAGE: What is a common saying for the Latin phrase “lapsus linguae?”
5. MUSIC: What country was home to reggae singer Bob Marley?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is an example of a macropod?
7. TELEVISION: Gordon, Percy, James, Toby and Emily are characters on which children’s show?

8. MATH: What is 1/60 of a degree?
 9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the book series “The Chronicles of Narnia?”
 10. ACRONYMS: What does the acronym SPF stand for?
- Answers
1. “The Hunger Games.”
 2. Canada.
 3. Allstate.
 4. A slip of the tongue.
 5. Jamaica.
 6. Kangaroo.
 7. “Thomas the Tank Engine.”
 8. A minute.
 9. C.S. Lewis.
 10. Sun Protection Factor.
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- 1 Pt. of a sentence
- 5 Skirt edge
- 8 Some GIs
- 12 Nest setting
- 13 Commotion
- 14 Inter —
- 15 Admin. aide
- 16 Prepared
- 18 Fake fireplace fixture
- 20 Baker Street sleuth
- 21 Competent
- 23 Roman 151
- 24 Started
- 28 Editor Wintour
- 31 Prior night
- 32 Wrap up by
- 34 Martini ingredient
- 35 Painter Chagall
- 37 Coexisted
- 39 Chinese chairman
- 41 “Not so fast!”
- 42 Pub game fodder
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- 55 Suffix with song or gab



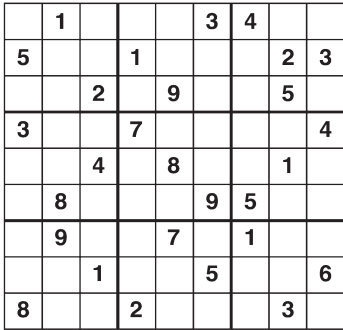
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- 3 Porgy’s love
- 4 Air travel fatigue
- 5 Negotiating a price
- 6 Tokyo, once
- 7 Closet invader
- 8 Spanish dish
- 9 Pink wading bird
- 10 Funny — (2003 Derby winner)
- 11 Utters
- 17 Sinbad’s bird
- 19 Slender woodwind
- 22 Fund
- 24 Jewel
- 25 Eggs
- 26 Little home wreckers?
- 27 Amassed
- 29 Diarist Anaïs
- 30 “Life of Pi” director Lee
- 33 New Mexico resort
- 36 Frolic
- 38 Most recent need
- 42 Pre-weekend yell
- 43 Actor’s quest
- 44 Driver of “Logan Lucky”
- 46 Sicilian peak
- 47 Thames town
- 48 Gulleit
- 50 Conceit

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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“Feud: Capote vs. The Swans” (TV-MA) -- Producer Ryan Murphy never seems to run out of ideas! After garnering great success with acclaimed anthology shows like “American Horror Story” and “American Crime Story,” he continues to outdo himself. This time, he assembled a superstar cast for the second season of yet another anthology series called “Feud.” Naomi Watts, Diane Lane, Chloe Sevigny, Calista Flockhart, Demi Moore and Molly Ringwald team up to portray high-society, New York socialites, whose trust author Truman Capote (Tom Hollander) betrays for his novel “Answered Prayers.” Although fictionalized, Capote’s novel uses these women’s real-life experiences to tell a scandalous story, and these six women are dead set on getting revenge. The first two episodes are out now, with subsequent episodes releasing every Wednesday until March 13. (Hulu)

“My Demon” (TV-14) -- This South Korean series

is perfect for those who enjoy fantasy and romance all packed into one. Kim Yoo-jung and Song Kang respectively lead the series as Do-hee, the CEO of a conglomerate, and Gu-won -- a 200-year-old demon living in the form of a youthful human man. They get set up on a horribly matched blind date, and their date goes even more awry when Gu-won’s tattoo, the source of his superhuman powers, is unexpectedly transferred to Do-hee. Now to regain access to his powers, Gu-won must keep Do-hee close by. All the while, the threat of losing her position in the company looms over Do-hee if she doesn’t marry within her first year as CEO. So, the two plan a contracted marriage that provides them with a temporary solution to their issues ... unless budding feelings make it permanent. This bingeable 16-episode series is out now. (Netflix)

In Case You Missed It “The Killing of a Sacred Deer” (R) -- Long before director Yorgos Lanthimos

would be nominated for the 2024 Academy Awards for his film “Poor Things,” there was his psychological thriller film starring Colin Farrell and Barry Keoghan. Farrell plays Dr. Steven Murphy, a surgeon who befriends the teenage son of one of his deceased patients. The teenager, an oddball named Martin (Keoghan), gets closer to Steven and his family, while mysterious and paralyzing symptoms start presenting themselves in Steven’s children. Finally, when Steven has no choice but to hospitalize his son, Martin divulges that the only way to save the rest of his family from this terrifying illness is if Steven chooses just one of his family members to kill. The rest will live, and justice will then be served for the death of Martin’s father. Disturbing and explicit in its storytelling, Lanthimos’ sixth directorial film is one that won’t leave your mind. Out now. (Tubi)

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Ag scholarship created at IVCC

OGLESBY – The Pasiaka family has donated \$11,000 to create an endowment scholarship fund in memory of their late parents, Joseph and Gayle Pasiaka.

Joe and Gayle met while working at Tonica Milk Products and were married in 1951 when Joe returned from the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Joe and Gayle then worked together on their farm for 40 years while raising three children. Farming was a way of life for the Pasiaka family and this scholarship will honor that legacy.

The Joe and Gayle Pasiaka endowed scholarship will provide one \$1,000 scholarship this fall to a local student studying agriculture and \$500 each year thereafter.

“The Pasiaka Family endowment is a significant investment in the future of agriculture here in the Illinois Valley,” Executive Director of the Foundation Tracy Beattie said. “We are so thankful the family chose to honor their beloved parents



The Pasiaka family has donated funds to create an endowment scholarship to be awarded to a student studying agriculture. Left to right, are Chris Pasiaka, Tracy Beattie, Executive Director of the IVCC Foundation, and John Pasiaka. (Photo contributed)

by creating a scholarship in their name.”

Students attending IVCC in Fall 2024 are encouraged to apply for this and hundreds of other scholarships online at ivcc.edu/scholarships.

IVCC offers an opportunity to individuals and busi-

nesses to create annual and endowed scholarships. These scholarships help hundreds of IVCC students each year.

For more information on creating a scholarship, contact Beattie at 815-224-0550 or email tracy_beattie@ivcc.edu.

IVCC's One Book One College program plans several events

OGLESBY – IVCC's One Book One College program has planned several activities this spring to conclude its discussion season on Octavia E. Butler's sci-fi novel “Parable of a Sower.”

In February, Instructional Technology Coordinator Ellen Evancheck returns with the popular change management program, a brown-bag discussion called “The Heart of Change: Finding Your Purpose” on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at noon. The event will be in A-201.

Managing change is one of the novel's themes. Discussion participants will share strategies and tools for defining a purpose, because knowing that brings the courage and resilience to adapt to change. Participants should bring a lunch, and Valentine's treats will be provided. To attend virtually, please use the following Zoom link: <https://ivcc-edu.zoom.us/j/8152240306>.

IVCC will partner with the LaSalle-Pe-ru Zonta International chapter to host a

Zoom discussion of the book facilitated by Dr. Kimberly Radek-Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.

Two presentations will be featured in March, with dates and times to be announced. “Violence Thrives in Crisis: Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence” will be hosted by Safe Journeys domestic violence agency, and “Afrofuturism,” will be led by instructor

Kayla Greenwell.

In April, the discussion group will revisit the Native Pollinator Garden planted last year at IVCC's entrance by hosting an open house and presentation on Monday, April 22 at noon. Climate change and food scarcity are themes in the book.

For more information on the One Book One College program, visit www.ivcc.edu/onebook. All events will be live-streamed and recorded. To attend virtually, please use the following Zoom link: <https://ivcc-edu.zoom.us/j/8152240306>.



