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ONE DOLLAR, 25 CENTS

City Council increases amount of gaming licenses allowed in Mendota

City workers to collect yard waste with April 22 deadline

By KIP CHEEK

Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council increased the number of video gaming licenses allowed in the city and approved several ordinances and requests at its April 15 regular meeting.

ALDERMĂNIC REPÕRTS

Alderman Jay Miller presented a video gaming ordinance for the council's consideration that would update the ordinance to new standards set forth by the state of Illinois. After discussion revealed that the city allows 22 video gaming ordinances and 27 liquor licenses, the council agreed to adopt the ordinance with wording that increases the number of video gaming licenses allowed to 27.

Also from Miller's report, the council approved liquor license renewals for 2024.

Alderman Leo Hochstatter presented three items that were approved by the council. First, the council agreed to adopt the annual wage ordinance. The council also approved budget amendments for fiscal year 2024. Finally, the council accepted a request from the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce to donate \$6,500 to the Chamber for use in promoting and conducting the Sweet Corn Festival.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick announced that the Public Works Department will pick up yard waste throughout the city. Those residents wishing to have yard waste picked up at their property must have the yard waste at their curb by Monday, April 22, no exceptions.



Alderman John Hessenberger stated that Eddie Diaz has requested a zoning variance for 1314 1/2 Meriden St. The request will first be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission at a meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor David Boelk announced that April 14-20 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

The mayor stated that May is to be proclaimed Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Also from the mayor, he proclaimed May 4-18 to be National Prevention Weeks, and he said May 4 is Drug Take Back and Give Back Day, with an event to be held at the Mendota Civic Center.

Boelk said a Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, April 22 at the Mendota City Building on Washington Street.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Planting of 25 trees helps bolster natural habitat at Lake Kakusha

Awarding of grant allows oak trees to be planted on west side

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Staff writer

MENDOTA – Lake Kakusha became a little richer on Sunday, April 14.

The LaSale County Soil and Water Conservation District (based in Ottawa) the Homesteaders 4-H Club, and members of the Friends of Lake Kakusha group planted 25 trees on the grounds to help bolster the natural habitat.

"Our association put out a request asking if we needed trees. We put in a grant application for 25 oak trees," said Audrey Moreno, who is part of the LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation. "The grant writer, Ashley Curran, who is with the state soil and water organization, gave me a call and said the grant was accepted and we could have the 25 trees.

"We've been working in this area (the western side of the lake) for a couple of years. The invasives have been carried out. This is a natural oak savanna, so we decided this was a great place.

"Part of the grant is the 4-H Club has to be involved. We have the LaSalle County Homesteaders 4-H Club, which includes residents of Mendota and LaMoille, helping us plant the trees."



Each member of the Gregg family takes their turn digging holes to plant trees at Lake Kakusha thanks to a grant allowing 25 new trees on the Mendota property. The Gregg family, left to right, Logan, Piper, Katie, and David, are from LaMoille and are part of the LaSalle County Homesteaders 4-H Club. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

The trees being planted, 12-15 feet apart, were white oak, burr oak, and red oak. Moreno explained red oak leaves are sharper on the ends, the white oak leaves are rounded, and burr oak is furry. Each of the three oak trees are native to

Illinois and to Mendota. The 4-H group had 10

planters—Moreno was joined by husband Randy Moreno and Curran, and Bob Chinn, Amy and Dave Brewer were in attendance to take photos and help the planters.

Slow down, be aware: Safety is key this planting season

By HANNAH SPANGLER FarmWeek

BLOOMINGTON – The first week of April was cold, windy and wet but the start to planting season is still on the radar for Illinois farmers.

And safety is key. With slow-moving vehicles on roadways, the driving public and farmers should be extra careful to prevent accidents and ensure everyone gets home safely at the end of "Awareness and patience by everyone traveling, especially on rural routes and in rural communities, is imperative and will contribute to highway safety." –Joshua Robinson, Illinois State Trooper

ton pointed out these vehicles make wide turns, adding more dangers for motorists who might attempt to pass. Additionally, it's harder for tractors, semis and planters

equipment before attempting to pass safely.

"The typical planting season in Illinois runs from mid-April to mid-June, and crashes involving farm equipment nities, is imperative and will contribute to highway safety."