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POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST
Debra M. McKinney, 46, of Kalamazoo, Mich., was arrested at 10:04 p.m. Feb. 1 on a Lee County failure to appear warrant for contempt of court and a Kalamazoo, Mich., County warrant for failure to appear for simple assault after Mendota police officers made contact with her in the 1400 block of East 12th Street. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to await transfer to Lee County and Michigan.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Jason A. Henry, 34, of 3895 E. 749th Road, Triumph, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Eighth Street and Fifth Avenue at 11:07 p.m. Feb. 3. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
Arturo Hermosillo, 39, of 111 S. 113th Ave., Lot A13, Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to the trailer park in reference to a disturbance at 8:44 p.m. Feb. 4. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Tiffany Bloomfield, 35, of 1105 Third Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Meriden Street and Wisconsin Avenue at 6:42 p.m. Feb. 5. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

IDOT releases updated highway map

“Paper maps remain an important resource and a valuable travel companion to keep in your vehicle. I encourage you to request a copy today.”

—Omer Osman,
Illinois Transportation Secretary

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the release of the new Illinois Official Highway Map. The map includes route updates, detailed sections devoted to cities from Zion and Cairo as well as a feature that shows mileage between towns and marked route junctions to assist travelers as they explore Illinois.

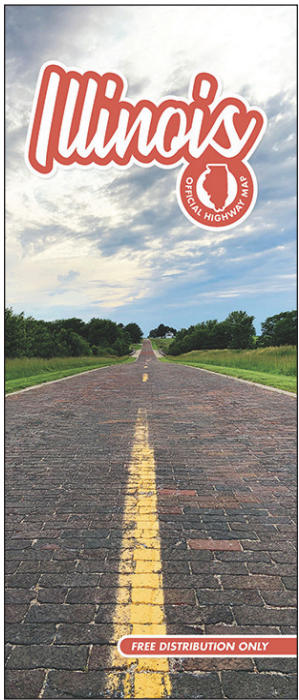
“Paper maps remain an important resource and a valuable travel companion to keep in your vehicle,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “I encourage you to request a copy today. Not only are maps handy for planning purposes, enabling you to see the state or larger cities at a glance, they also come in handy when you least expect it, serving as a backup when you lose cell service on unfamiliar roads.”

The new map’s cover features a brick section of Old Route 66 between Auburn and Chatham. The photograph was the winner of IDOT’s employee map cover contest, submitted by Jeffrey Emrick, a condemnation engineer.

For ease of use, QR codes printed on the maps provide quick access to information on IDOT’s Getting Around Illinois for travel conditions, Amtrak, the Office of Tourism’s Enjoy Illinois campaign as well as Illinois Department of Natural Resources historic sites and parks.

The Illinois Official Highway Map is paid for with funds from the Federal Highway Administration and published by IDOT every two years on recycled paper with soybean oil-based inks.

To request a map, contact DOT.maps@illinois.gov. Free copies also will be available at interstate rest areas and other IDOT facilities.



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SPORTS

Going Dancing!

❑ Holy Cross eighth graders make it to the state tournament

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

BENSON – There are only eight teams remaining to play for the eighth grade IESA Class 1A State Championship. Holy Cross is one of them.

The Warriors entered their name into Elite Eight with a 49-33 sectional championship victory over Streator Woodland on Monday, Feb. 5 at the Roanoke-Benson Junior High School in Benson.

“Winning this game, being in the state tournament, and having a chance to play for a state title means everything,” said Holy Cross Coach Luke Tillman. “I want this for the kids more than anybody. I’m pumped. They’re pumped. We’re excited to make it to another game and keep our season going.

“Our eighth graders stepped up and so did the seventh graders who we pull up to help us. They blend together and form a great team.”

The Warriors (18-2) knew they were in for a battle early as they trailed Streator Woodland (15-8) immediately after tipoff.

The team gathered, refocused and didn’t look



The Holy Cross eighth grade boys’ basketball team is all smiles after winning the regional title on Feb. 1. The Warriors defeated Streator Woodland, 49-33, for the sectional championship on Feb. 5, and will play in the state tournament on Feb. 10. Members of the team, front row, left to right, are Ross Sondgeroth, Maddox Rosales, Will Augenbaugh, Cal Doyle and Diego Diaz. Back row, assistant coach Aaron Eddy, Quinn Eddy, Joe Cackley, Bear Fitzpatrick, Cole Tillman, Corbin Doll, Shea Kreiser and head coach Luke Tillman.

back as it held a 24-17 halftime advantage, 40-28 after the third quarter, and outscored Woodland 9-5 in the fourth quarter for a 16-point victory.

“They came out and played well. We were down 5-0 early. Our boys hadn’t been to this level before, so there were nerves. After they shook the nerves, we started to attack the hoop,

play aggressively, and score the ball,” said Tillman.

Cole Tillman led the Warriors against Woodland with 17 points, Ross Sondgeroth had 14 points, Quinn Eddy scored 11, Cal Doyle added five, and Diego Diaz added two.

Holy Cross plays Griggsville-Perry (18-10) in the first round of the IESA Class 1A State Tournament

at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Warrensburg-Latham High School.

The other three Elite Eight games include Lincoln Chester-East Lincoln (16-7) vs. Pontiac St. Mary’s (22-2) at 10 a.m., Peoria St. Jude (19-8) vs. Royal Prairieview Ogden (24-3) at 1 p.m., and Pana Sacred Heart (23-3) vs. Ottawa Marquette (20-1) at 2:30 p.m.



The Holy Cross seventh grade boys’ basketball team’s season ended on Feb. 3 with a 47-40 loss to Augusta Southeastern in the first round of the IESA Class 1A State Tournament. Members of the team, front row, left to right, are Rafa Arteaga, Cam Pawlowski, Liam Jones and Will Augenbaugh. Back row, head coach Aaron Eddy, Quinn Eddy, Joe Cackley, Cal Doyle and assistant coach Luke Tillman.

‘Making it to the Elite Eight is something to be very proud of’

❑ Holy Cross falls in state tournament

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

EAST PEORIA – Coach Aaron Eddy knew he had a solid group of seventh graders on his Holy Cross boys’ basketball team.

The players knew they could be something special.

When they stepped on the basketball court, they proved it as they won 16 games and only lost three.

The third being an IESA Class 1A State Tournament First Round game against Augusta Southeastern, 47-40, on Saturday, Feb. 3 at East Peoria Central Junior High.

“At the beginning of the season, the boys asked if I thought they could win state,” Eddy said. “I told them that I didn’t know and that there are a lot of good teams throughout the state. Although, we didn’t win state, we proved that we’re

one of those good teams. Making it to the Elite Eight is something to be very proud of.”

Holy Cross found itself behind early as it trailed Augusta, who finished the season 19-4 after losing to Ottawa Marquette in a semifinal, 15-2 after the first quarter and 24-12 at halftime.

The Warriors didn’t give up as they won the third quarter 12-10 and the fourth quarter 16-8.

“Wedugtoobigofahole in the first quarter on Saturday, but we battled back to turn it into a great game,” Eddy said. “I was proud of the fact that they didn’t throw in the towel and fought until the end.”

Quinn Eddy led Holy Cross with 16 points against Augusta, while Cal Doyle scored 11, Will Augenbaugh tallied 10, and Joe Cackley added three.

Soph cagers on a roll; take over league lead

❑ Mendota improves record to 16-7

Four wins by the Mendota sophomore boys’ basketball team, including three in the Three Rivers Conference, propelled the Trojans to first place in the league after the smoke cleared during a busy week on the hardwood. Mendota’s records stand at 16-7 overall and 6-1 in the conference.

Mendota opened the week with a 47-32 triumph over Newman on Jan. 30 at the MHS gym.

The Trojans scored 13 points in each of the first two quarters and Newman had six in each of the frames as Mendota took a comfortable 26-12 margin to the locker room at halftime. The count was 38-22 heading to the fourth.

Dane Doyle scored 12 first-half points on his way to a team-high 17 for the Trojans. Alex Beetz added 13 markers, with nine coming in the second half.

Mendota had little trouble with Bureau Valley, disposing of the Storm, 48-35, in league action on Jan. 31 at the MHS gym.

The Trojans grabbed a 13-8 lead after the first period and were up 28-16 at intermission. Mendota pulled away in the third quarter by outscoring the visitors, 14-6.

Doyle torched the nets for 18 points as he connected on four shots from three-point land. Thirteen of his tallies came in the first half. Johan Cortez also hit double digits with 11 markers.

The Trojans took over first place in the conference with a 48-32 victory at Princeton on Feb. 2.