Illinois Department of Transportation data from 2021 shows 295,604 crashes involving motor vehicles in Illinois. Crashes involving tractor-trailers accounted for 3.8% of total crashes and 8.5% of fatal crashes.

With the heightened risk of tractor-trailer and other farm vehicle accidents this

Mendota's J. Wohrley named Skerston Award winner at IVCC

OGLESBY – Jill Wohrley of Mendota is the winner of Illinois Valley Community College's Connie Dzierzynski Skerston Memorial Award for Support Staff

Distinguished Service. Wohrley, the College's Financial Aid Compliance Specialist, was nominated by Financial Aid Director Isamar Taylor, retired Financial Aid Advisor Ida Brown and the



the day.

Rachel Fulton, agronomy innovations manager for Corteva Agriscience, farms with her father and husband in McLean County. She is also a mother of two young girls, Daisy and Caroline.

Fulton's message for those on the road this spring, "Slow down and be aware of your surroundings. It doesn't matter if the crops are in the ground if you're not here to harvest it."

During the 2023 harvest, Fulton said she drove the tractor and wagon to the grain elevator for the first time. "You just can't move over like a regular car can," she told FarmWeek. "It's just eye opening even for somebody that grew up on a farm to actually sit in the driver's seat and haul on the road."

When moving farm equipment on the road, Ful-

to make quick stops.

The general rule of thumb for passing is to do some from three seconds behind the vehicle ahead. Still, Fulton recommended drivers give more space between themselves and the farm are not uncommon in a state where the majority of overall land is farmland," Illinois State Police Trooper Joshua Robinson said. "Awareness and patience by everyone traveling, especially on rural routes and in rural commu-

planting season, Robinson wants to remind the driving public:

• Slow down and share the road responsibly.

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Spring planting means farm implements on the roadway. When moving farm equipment on the road, these vehicles make wide turns, adding more dangers for motorists who might attempt to pass.

financial aid team. "Jill has been a

driving force that guided the office through challenging months without a permanent director/staff, which showcased her exceptional leadership," nominators wrote. "The Financial Aid

Jill Wohrley, right, is this year's winner of the Connie Dzierzynski Skerston Memorial Award for Support Staff Distinguished Service at IVCC.

Office was able to maintain efficiency and productivity during our transitional period ... because of her unwavering dedication."

"I feel incredibly honored to have won an award for which I was nominated by my team and then voted on by my co-workers," Wohrley said. Though she never met Skerston, "to have won an award in her name is a very meaningful and special moment I will never forget."

Her nominators credited Wohrley with nurturing a team environment where colleagues feel supported and "in challenging times, she remains dedicated to uplifting office morale." She is always ready to organize potlucks, retirement parties and other gatherings, nominators added.

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ADM presented the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry a donation of \$25,000 for the construction of the new pantry location at 710 6th Ave. At the presentation were, left to right, ADM's Alex Bemis, MACFP Treasurer Paul Sondgeroth, ADM General Manager Jeff Mauch, MACFP Director Tracy Cooper, and ADM's Tami Schmidt. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)



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Spring into Savings!

Blackstone School Report Stacy Kelly, Principal

I hope everyone had a great spring break and enjoyed some time away from school. It was great to have students and staff back in the building this week. We now only have a little over eight weeks left of school before the end of the school year!

National Library Week was April 7-13. During this special week, all kindergarten and first grade students were able to visit Graves-Hume Library in Mendota. Two classes went at a time and had the opportunity to tour the library, hear and see what they have to offer and participate in some fun activities. Many of our students have never been to our local library so we are hoping that this visit sparked some excitement and more of our students utilize this great community resource. We're thankful for the amazing visit that the Graves-Hume Library staff organized. Our students really enjoyed it!

we announced to our students what our April kind deed will be. We have chosen to do something kind for the Illinois Valley Animal Rescue (IVAR) in Peru. April 30 is National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day, so we would like to do something to support such a great organization. From now until Friday, April 26, we will collect donations at Blackstone for IVAR. If anyone in the community would like to drop off a donation for IVAR, please drop it off in our office by April 26. There is a list of items needed for IVAR on the Blackstone web page at www.m289.org.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Jaxton Becerra, Jeffrey O'Brien, Robert Havenar, Henry Myers, Kylee Smith, Sharon Videz, Briston Fisher and Hadley Reinhold. The winners were Viviana Moreno, Angel Soto, Cameron Brown and Clara Sanchez. Congratulations to all of you!