The Tigers led 13-9 after the first eight-minute session and 21-20 at the break, but the Trojans took over the game in the third period by outscoring the home team, 17-1, to move out to a 37-22 lead.

“This was a great win on the road to take over first place in the Three Rivers,” said Mendota coach Evan Carroll. “I’m extremely proud of this group and the work they put in.”

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Mendota’s Jace Baird splits the defense of Stillman Valley’s Jacob Rhodes, left, and Michael Orlando during a shot attempt on Feb. 3 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Trojans go 2-2 during busy week

It was a busy week for the Mendota varsity boys’ basketball team with it hitting the hardwood four times in five days.

The Trojans opened the week with a 66-60 loss to Newman in Three Rivers Conference action on Jan. 30 at the MHS gym.

Newman led 17-16 after the opening stanza, but the Comets poured in 22 second-quarter points compared to 10 for Mendota, to take a 39-26 lead to the locker room. The Trojans got to within 10

(48-38) heading to the fourth, where they mounted a comeback that came up short.

Izaiah Nanez topped the scoring chart for Mendota with 20 points. Cale Strouss also hit double figures with 12 points, while Aden Tillman and Dane Doyle produced seven markers apiece.

Mendota and Bureau Valley hooked up in a tight conference match-up that went to the Trojans, 52-50, on Jan. 31 at the MHS gym. The Trojans trailed for

much of the contest until they finally overcame the Storm with three minutes left in the game. Mendota led 52-50 when it fouled Bureau Valley’s Landon Birdsley with 1.8 seconds left. He misfired on the first free throw and then intentionally missed the second. Elijah Endress of the Storm got the rebound and a shot away before the buzzer, but it didn’t connect and the Trojans survived.

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L. Holland to bowl in sectional

STERLING - Mendota High School bowler Lauren Holland kept her season alive after she advanced out of the Sterling Girls’ Bowling Regional on Feb. 3.



Holland

The MHS junior rolled a six-game series of 1099, which was among the top 10 scores of bowlers not on a sectional qualifying team, thus earning her a spot in the sectional round. Her score was third-best among those qualifiers. Holland had games of 152, 228, 206, 136, 196 and 181.

Two other Mendota girls participated in the regional but did not have high enough scores to advance. Brisa Nunez had games of 105, 150, 118, 119, 120 and 184 for a 796 series. Madison Sproston compiled games of 123, 72, 136, 102, 108 and 112 for a 653 series.

The top four advancing teams were LaSalle-Peru (5875), Sterling (5297), East Moline United (5109) and Moline (5074).

The individual regional champion was Sarah Doughty of Sterling with a 1369 series.

Holland will participate in the Sycamore Sectional on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. at Mardi Gras Lanes.

Three Trojan wrestlers advance to Byron Sectional

SANDWICH – Three Mendota wrestlers extended their season by at least another week after the Trojans participated in the Sandwich Class 1A Regional Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 3.

Trayvon Rucker, Madrick Musgrove and Angil Serrano qualified for the sectional after Serrano took second place and Rucker and Musgrove finished third in their respective weight classes. The top three wrestlers in each class earn berths in the sectional.

Rucker posted a 1-1 record in the 132-pound division. He was pinned in the opening round and then pinned his opponent in the third-place match.

Musgrove needed four matches to move on at 215 pounds. He won three of them via pin and lost by points.

Serrano won two of three matches at 285 pounds. He sailed through his first two

matches by pinning his opponents to reach the championship bout, where he lost by decision.

Eight other Trojan wrestlers competed in the regional and saw their season come to a close. They were Adrian Arteaga (106), Gavin Stevenson (113), Cole Kleckner (138), Gavin Evans (144), Rhett Watson (150), Corbin Furar (157), Zach Schmidt (175) and Payton Gagliardo (190).

Mendota finished sixth in the team standings with 57 points. Sandwich claimed the team title with 205.5 points.

The three Trojan sectional qualifiers will compete in the Byron Sectional on Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10.

Sandwich Regional - Feb. 3

Sandwich 205.5, Princeton 170, Marquette 119.5, Amboy 112, St. Bede 94, Mendota 57, Lisle 53, Aurora Central Catholic 34, Putnam County 26, Mooseheart 18, Somonauk 4

106 - Adrian Arteaga

Hefke (ACC) pinned Arteaga, 0:33; Arteaga pinned Conner (Mar), 4:46; Florschuetz (Amb) pinned Arteaga, 3:16

113 - Gavin Stevenson

Dubois (Lis) dec. Stevenson, 5-2; Murphy (Moo) pinned Stevenson, 5:17

132 - Trayvon Rucker, 3rd place

Forth (San) pinned Rucker, 5:59; Rucker pinned Hagerty (Som), 2:15

138 - Cole Kleckner

Heath (Amb) pinned Kleckner, 3:41; Kleckner pinned Guerrero (ACC), 1:00; Rizzo (SB) pinned Kleckner, 3:35

144 - Gavin Evans

Evans dec. Lopez (Amb), 16-12; Consuegra-Lopez (Lis) dec. Evans, 10-2; Longeville (Pri) pinned Evans, 5:35

150 - Rhett Watson

Pineda (SB) pinned Watson, 2:31; Demink

(Mar) def. Watson, injury default

157 - Corbin Furar

Skonieczny (Lis) pinned Furar, 3:26; Furar pinned Englehaupt (SB), 2:47; Smith (San) pinned Furar, 1:00

175 - Zach Schmidt

Clevenger (San) pinned Schmidt, 1:21; Dose (Mar) pinned Schmidt, 0:41

190 - Payton Gagliardo

Gillian (SB) pinned Gagliardo, 2:48; Tucker (PC) pinned Gagliardo, 4:20

215 - Madrick Musgrove, 3rd place

Musgrove pinned Heersink (SB), 2:44; Morris (Pri) pinned Musgrove, 3:32; Musgrove pinned Amicon (Mar), 0:59; Musgrove pinned Murillo (San), 0:48

285 - Angil Serrano, 2nd place

Serrano pinned Arslan (SB), 0:33; Serrano pinned Schaefer (Mar), 2:43; Odell (Pri) dec. Serrano, 7-0

SPORTS

Trojans

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Bureau Valley held leads of four points at the conclusion of each of the first three quarters. But in the fourth frame, the Storm only managed two field goals and two free throws while the Trojans had a pair of three-pointers and sank six of eight charity tosses.

Mendota knocked down eight shots from three-point land, including four by Tillman, who paced the Trojans with 20 points. Strauss had three treys and 13 points, while Nanez added eight tallies.

The Trojans couldn't stand prosperity and dropped a 72-63 conference decision at Princeton on Feb. 2. Mendota has a 3-4 league mark.

Mendota was on top through the first three quarters, leading 30-22 at halftime and 51-44 with just the fourth quarter left to play. But the final frame was disastrous

for the Trojans as Princeton lit up the net for 28 points while Mendota managed only 12, and the Tigers posted the comeback victory.

Tillman led all scorers with 33 points. He was on fire from three-point range, knocking down eight trifectas, four in each half. Nanez contributed 13 points and Strouss connected for eight. Noah LaPorte had 22 second-half points and 29 for the game to pace Princeton.

Mendota took control in the first quarter on its way to a 60-43 nonconference verdict over Stillman Valley on Feb. 3 at the MHS gym.

The Trojans (11-14) blitzed the Cardinals for 20 first-quarter points while Stillman Valley managed only four. Mendota led 28-16 at the break and 45-29 after three periods.

Nanez led the offense with 14 points, followed by Jace Baird with 11 and Tillman with 10.

PRINCETON 72, MENDOTA 63				
Mendota (63)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Strauss	3	0-0	3	8
Aughenbaugh	1	0-0	2	3
Baird	0	0-0	1	0
Kelly	1	4-4	4	6
Nanez	4	3-4	2	13
Freeman	0	0-0	4	0
Tillman	11	3-4	5	33
Totals	20	10-12	21	63

Princeton (72)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Roark	1	0-2	1	2
Lawson	4	2-2	2	10
Koning	1	0-0	0	2
Phillips	2	2-4	3	6
Driscoll	0	0-0	3	0
LaPorte	11	7-10	4	29
Sousa	7	1-1	3	15
Reinhardt	2	2-2	2	8
Totals	28	14-21	18	72

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	12	30	51	63
Princeton	9	22	44	72
Three-point goals: Mendota - Strauss 2, Aughenbaugh 1, Nanez 2, Tillman 8; Princeton - Reinhardt 2				

NEWMAN 66, MENDOTA 60				
Newman (66)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Matznick	1	4-6	1	6
Franque	1	0-0	0	3
Williams	5	0-2	2	14
Jungerman	4	3-4	1	12
Grunmurt	0	0-0	2	0
McBride	2	0-0	1	6
Simpson	9	4-8	4	22
Bushman	1	0-0	0	3
Totals	23	11-20	11	66

Mendota (60)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Strauss	5	0-0	4	12
Aughenbaugh	2	0-0	2	4
Baird	2	0-0	2	5
Kelly	1	1-2	3	3
Dewey	0	0-0	4	0
Nanez	8	2-2	2	20
Freeman	1	0-0	0	2
Tillman	3	0-0	1	7
Doyle	3	0-0	0	7
Totals	25	3-4	18	60

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Newman	17	39	48	66
Mendota	16	26	38	60
Three-point goals: Mendota - Strauss 2, Baird 1, Nanez 2, Tillman 1, Doyle 1; Newman - Franque 1, Williams 4, Jungerman 1, McBride 2, Bushman 1				

MENDOTA 52, BUREAU V. 50				
Bureau Valley (50)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Helms	0	0-0	3	0
Philhowes	2	0-0	0	5
Moon	2	1-2	1	5
Chhim	5	3-3	5	13
Birdsley	2	0-2	1	6
Hulsing	6	4-8	2	16
Endress	2	0-0	3	5
Totals	19	8-15	15	50

Mendota (52)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Strauss	5	0-0	3	13
Baird	3	0-0	3	6
Kelly	0	5-6	3	5
Dewey	0	0-0	2	0
Nanez	3	1-4	5	8
Freeman	0	0-0	2	0
Tillman	7	2-2	2	20
Totals	18	8-12	20	52

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Bureau Valley	12	28	44	50
Mendota	8	24	40	52
Three-point goals: Mendota - Strauss 3, Nanez 1, Tillman 4; Bureau Valley - Philhowes 1, Birdsley 2, Endress 1				

MENDOTA 60, STILLMAN V. 43				
Stillman Valley (43)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Woodman	0	6-7	4	6
Barrett	2	0-0	4	5
Eddy	2	0-4	2	4
Zatar	2	0-0	3	4
Orlando	3	2-4	3	8
Spangler	0	0-0	1	0
Meyers	1	0-0	0	2
Szarkowicz	1	4-4	5	6
Rhodes	4	0-1	3	8
Totals	15	12-20	25	43

Mendota (60)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Strauss	2	3-3	2	7
Aughenbaugh	0	0-0	1	0
Stevenson	1	0-0	2	2
Baird	4	2-5	3	11
Kelly	0	1-2	2	1
Dewey	0	4-6	2	4
Nanez	3	8-10	3	14
Freeman	3	3-4	2	9
Tillman	3	1-2	2	10
Doyle	1	0-0	0	2
A. Beetz	0	0-0	3	0
Totals	17	22-32	22	60

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Stillman Valley	4	16	29	43
Mendota	20	28	45	60
Three-point goals: Mendota - Baird 1, Tillman 3; Stillman Valley - Barrett 1				

Lady Trojans rally for win over Somonauk

Needing a win in the worst way, the Mendota Lady Trojans came through in their home finale as they rallied past Somonauk, 42-38, on Senior Night at the MHS gym Feb. 1. The victory snapped a 10-game losing streak.

The contest didn't start out well for Mendota as it fell behind 12-4 after the first quarter. Somonauk took a 23-16 halftime lead before the Lady Trojans regrouped in the locker room and began their comeback in the third period.

Mendota trimmed three points off of its deficit after the third frame, and then outscored the Bobcats, 15-7, in the fourth to pull out the victory. Three Lady Trojans did all of the scoring in the final quarter with Ella Martin dropping in six points, Laylie Denault five and Grace Wasmer four.

"Man did we need and earn this win," stated Mendota coach John Hansen. "The girls all played awesome and with crazy energy. It was a huge win on senior night."

Seniors playing their last game on the MHS floor were Wasmer, Ryleigh Sondgeroth and Bria Frey.

Denault led the scoring column for Mendota with 12 points, while Martin also landed in double digits with 10 tallies. Wasmer chipped in with seven markers and hauled down a team-high 13 rebounds, Ella Coss had six points and five boards, and Crystal Garcia came away with seven steals and four assists.

Newman upended Mendota, 57-22, on Feb. 5 at Sterling. The Lady Trojans concluded Three Rivers Conference play with a 0-10 record.

Mendota (5-21) dug itself a deep hole from the outset, trailing 17-4 after the first quarter and 37-8 at halftime.

Martin and Coss topped the scoring chart with eight points apiece, while Sondgeroth and Wasmer each handled four rebounds.

MENDOTA 42, SOMONAUK 38				
Somonauk (38)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Kinney	3	3-4	1	9
Chiavario	1	0-0	1	2
Elder	0	0-0	3	0
Pennington	0	0-0	3	0
McCoy	5	7-10	5	18
Barshinger	1	2-2	2	4
Mason	1	3-4	4	5
Totals	11	15-20	19	38

Mendota (42)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Eddy	1	2-2	1	4
Garcia	0	1-2	3	1
Knaff	0	0-0	2	0
Coss	2	1-2	5	6
Sondgeroth	1	0-0	1	2
Martin	4	2-8	4	10
Denault	4	2-3	3	12
Wasmer	2	3-6	13	7
Totals	14	11-23	32	42

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Somonauk	12	23	31	38
Mendota	4	16	27	42
Three-point goals: Mendota - Coss 1, Denault 2; Somonauk - McCoy 1				

NEWMAN 57, MENDOTA 22				
Mendota (22)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Eddy	0	0-2	1	0
Garcia	1	0-0	1	2
Frey	1	0-0	1	2
Knaff	0	2-2	1	2
Coss	3	1-4	2	8
Sondgeroth	0	0-0	4	0
Martin	3	1-1	3	8
Denault	0	0-0	2	0
Wasmer	0	0-2	4	0
Totals	8	4-11	19	22

Sterling Newman (57)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Johns	4	0-0	1	8
Papoccia	4	1-2	1	10
Terbush	0	0-0	2	0
Allen	3	1-1	0	8
Smith	4	0-0	1	10
Oetting	1	2-2	1	4
Rosengren	0	1-2	0	1
Duhon	2	3-3	0	7
Propheter	2	0-0	1	4
Franque	2	1-4	1	5
Totals	22	9-14	8	57

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	4	8	10	22
Newman	17	37	50	57
Three-point goals: Mendota - Coss 1, Martin 1; Newman - Pappocia 1, Allen 1, Smith 2				

BOWLING

Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Jan. 24 - 1. Novak Farms 11-5; 2. O'Donnell Excavating 11-5; 3. JJ&L Carpentry 8-8; 4. First State Bank 7-9; 5. Mendota Monument 6-10; 6. Black Bros. 5-11

High team game (scratch) - Mendota Monument 1109, JJ&L Carpentry 1018, Black Bros. 1010

High individual game (hdcp) - Mendota Monument 1185, Black Bros. 1156, First State Bank 1115

High team series (scratch) - Mendota Monument 2958, Black Bros. 2907, First State Bank 2893

High team series (hdcp) - Black Bros. 3345, First State Bank 3286, O'Donnell Excavating 3206

High individual game (scratch) - Chris Eller 265, Todd Smith 245, Joe Dimmig & Drake O'Donnell 235

High individual series (scratch) - Chris Eller 683, Kasen Novak 656, Joe Dimmig 655

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Youth League

Standings as of Jan. 27 - 1. Team 3 23.5-8.5; 2. Team 2 19.5-12.5; 3. Team 1 11-21; 4. Team 4 10-22