When we returned from spring break,



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Changing of the guard

Mike Organ, left, is retiring from Country Financial after 43 years of service. Myah Boelk is going to do her best to take Organ's place as she will be the next insurance agent for Country Financial, located at 306 W. 7th Ave. in Mendota. Boelk is a Mendota native who has five years of experience at different locations as she left Mendota after high school. Now back in the area, she's ready to add to her resume in her hometown. Organ's last day is April **30. In celebration of his** retirement, Country Fianancial will have treats available for customers Monday, April 22 until Friday, April 26. (Reporter photo by **Brandon LaChance**)

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Kids explore careers at Graves-Hume

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Staff writer

MENDOTA - Graves-Hume Public Library has revamped some of its spring programs for the youth.

One popular program is Career Explorers where different professionals from different fields are presenting their career to kids ages 8-12 about what they do, how they do it, and how they may be interested.

"We've tried to make it as broad as we can to highlight careers that are not necessarily highly focused on," said Graves-Hume's Youth Services Manager Carolynn Ohlendorf, who is introducing Career Explorers for the first time. 'As a child, I was unaware there were so many different types of jobs. You see the traditional – policemen, teachers, doctors-people in our everyday surroundings, but you don't see people in other fields.

"As a young child you don't know what it takes to be a farmer, a podcaster, or

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a chef, or to own your own business like a tow truck driver. I think it's good to expose them now and get them thinking about other career opportunities that take advantage of their strengths."

On March 4, farmer Matt Schoenholz and Don Younglove, who specifies in aerial application (formerly known as crop dusting), presented to attendees of the program.

Speech language pathologist Amanda Simpson spoke on Monday, April 8.

Also scheduled for Career Explorers are towing and recovery business owner Matt Ramer (April 22), podcast host and journalist Brandon LaChance (May 6), and chef Cleetus Friedman (May 20).

"I think it's important for them to understand things such as when you're a farmer, you're not just driving a tractor," said Graves-Hume Director Emily Kofoid. "If you're interested in insects, that's a part of farming. With these careers, we can expand

New Diabetes Support Group invites you

the intricacies of the careers with things the kids like. If kids like bugs or technology, those are big in farming and can be part of their career path. It's not just sitting on a tractor.

"Each one of the careers in our program, Career Explorers, have their own set of aspects some might not think are involved.'

Ohlendorf said the expansion of the programs is important to allow for more interaction from the youth in both the community and the library. The goal is to channel each age group.

Kofoid agrees as Graves-Hume is creating a safe, fun place to hang out, study, meet new friends, or spend time with their best friend.

"We are very interested in the idea of a lifelong reader. How do we keep them coming back to the library," Kofoid said. "We have a huge place for the little kids. You get a little older, there is the base, but how do we keep them involved with the library, the programs, and reading.'

FREE boating safety courses to be offered at Illinois Waterway Visitor Center

OTTAWA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, is offering free boating safety education classes at the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center located at 950 N. 27th Road in Ottawa, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, and Aug. 17. Each class runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open to anyone 11 years of age or older. Completion of only one course is necessary for certification.

New boaters as well as seasoned individuals looking to brush up on safe boating knowledge, are encouraged to take the course. No on-the-water experience is offered during the classroom-based

course. Upon successful completion of the class and exam, participants will be issued an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Boat Safety Certification, which is honored in both Iowa and Illinois.

Pre-registration for the class is required and youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and classes fill quickly. To register contact the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center at 815-667-4054. Visit https:// www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/ Recreation/Illinois-Waterway/Boater-Safety-Classes/ for more information.

Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with a night of comedy

DIXON-April represents Autism Acceptance Month, a time to foster awareness, understanding, and acceptance of individuals with autism. Autism is a lifelong developmental disability characterized by differences in social communication and behavior, and repetitive behaviors, interests, patterns, and activities. People with autism display a range of skills and levels of functioning. Many autistic people and their families embrace autism as an intrinsic part of who they are.

This year for Autism Acceptance Month, the White House called on all Americans to learn more about autism and create more welcoming, inclusive communities. April represents a time to embrace neurodiversity and celebrate the unique experiences, perspectives, and talents of autistic people who think, communicate, and experi-

ence the world differently. Autism Acceptance Month encourages communities to create environments where individuals with autism can thrive and be valued for who they are.