High team game (scratch) - Team 4 281, Team 2 273, Team 3 250

High team game (hdcp) - Team 2 669, Team 1 640, Team 3 634

High team series (scratch) - Team 4 762, Team 2 711, Team 3 704

High team series (hdcp) - Team 2 1899, Team 1 1860, Team 3 1856

Boys' high game (scratch) -

Maddox Chaon 119, Jaxon Stamberger 116, Keegan Mauch 89

Boys' high game (hdcp) -

Maddox Chaon 238, Jaxon Stamberger 226, Conrad Barkman 215

Boys' high series (scratch) -

Jaxon Stamberger 295, Maddox Chaon 293, Parker Krager 235

Boys' high series (hdcp) -

Maddox Chaon 650, Conrad Barkman 637, Jaxon Stamberger 625

Girls' high game (scratch) -

Ady Law 119, Grace Piskie 107, Sophia Martinez 98

Girls' high game (hdcp) -

Ady Law 252, Grace Piskie 223, Sophia Martinez 222

Girls' high series (scratch) -

Ady Law 288, Grace Piskie 281, Sophia Martinez 233

Girls' high series (hdcp) -

Ady Law 687, Grace Piskie 629, Lainey Ramer 622

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Youth League

Standings as of Jan. 27 - 1. Team 5 25-7; 2. Team 2 24.5-7.5; 3. Team 3 14.5-17.5; 4. Team 4 13.5-18.5; 5. Team 1 5.5-26.5; 6. Team 6 0-32

High team game (scratch) - Team 5 330, Team 2 252, Team 4 237

High team game (hdcp) - Team 5 641, Team 3 638, Team 2 601

High team series (scratch) - Team 5 894, Team 2 729, Team 4 691

High team series (hdcp) - Team 5 1827, Team 2 1776, Team 3 1776

Boys' high game (scratch) - Parker Ramer 149, Billy Bromenschenkel 113, Bentley Bejster 108

Boys' high game (hdcp) -

Parker Ramer 219, Cooper Klein

MHS girls to face Hall in 1st round of regional

SPRING VALLEY - The Mendota Lady Trojans will compete in the Hall Class 2A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament to be played Feb. 10, 13, 16.

Mendota will open the tournament against Hall on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Spring Valley. Tip time is 1 p.m. If the Lady Trojans prevail, they will advance to the semifinal-round to meet Morrison at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Sandwich and Somonauk will face each other in the other first-round game, with the survivor moving on to play Port Byron Riverdale at 6 p.m. Feb. 13.

The championship game is set for Friday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m.

The winner of the Hall Regional will advance to the Oregon Sectional to battle the champion of the Genoa-Kingston Regional at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20. The other two sectional teams will come from the Rock Island Alleman and Rockford Christian regionals.

Spring Valley (Hall) Class 2A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 10

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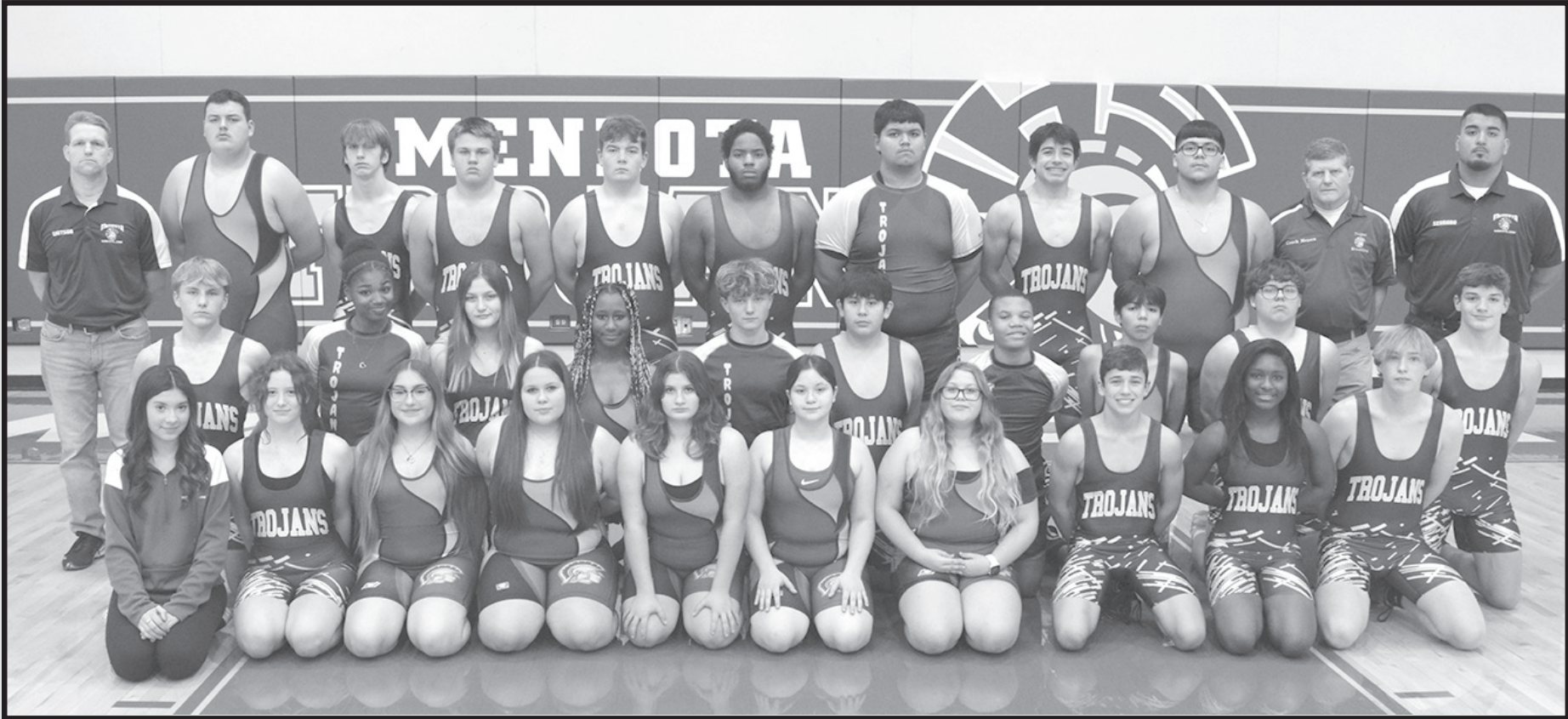
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Getting along when differences get in the way

You’ve probably noticed that every person is not the same. Each of us has a unique personality with various likes and dislikes. And while we are often drawn to people who are different than we are, it’s these differences that can lead to strife in our relationships.

Sometimes we try to convince others to be more like us, but that’s not what the Bible teaches us to do. We’re all created for freedom and liberty, and if we want to have healthy relationships with people, we need to give them the freedom to be who they are.

I can’t tell you how many years I tried to get my husband, Dave, to stop watching sports. But it seemed the more I tried, the worse it got. One Saturday afternoon, I walked into the family room to find him shining his golf clubs while he watched one game on TV and listened to another game using his headphones. I thought, Joyce, your plan is just not working!

The truth is I wanted Dave to do what I wanted to do—I wanted him to be more like me. But trying to change him wasn’t accomplishing anything, and it left me frustrated and upset.

I love what Romans 12:16 (AMPC) says: “Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty (snobbish, high-minded, exclusive), but readily adjust yourself to [people, things]....”

It’s impossible to be selfish and have healthy relationships. If we truly want to live in peace and harmony, it’s going to require some give and take. At times, we’ll have to adjust our lives to accommodate someone else’s needs or desires.

Sometimes this simply means being patient and understanding with those who don’t share your own strengths. For instance, have you ever noticed yourself getting irritated with someone who takes more time to make decisions than you do? Or maybe they don’t catch on to things as quickly as you would like.

If we allow ourselves to get into prideful thinking, we can hurt people by acting out of our own self-importance and selfish interests. The Lord doesn’t want us to have a lowly opinion of ourselves, but He certainly doesn’t want us to think we’re better than anyone else!

First Corinthians Chapter 12 provides the perfect illustration. It says we are all part of one body, each with our own distinct and important role to play. Verse 25 (NIV) tells us “there should be no division in the body, but



that its parts should have equal concern for each another.”

We all need each other, and when we learn to recognize and appreciate each other’s talents and abilities, it develops a respect that can strengthen and heal our relationships.

Let’s make this practical. When I’m having a hard time accepting someone’s differences or agreeing with others, there are a few things I try to do to maintain the right attitude...

- When you need to confront someone about a problem or discuss a negative issue, choose your timing wisely. Pray about what to say and ask God to lead you in each conversation.
- Be respectful, even if the other person doesn’t agree with your opinion.
- Listen with an open mind. Be willing to pray about what they say.
- Look for things to agree about, instead of focusing on your differences.
- Use positive body language and voice tones, and choose every word with care.

There will be times when you won’t find a thing to agree on, and in those circumstances, the best thing you can do is trust God, let it go, and become an expert at forgiveness.

Yes, some things are very important and you need to stand your ground, but there are so many things in life that just don’t make a difference.

The bottom line is you won’t always agree with your spouse, family, or friends, but you can still respect and appreciate them. I don’t agree with Dave about all his opinions or 100 percent of everything he does, but I do agree with Dave. He’s a good man, and I love him and value his character and principles. Over the years, we’ve learned how to “disagree agreeably.”

I encourage you to trust God with the people in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the positive in your relationships and the things you have in common. And as you do your part to “keep the peace,” God will not only honor

your commitment, He will also bless your life in greater ways than you can imagine.

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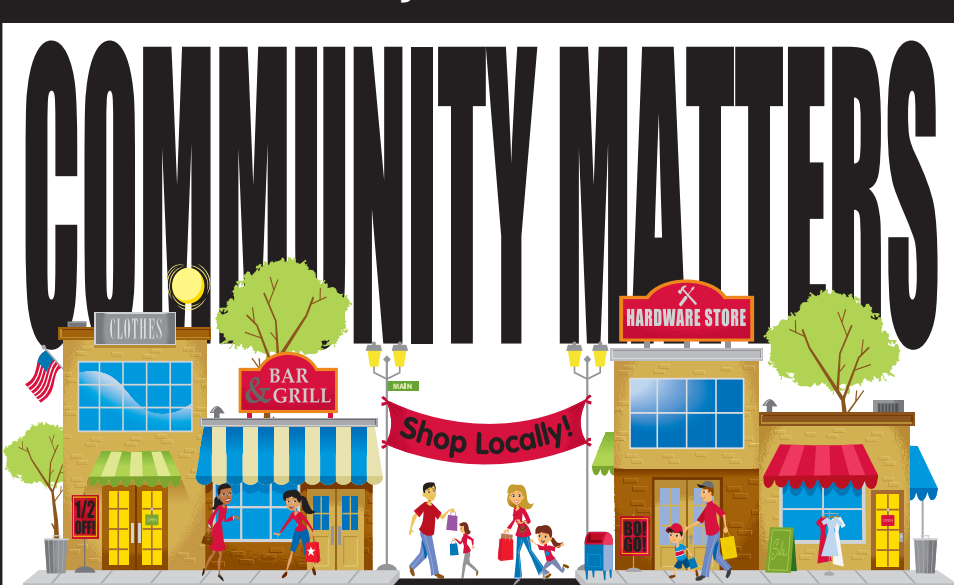


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Feb. 14 - 7 p.m. Ecumenical Ash
Wednesday service

ZION UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

808 Jefferson St.

Pastor Jeff Brace
jbrace8459@gmail.com

Church office (815) 538-2186

Facebook: Mendota Zion United
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Sunday School for Preschool - 6th grade
in fellowship hall during worship service
(Parking lot worship available on 90.9 FM
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TUESDAY - Prayer group 6 p.m.
FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.



If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

If I can write one verse of truth today
Or give my fellow man a song to sing;
If I can push one needless cloud away
And help men live as children
of the King:
If I can lend someone a helping hand
Or warm a place where friendship
needs to be;
If I can build a bridge where
fences stand
And light a lamp that other men
might see;
If I can open doors of hope this day
By letting someone know that
others care;
If I can speak in words that seem
to say:
I know the heavy burdens that
you bear.
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way
Or pause to bid him stay for food
and rest;
If I can do these, Father, this I pray:
"O let me do them with my very best."

UNITED PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH

4401 State Route 251
(815) 538-3444

Rev. Charles Yeakel, Pastor

E-mail: mendotaupc@yahoo.com
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SUNDAY: Christian Education-10 a.m.
Worship - 11:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Midweek Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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Sunday School
Worship
Evening Service

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
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607 Tenth Ave.
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I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing to You among the nations.
For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens,
And Your truth unto the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.
PSALM 57:9-11

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

1003 5th St.
(815) 538-5603

Website: fpcmendota.com
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Children's Sunday School following
children's message
Fellowship 11 a.m.

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Feb. 13 - 11 a.m. Produce sorting;
7 p.m. Session
Feb. 14 - 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday
Ecumenical Worship at First UMC



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Church . . . That in everything He
might have the supremacy." Col. 1:18

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship at First

Feb. 14 - 6:30 p.m. Ash
Wednesday worship at Immanuel-
Imposition of ashes/communion
Feb. 17 - 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bingo
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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 a.m.

Children's Sunday School
following children's message
FELLOWSHIP 10 a.m. (nursery available)
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SUNDAY SERVICE - 10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Shimeah (KJV)
in the Old or New Testament or
neither?
2. In Joshua 10, which people were
killed by great stones cast down
from heaven? Amorites, Samaritans,
Canaanites, Nazarenes
3. From Genesis 2:24, what phrase
describes the marriage of a man
and a woman? Holy matrimony,
God's reward, One flesh, Today
forever
4. Which insect is mentioned in
the book of James as an eater of
garments? Gnat, Hornet, Ant, Moth
5. What king of Bashan had an iron
bed thirteen and a half feet long?
Edrei, Og, Argob, Senior
6. On which day of creation was
the sun made? First, Second, Third,
Fourth
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Amorites,
3) One flesh, 4) Moth, 5) Og, 6)
Fourth

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OR ESTATES UNDER
SECTION 10 OF THE
ILLINOIS TIMESHARE
LIEN AND SECURITY
INTEREST ACT**

Preston C. Allen, A Single Man And Iris Woodward-Groves, A Single Woman, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 611 Manistee Ave, CALUMET, ILL, 60409, according to the Mortgage dated March 03, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15426, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle

foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0426 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 7 Mercedes H. Diaz, A/K/A M. Diaz, A Single Woman And Jaime Adrian Miranda, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, C/O KANIUK LAW OFFICE PA, 1615 S CONGRESS AVE STE 103, DELRAY BEACH, FL, 33445, according to the Mortgage dated February 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-17391, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0086 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2 Mercedes H. Diaz, A/K/A M. Diaz, A Single Woman And Jaime Adrian Miranda, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 3315 W DIVERSEY AVE APT 3, CHICAGO, IL, 60647, according to the Mortgage dated February 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-17391, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0086 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2 Mercedes H. Diaz, A/K/A M. Diaz, A Single Woman And Jaime Adrian Miranda, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 4504 W Parker Ave, CHICAGO, IL, 60639, according to the Mortgage dated February 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-17391, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0086 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2 Michelle Susberry Hill And Anthony Bernard Hill, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1725 MAIN ST UNIT 1814, HOUSTON, TX, 77002, according to the Mortgage dated December 31, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2020-5590, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 24, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 426 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 7 Anthony James And Ellen Chantel Graham, Husband and Wife, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 5343 W MONROE ST APT 1, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated February 20, 2022 and recorded under File No. 2022-6518, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 19, 2022, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 437 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 7 Melissa D. Klicker And Trent H. Klicker, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 384 N MARKET ST, SENECA, IL, 61360, according to the Mortgage dated September 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-8559, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 19, 2022, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 437 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 7