One event that embodies the spirit of Autism Acceptance Month is the upcoming evening of comedy on Thursday, April 25 at the Dixon Historic Theatre. Florissa and the Dixon Historic Theatre worked closely together to bring renowned autistic comedian, author, and TedX speaker Michael McCreary to the Sauk Valley. McCreary, known for his witty humor and insightful observations, has been captivating audiences with his comedy that brings a fresh perspective on everyday life. He invites audiences to embrace the quirks and complexities that make each person unique and highlights the humanity that unites us all. This

comedy event will wrap up Autism Acceptance Month and provides an opportunity to embrace diversity, foster empathy, and create a more inclusive community.

This event is supported by funding from the Dixon Historic Theatre, The Autism Program of Illinois, Kreider Services Foundation and the Kreider Alliance. Due to this support, there is a minimal ticket fee of \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at dixontheatre. com or the box office at 815-508-6324.

A book signing with Michael McCreary for his book "Funny, You Don't Look Autistic" will be held from 3:45-4:30 p.m. at Books On First in Dixon. Florissa and the Dixon Historic Theatre asks you to join them for this unforgettable and inspirational night of comedy and to spread the message of awareness and acceptance this month.

April Hennepin Canal Hike Planned for April 21

from 9-10:30 a.m.

HealthCare Clinical Dietitian Jennifer Scully, Ottawa, Henry, and in Oglesby on the IVCC campus. The Mission of University of Illinois Extension is to provide practical education

April's Friends of the Hennepin Canal hike

Hikers will meet at Bridge 50 on the northwest

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Extension offices are located in Princeton,

Bridge 47 to begin our hike.

Directions to Bridge 50: Take Route 40 north from Route 6 (or I-80) to Route 172. Then go west on Route 172 to where it crosses the Feeder Canal. This portion of the "Hike the Hennepin" is four miles in length and has been named "White

Tail Deer."

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Barbara A. Guilfoyle

MENDOTA – Barbara A. Guilfoyle, 74, of Mendota, passed away April 10, 2024, at Allure of Mendota. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial was private. A Celebration of Life was held after Mass at the Mendota Civic Center from noon-3 p.m. Cremation rites were been accorded. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Barb was born on April 5, 1950, in Chicago, to Barclay "Barry" and Frances (Kuryla) Kilgour. After graduation from Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein, she attended the American Academy of Art College in Chicago earning her Associate of Arts.

Early in her work career, Barb was employed with the Bennett Brothers Department store in Chicago and modeled for their catalog. She met her future husband, Michael Guilfoyle at Bennett Brothers, who was working his way through law school at Loyola. On July 28, 1973, she married Michael in Lake Zurich and they resided in Oak Park until they moved to Mendota.

She will be forever missed by her husband, Michael of Mendota; daughter, Kati (Tyler) Stevenson of Mendota; son, Kris (Ashli) Guilfoyle of San Clemente, Calif.; two grandsons, Gavin and Connor Stevenson of Mendota; sisters-in-law, Nancy (Guilfoyle) Cusick of Barron, Wis., and Gretchen Hagen (Tom Guilfoyle) of Columbia, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Marguerite Guilfoyle; and two brothers-in-law, Tom Guilfoyle and David Cusick.

After moving to Mendota, Barb then attended Northern Illinois University and graduated with her Bachelor of Arts degree. She first worked as a teacher at Holy Cross School in Mendota. She then worked at the Illinois Attorney General's office in Peru. She finished her career as the art teacher at Northbrook Middle School in Mendota. She was very fond of her art students and was proud of all their accomplishments. After retiring, she continued to teach children who were interested in art "for fun."

Being active and outside were also important to Barb. She enjoyed yoga at the Mendota YMCA, along with other classes. She belonged to the Mendota Golf Club and participated in the Ladies League. Barb was a runner, taking part in many 5K runs, and also loved walking. She had many fond memories of runs and walks with Michael, her kids, and grandkids.

Her grandkids were her joy and she loved helping them whenever she could. She was truly a friend to them and shared her passion for art and being active. She loved spending time on vacations, especially on beaches, whether with her children, grandchildren, or husband.

Barb also loved dogs, including her own dogs and her children's dogs. She enjoyed many hours in her backyard gardening with Michael and their dogs.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gavin and Connor Stevenson, Patricia and Bill Dowdakin, Sherry and Ernie Engstrom, Rita Jacobson, Wayne and Abby Lohman, Dianne Totten, Sue and Alan Urso, and Paula and Roy Wilkinson.