Annual, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1
David Miranda, 1924
SUNNYSIDE AVE,
WESTCHESTER, IL,
60154, according to the
Mortgage dated April
29, 2019 and recorded
under File No. 2019-
-10401, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on August 20,
2019, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as, Unit No. 284 Fre-
quency: Annual, Use
Period Number(s) 30,
Phase 4
Warren G. Ragland And
Maxine Carthan-Rag-
land, As Joint Tenants
with Full Rights of
Survivorship, 2457 W.
HARRISON ST UNIT 2,
CHICAGO, IL, 60612,
according to the Mort-
gage dated November
02, 2015 and recorded
under File No. 2017-
-3725, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on March 17,
2017, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as, Unit No. 164 Fre-
quency: Even, Use
Period Number(s) 17,
Phase 1
Derrick Reuben And
BRIDGET L REUBEN
A/K/A BRIDGET REU-
BEN, As Joint Ten-
ants with Full Rights
of Survivorship, 4108
APPLEWOOD LN,
MATTESON, IL, 60443,
according to the Mort-
gage dated October
08, 2019 and recorded
under File No. 2020-
-986, in the Office of the
Recorder of Deeds for
LaSalle County, Illinois,
on January 21, 2020,
are the owners of the
timeshare estate to be
foreclosed, more partic-
ularly described as, Unit
No. 17 Frequency: Odd,
Use Period Number(s)
43, Phase 1
Roger Herman Ribbke
Jr. And Susan S. Ribb-
ke, Husband and Wife,
As Joint Tenants with
Full Rights of Survivor-
ship, 10 BRIDWELL
PARK RD, HIGDEN,
AR, 72067, according
to the Mortgage dated
September 05, 2017
and recorded under File
No. 2018 -7722, in the
Office of the Recorder
of Deeds for LaSalle
County, Illinois, on June
20, 2018, are the own-
ers of the timeshare
estate to be foreclosed,
more particularly de-
scribed as, Unit No.
0435 Frequency: An-
nual, Use Period Num-
ber(s) 44, Phase 7
Antonio Santos Jr., A
Single Man, 4421 N
NATCHEZ AVE, HAR-
WOOD HEIGHTS, IL,
60706, according to the
Mortgage dated August
19, 2016 and recorded
under File No. 2016-
-20124, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on December 30,
2016, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as, Unit No. 0220 Fre-
quency: Annual, Use
Period Number(s) 38,
Phase 4
Michael T Zauner A/K/A
MIKE ZAUNER, A Sin-
gle Man, 6031 JONA-
THANS FORT CIRCLE
401, BAY MYERS, FL,
33908, according to the
Mortgage dated April
04, 2017 and record-
ed under File No. 2017-
-15970, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on October 11,
2017, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as, Unit No. 0212 Fre-
quency: Annual, Use
Period Number(s) 11,
Phase 4
TERMS OF SALE: At
the time and location
noted above, the time-
share estates listed
above will be sold at
public auction to the
highest bidder for cash

Purchase price shall be paid in full at the time of sale by cash or certified and immediately available funds. In the event the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the mortgage(s) (and thus, credit it bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction.

Holiday Inn Club Vacations Incorporated
A Delaware corporation
By: Deborah A. Quirk
Its: Agent

**NOTICE OF SALE OF
TIMESHARE ESTATE
OR ESTATES UNDER
SECTION 10 OF THE
TIMESHARE LIEN
AND SECURITY IN-
TEREST ACT**

By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and Section 5 of the Timeshare Lien and Security Interest Act establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, LaSalle County, Illinois 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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. R200031258 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.

Paul Herman Bishop Jr. And Yolanda M. Bishop, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1725 21ST ST, RACINE, WI 53403, according to the Deed dated April 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-10911, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 29, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0157 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2

TAMEKA BOWENS and TONY MCDOWELL, 445 W 56TH AVE, MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-05112, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0036E, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

JULIUS CRAWFORD
MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICIA HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 24 WELLS AVE HARVEY, IL 60426, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014- 19995, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4
JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICIA HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 1426 KENOX CT, CORALVILLE, IA 52241, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014- 19995, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4
JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICIA HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 16001 AVALON AVE, SO. HOLLAND IL 60473, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014- 19995, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4
JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICIA HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 164 BREGENZ CT, LYNWOOD, IL 60411, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014- 19995, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4
JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICIA HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 10625 SO. HALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014- 19995, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4
Melvin A. Easley, Jr. A Single Man, 455 PEBBLE BEACH CT UNIVERSITY PARK IL 60484, according to the Deed dated May 16, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017- 11900, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0432 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

ally, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 7
ALDEN ERICKSON AND any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and JEANETTE M ERICKSON, PO BOX 596, MINOOKA, IL 60447, according to the Deed dated October 06, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015- 00628, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 13, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0218 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 4
Irene Estrada, A Single Woman, 1913 S ALLPORT ST APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60608, according to the Deed dated May 29, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017- 16212, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 13, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0423 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 7
Jose Luis Garcia Islas, A Single Man, 1523 S LARAMIE AVE APT 2E, CICERO, IL 60804, according to the Deed dated August 26, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016- 20127, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0287 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 4
MARGRETE HERVEY, 63 MAGNOLIA DR, MONROE, LA 71203, according to the Deed dated March 29, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012- 8079, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 18, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0101E, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 2
Kristi Ann Holt And Dexter Lamar Holt, Wife And Husband, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 2837 JONQUIL LN, WOODRIDGE, IL 60517, according to the Deed dated March 26, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017- 16038, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 12, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067E, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1
GEORGE C HOWARD AND any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and CATHERINE M HOWARD AND any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 6807 S CHAPPEL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60649, according to the Deed dated September 29, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007- 25886, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 25, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0063 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 1
TIMOTHY L. JOHNSON and TONYA G. WOOD, 1065 ATLANTIC AVE APT C, HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169, according to the Deed dated December 02, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2002- 01638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
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TO: Unknown Fathers,
other interested parties,
and to All Whom It May
Concern:
Take notice that on the
31st day of January,
2024 a petition was
filed under the Juvenile
Court Act of 1987 by
Vicki L. Denny, in the
Circuit Court of LaSalle
County entitled 'In the
interest of Jersey Gris-
wold, a minor', and that
in the Criminal Justice
Center Courtroom 223
at Ottawa on the 13th
day of March, 2024, at
the hour of 8:30 a.m.,
or as soon thereafter
as this cause may be
heard, an Adjudicato-
ry Hearing will be held
upon the petition to
have the child declared
a ward of the court un-
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has authority in this
proceeding to take from
you the custody and
guardianship of the mi-
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appoint a guardian with
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at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judgment entered. Dated February 1, 2024 Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 0207 (Feb. 7, 2024)

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact: Mendota C.C.S.D. No. 289, 1806 Guiles Ave., Mendota, IL 61342, 815/539-7631, Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000									
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	6,119,360	864,683	1,013,864	304,518	232,164	0	195,432	567,324	153,927
State Sources	3000	0	0		0	0				
Federal Sources	4000	4,414,774	107,685	0	157,183	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		1,835,327	2,033,381	0	32,000	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		12,369,461	3,005,749	1,013,864	493,701	232,164	0	195,432	567,324	153,927
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		10,875,206	6,030,629	1,053,917	516,237	349,539	0		571,353	4,676
Beginning Fund Balances w/out Student Activity funds - July 1, 2022		0	6,600,000	80,000	0	0	0	(3,581,908)	0	0
Other Changes in Fund Balances		1,917,095	651,041	110,135	355,489	715,823	0	3,858,798	546,575	1,023,446
Ending Fund Balances w/out Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023		3,411,350	4,226,161	150,082	332,953	598,448	0	472,322	542,546	1,172,697
		3,487,033	4,226,161	150,082	332,953	598,448	0	472,322	542,546	1,172,697

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

\$0 through \$24,999: Bauer, Carrie A; Chal-fin, Matthew W; Cleary, Kathleen; Coble, Tori N; Coutts, Hannah L; Delao, Jose L; Eich, Ellen R; Evans-See, Elizabeth N; Fairchild, Cassidy L; Freeburg, Holly L; Garcia, Janaya M; Hamill, Paige A; Keene, Hall H; Keesee, Hannah R; Knight, Russell L; Laque, Sophia A; Locasio, Gregory A; Mauch, Erin; Milewski-Goers, Cara L; Miller, Samuel T; Mondragon, Janice D; Ridge, Jennifer; Set-terlund, Taylor L; Siemer, Sandra; Spatafora-Blau, Michelle K; Taylor, Jamie L; Terry, Lee A; Tolley, Victoria; Torman, Morgan A; Trujillo, Myah R; Wal-ter, Catherine S; Younger, James J; Zamin, Haley E

\$25,000 through \$39,999: Althaus, Kaylee R; Barnes, Sloane M; Blum, Melissa A; Clary, Kylie I; Dalton, Michael J; Fisher, Presley J; Foltyniewicz, Amanda K; Hansen, Christopher J; Hoffman, Su-san K; Knaff, Kelly J; Kromm, Jamie L; Medina, Elizabeth; Piller, Lynette M; Pond, Alexis A; Tillman, Mackenzie L

\$40,000 through \$59,999: Anderson, Michael C.; Ash, Elizabeth R; Bauer, Troy W; Burdette, Emory S; Calhan, Antoinette M; Clark, Emily; Dooley, EmLee P; Freund, Kimberly A; Friedlein, Heather M; Furar, Nathan L; Gallagher, Hanna M; Gatza, Megan E; Hanson, Maureen; Higdon, Abby J; Huf-faker, Tara E; Jones, Rebecca E; Kent, Angela N; Kieffer, Mary T; Kleckner, Stephanie L; Krull, Me-lissa; McDonnell, Austin P; Mehrkens, Lauren M; Nelson, Rachel N; Nondorf, Angela M; Novak, Beth A; Preston, Kerry A; Quintana, Elizabeth M; Reuter, Lauren A; Smth, Jillian N; Sondgeroth, Kaitlynn R; Thanepohn, Kaitlyn N; Tillman, Lisa L; Vickers, Leigh A; Wasmer, Steven M; Wilhelm, Sydney E; Zidow, Lindsey E; Zoelzer, Jordan K

\$60,000 through \$89,999: Ambler, Susan R; Becker, Kelly S; Blue, Tawnya T; Buettner, Allison L; Buettner, Danielle L; Chase, Valerie A; Daley, Paula H; Dennin-Holmes, Vanessa A; Estrada, Pe-tra; Gehant, Sarah J; Gehm, Victoria L; Jackson, Angela K; Johnson, Karen L; Kibilka, Katherine L; Klein, Carrie L; Klein, Tina M; Kramer, Becky L; Lamps, Ashley A; Lawrence, David; Leffelman, Amy L; Lindenmeyer, Amy L; Menzel, Kimberly A.; Mikolasek, Terri L; Nurnberg, Michelle L; OBrien, Stacie L; Olin, Tricia M; OSadnick, Stacy J; Parks, Geina L; Pearce, Tyler J; Perryman, Regina M; Pe-terson, Jodi L; Prusator, Amy J; Sabin, Rachel A; Schaefer, Sara B; Scheppers, Brandon W; Shaw, Kari J; Slater, Thomas F; Waldron, Heather M; Wixom, Juliann K

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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\$25,000 through \$39,999: Childs, Alan R; Cleary, Lannette S; Garthe, Denise L; Gott, Tonia S; Her-mosillo, Socorro; Holdenrid, Cynthia L; Hopkins, Timothy S; Jones, Traci L; Langer, William J; Mathieu, Holly E; Miller, Julia K; Nunez, Patricia N; Orvis, Sylvia M; VonHoff, Guy O; Younger, Lau-ra; Zink, Karen Y

\$40,000 through \$59,999: DeWitt, Edward L; March, Justin R; Woods, Denise A

\$60,000 and over: Arredondo, Esther M; Whit-tington, Justine A

PAYMENTS OVER \$2,500, EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	85,782.77
AMERICAN ASBESTOS ABATEMENT DBA	
	23,495.00
ANTHEM SPORTS LLC	3,156.15
APPTEGY INC.	23,851.00
ARBOR MANAGEMENT, INC.	262,188.08
BIEDRZYCKI, DAVID	6,747.20
BLDD ARCHITECTS	4,000.00
BRENNAN & STUART INC	3,803.00
BULK BOOKSTORE	6,401.90
CAMELOT THERAPEUTIC SCHOOLS	67,111.93
CDW GOVERNMENT	28,802.18
CENTRAL RESTAURANT PRODCUTS	8,940.12
CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP	26,000.00
CHASE	569,759.91
CITY OF MENDOTA	16,384.87
COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN	6,987.00
COMMON GOAL SYSTEMS, INC.	20,329.51
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY	32,768.90
CORRECT DIGITAL DISPLAY INC.	
	23,947.50
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES LLC	7,291.67
DRESBACH DIST. CO.	40,429.91
EARLVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT	50,512.81
EDMENTUM	3,428.00
EMS LINQ INC.	9,668.75
ESGI LLC	3,087.00
FRONTIER	10,972.37
GAGGLE.NET INC.	4,130.00
GRASSER'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	4,450.00
GRAVES-HUME	4,400.00
GRV WEGMAN COMPANY	5,025,302.40
H&H BUILDERS INC	4,765.19
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST	443,657.50
HILLMANN PEDIATRIC THERAPY	99,421.32
HOBERT SERVICE	3,452.86
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL	2,651.88
IDEAL ENVIRONMENTAL	23,517.15
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BO.	
	10,224.70
ILLINOIS PRINCIPALS ASSOC	4,289.89
ILLUMINATE EDUCATION INC	7,793.75
IMPREST FUND	17,148.47
IXL LEARNING INC	6,920.00
JOHANNES BUS SERVICE INC.	49,227.75
JOHN'S SERVICE AND	35,000.86
JOHNSON CONTROLS	2,504.38
JONES HOME IMPROVEMENT	4,570.00
JOURNEYED.COM INC.	4,908.85
L.E.A.S.E.	625,610.84
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS LLC	
	17,795.66
LIGHTED WAY	96,326.26
LIMINEX, INC.	3,804.20

LITERACY RESOURCES LLC	8,609.88
MARCO	65,756.75
MAUCH CARPENTRY INC.	13,000.00
MENDOTA CCSD#289 STU FUND	14,966.00
MENDOTA FORD, INC.	4,126.91
MENDOTA TWP. HIGH SCHOOL	487,513.23
MEYERS FURNITURE-CARPET	7,413.13
MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE INC	14,500.00
N2Y	3,143.04
NARVICK BROTHERS	23,450.00
NEWKIRK & ASSOCIATES, INC	19,000.00
NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES	61,866.59
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	20,730.37
OMBUDSMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	
	137,464.10
PARENTS AS TEACHERS	2,660.00
PERMA-BOUND	3,305.37
PLAY WITH A PURPOSE	33,282.66
PSIC	123,260.77
REG OFFICE OF EDUCATION #35	44,280.58
REPUBLIC SERVICES #766	6,950.08
ROBBINS SCHWARTZ	22,723.65
RUYLE MECHANICAL	3,333.50
SCHOLASTIC INC EDUCATION	4,331.13
SCHOLASTIC INC.	10,934.23
SCREENCASTIFY LLC	3,520.00
SERVERMONKEY.COM LLC	3,875.09
SERVPRO OF FRANKFORT	4,300.33
SHOWEN, SAMANTHA	4,740.94
SKI SEALCOATING & SMALL STEPS, INC.	120,678.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	5,115.00
STEPHENITCH, INC.	41,899.06
STUDIO GC	5,912.12
SULLIVAN'S ACE HARDWARE	8,030.91
SULLIVAN'S FOODS	5,437.57
T S LIVINGSTON, INC.	6,489.08
TERI MERTENS PAINTING	4,927.50
THOMPSON ELECTRONICS CO.	16,900.00
TRICO MECHANICAL INC	5,196.46
UNITED LABORATORIES	26,489.20
UNITED SEATING & MOBILITY	3,850.70
VIRCO INC	5,619.00
VISA	12,024.31
VISTA LEARNING NFP	73,099.39
WALLACE GRADE SCHOOL	7,988.00
WALTER BROS., INC.	7,789.74
WEBSTAUANTSTORE LLC	13,433.60
WILHELM, MICHELLE L	3,399.96
WILLIAM H. SADLER, INC.	5,000.00
WORTHINGTON DIRECT	6,059.15
ZANER-BLOSER	6,781.00
ZIDLOW, LINDSEY	9,554.10
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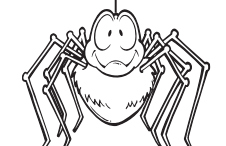
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2022 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LTZ, 4WD, Z71, 37K Miles, Blue.....	\$45,900	2020 Chevy Equinox LT, AWD, 2.0 LTR., 63K Miles, Silver.....	\$21,900
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2021 Chevy Equinox FWDLT, Sunroof, Navigation, 78K Miles, Black.....	\$17,900	2017 Chevy Suburban 4x4 LTZ, Loaded, 61K Miles, Maroon	\$36,900
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