Memorials may be directed to the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry, Mendota Area Senior Services, or the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

See the latest obituaries at www.mendotareporter.com

Elaine R. Cain

MENDOTA - Elaine Rose (Williams) Cain, 97, passed away on April 1, 2024, at Stonecroft Village in Mendota.

Visitation was from 10:30-11 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024, at Wasmer Funeral Home in Mendota. A private family service followed led by Rev. Mary Bohall. Burial will be private.

Elaine was born on Nov. 17, 1926, to George and Mae Williams in Kingston Mines, Ill.

She is survived by three daughters, Pattye (Ken) Doran of Mendota; Zebbye (Tim) Koran of St. Charles; and Dorene Cain of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; her son, Vernon Sandy (Kathy) Cain of St. George, Utah; eight grandchildren whom she loved dearly; and 14 great-grandchildren who she has adored since they were "knee high to a grasshopper."

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon, on Dec. 26, 2004.

She lived her first years of life on a houseboat on the Illinois River. Elaine met and married the love of her life, Vernon H. Cain, on April 14, 1945, after knowing him only six weeks. They bought their first home in Hanna City and went on to have three children. Later they moved to Mendota where they had their fourth child.

Elaine loved to spend time golfing, bowling, having coffee with her friends, and devoted time to the First United Methodist Church in Mendota.

The love she shared with her friends and family will never be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Mendota City Ordinances

Public nuisances

MENDOTA - The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances.

It is against city ordinance to have accumulations of trash, building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin.

The city of Mendota requests anyone who is in violation of the above mentioned nuisance regulations to remove the item(s) from your property. Anyone found in violation will be subject to receiving a citation, which involves a court date and fine.

Grass clippings, etc. in streets

No person shall throw, place or leave, or cause or permit to be thrown, placed or left, any ashes, dirt, filth or rubbish, grass clippings, or foreign matter in or upon any street, alley or sidewalk of the City of Mendota.

Penalty: Any person violating this section shall be subject to the penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500. Imposition of any penalty for a violation of this section shall not be construed as a waiver of the right of the City to collect the cost of removal of such nuisance where it is necessary for the City to remove such nuisance.





Free herb gardening workshop set at Graves-Hume Library

MENDOTA – Have you always wanted to add fresh herbs to your landscape, but were curious about their care and use? The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program will be presenting a free workshop on Herb Gardening at 6 p.m. Monday, April 22 at Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota.

Participants will learn how to select, plant, and maintain herb gardens to add beauty to the home landscape while offering added culinary and other uses.

To register, go to go.illinois.edu/herbsmendota to ensure adequate space and materials. Please contact Master Gardener/Master Naturalist Coordinator at bettyann@illinois.edu or (309) 364-2356 if you need reasonable accommodation to attend or have additional questions about the program.

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Illinois Extension leads

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- Monday 3-6 p.m.
- Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The incinerator is located south of Mendota near the sewage treatment plant.

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Sign-up open for Carus Science Camp

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With limited slots available, interested participants are encouraged to register early as spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Carus Summer Science Camp has long been a highlight for students in LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam counties, offering a unique opportunity for hands-on learning in the fields of science and chemistry.

Led by a dedicated team of local teachers, participants will engage in captivating experiments and expeditions designed to ignite their curiosity and passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Lynd-



Participants at graduation day for the 2023 Carus Summer Science Camp after completing the week-long camp at St. Bede Academy. Registration is now open for the 2024 camp. (Photo contributed)

say Bliss, Vice President of Human Resources and Communications at Carus, expresses her enthusiasm, stating, "The Summer Science Camp is a cherished tradition for us. We've witnessed its profound impact on students over the years, and we're proud to continue nurturing their interest in STEM education."

During a time when technological advancements are reshaping industries, the significance of STEM

education cannot be overstated. In fact, according to projections from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, STEM occupations are set to expand by 8 percent by 2029, underlining the critical need for early exposure to these fields. Moreover, a study by the National Science Foundation reveals that an astonishing 80 percent of future jobs will demand proficiency in STEM skills. By participating in this camp, your child will not only

gain hands-on experience and knowledge but will also be equipped to seize the opportunities of the future with confidence. Join Carus in empowering the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers!

For more information and to register for the Carus Summer Science Camp, visit carusllc.com/ sciencecamp. Don't miss this opportunity to spark your child's curiosity and passion for science.

Sign Ordinance

MENDOTA – The city of Mendota reminds you that it is unlawful under city ordinance 42.34 to hang, lean, or place any advertising materials on any street lamp, post, telephone or electric light pole within the city limits of Mendota. This includes garage sale notices.

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

Planting

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• Don't pass until it's safe and legal to do so.

• Watch for farm implements on the road and as they enter and exit farms.

• Allow extra room when following farm equipment.

• Remember a farmer cannot always move over to let motorists pass.

• Know that if you can't see the driver, the driver can't see you.

Additionally, Johnson stressed the importance of limiting distractions while driving.

"Distracted driving is one of the four most common contributing factors in all fatal crashes in the state of Illinois," he said. "It falls upon the farmers and falls upon the rest of the motoring public to put all their focus on what's in front of them." Johnson highlighted further important safety practices for farmers to remember as well:

• Look both ways before pulling out into a roadway.

• Take extra time to clean off all safety equipment.

• If there is a large traffic backup behind you, pull off to the side of the roadway if it is safe to do so, or move into a safe area.

• Remember to use turn signals when changing lanes or pulling into a field entrance.

"Motorists and operators of farming equipment and other specialized motorized apparatuses must share the roadway," Johnson added.

(This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.)

Award

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Whether interacting with colleagues or students, "her approachability and friendly demeanor create an open channel for effective communications," the nomination continued.

Wohrley and fellow nominees Chad Brokaw, Juliana Dzurisin, Lynn Ewing-Teegardin, Steve Mazzorana, Marlene Merkel, Diane Scoma, and Manessa Trench, were honored April 4, at IVCC's employee recognition reception at Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club.

Wohrley began her IVCC career in 2016 as a part-time Academic Support Technologist. Two years later, she joined the financial aid staff as a full-time financial aid advisor and became the compliance specialist last year.

This is the 24th year of the Support Staff Distinguished Service Award, which was renamed in honor of Connie Dzierzynski Skerston, assistant director of admissions and records, who died in 2015.



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LaSalle Co. EMA encourages safety in handling hazardous materials

OTTAWA – As part of their ongoing commitment to enhancing safety and preparedness, LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) announces April as Hazardous Materials and Household Chemical Awareness Month in their on-going effort to educate and empower community members to recognize, handle and respond to hazardous materials in our everyday lives.

Hazardous materials are substances that, due to their nature, pose a risk to human health, the environment, and property. They can be found in various forms, including household cleaners, automotive products, paints, and other common household items. The improper handling or disposal of these materials can lead to serious consequences. To help citizens to safeguard their lives and property, LaSalle County EMA provides the following tips:

• Identification: Learn to recognize common household items that may contain hazardous materials. Look for warning labels, symbols, and follow manufacturers' • Disposal: Follow local guidelines for proper disposal of hazardous materials. Do not pour chemicals down drains or throw them in the trash. Utilize community hazardous waste collection events or drop-off locations. Information on recycling can be found at www.lasallecountyil.gov/411/ Recycling.

• Alternatives: Explore environmentally friendly alternatives to hazardous products. Many eco-friendly options are readily available and can contribute to a safer home environment.

"According to the National Fire Protection Association, an average of 1,700 home fires are caused by instances of spontaneous combustion or chemical reaction," said EMA director Fred Moore. "I encourage all residents to read and follow label instructions on properly storing and disposing of household hazardous waste."

LaSalle County Emergency Management provides a free smart phone application, available from the app stores, that provides

instructions. p

• Storage: Safely store hazardous materials out of reach of children and pets, and in a cool, dry place. Keep products in their original containers to preserve important information. preparedness information on what to do before during and after a household chemical emergency and additional information can be found at www.ready.gov/household-chemical-emergencies.



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This is why we're moody

Growing up, some are taught to weed out the myths, fairy tales, and the fibs.

In journalism school, you're taught to stay away from cliches.

As an adult, we don't have time for beating around the bush or stories with no background and/or reason. All of these



beliefs or thought patterns could be why I stayed away from the perception weather affects our moods. Who hasn't heard

By Brandon LaChance

statements focused on clouds bringing

you down, the sun brightening your day, and rain either cleansing your aura or dampening your spirits?

For years, when I heard these claims, I yawned, smiled, let it go in one ear and out the other, or simply neverminded the commentator and went about my business.

How could it be true?

Why would we put two and two together to equal weather and emotions are on the same math problem? Seems like 2+2=17 if you ask me.

Bad days seemed to be surrounded by depressing life altering news, stress, a bad performance on the basketball court, dance recital, spelling bee, or important business conference call, a driving mistake, or anything resulting in police or firefighter interaction.

Good days were thought to be the opposites of the above ideas with the addition of a kiss from a girlfriend/boyfriend, compliments from friends and family, a salary raise, or the taste of your favorite food and/or beverage.

Those alter moods.

Those directly affect a person and if they're happy, excited, glad, deflated, exhausted, mad, or overwhelmed.

How would the giant ball of burning gas or precipitation, in its many forms, have any control of why one is beaming from ear to ear with a smile warmly embracing everything life has to offer or is ready to explode in a rage of tantrums before diving into a quart of ice cream or popping a bottle alone and secluded?

I believed the cliches and stories were folklore and the creation of a game of telephone; Peter Pan must have created them while he was flying through the sky. Or Superman. Or Green Lantern.



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Businessmen's club met at depot – 1923

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from April 16, 2003.) **By Jessica Nashold**

It was 80 years ago that Mendota businessmen recognized the value of weekly meetings to discuss current problems. They met in the Depot Hotel dining room, starting with lunch, catered by Dan O'Connell, manager of the Depot.

On Monday, April 16, 1923, the principal topic of discussion was the free tourist camp they were sponsoring on the old North School grounds, 16th Street and Guiles. They had discovered that tourists would drive 30 miles or more to take advantage of a free camp. It was decided to post sign on all the main roads leading to Mendota, at a distance of 30 miles, emphasizing Mendota's FREE tourist grounds. In order to accommodate the additional tourists these signs were expected to attract, it was suggested that adjacent pasture land be acquired, and added to the tourist grounds.

Frank Fritz, president of the Businessman's Club, was also serving on the high school board. He said Mendota's "Northenders" would like to see the North School used as a community center. However –

Free Tourist Camp signs were posted.

The problem with peddlers annoying hoppers in downtown Mendota would be dealt with by council action. This had been done in other communities by passing a licensing ordinance and imposing fines on those attempting to evade it. John Botts suggested that if each businessman contributed \$100 to the fund, it could be used to provide rooms where they could entertain salesmen and customers, as well as better accommodate rural shoppers. **SIDETRACK** – When Kiwanis Club was organized, in November 1923, the members adopted the Monday noon meetings in the Depot Hotel dining room, used



so successfully by the Mendota Businessmen's Club.

Western Union Telegraph signed a five-year lease on a portion of the Northwestern Timber Co. office in the Schofield building on Washington Street. This space would be partitioned off and have its own manager. The Schofield building was one door east of the post office, which in 1923 was located in the Masonic building.

Previously, Western Union messages had been handled by the railroad telegraph operators, and railroad messages had been a major inconvenience for the public.

Messages will be handled with greatest dispatch. Privacy assured.

A meeting of the MTHS Parent-Teacher Association was held April 26, 1923, in the high school auditorium. A discussion of local topics by high school students, directed by Professor A.I. Hardy, was on the program. Mr. Hardy announced that businessmen and town officials "had better be present if they wanted to get helpful hints." deposits at National, starting with as little as \$5. This fund would be safe until enough had been saved to make the purchase.

It was not unusual for Mendotans to pick up their vehicles at the factory. In April 1923, Dr. B.N. Hughes and Joseph L. Zolper went to Cleveland, Ohio, to drive out two Chandlers. Dr. Hughes purchased the Pike's Peak Chandler. It was not recorded who was getting the Chandler driven by Zolper.

M.A. Adams was sent by the State to Mendota with several assistants, to check up on Mendota area motorists who had failed to purchase 1923 license plates. Although 500,000 plates had been sold in Illinois during January and February, yielding revenue of \$5 million, many drivers were not displaying 1923 plates. Adams and his assistants had police powers and could arrest drivers of cars with old plates. Fines will be assessed.

Truck drivers, taxi cab drivers and bus drivers will also be fined if they do not display 1923 plates.

Revenue from license fees and fines is going to the Hard Road Fund.

Frank Coss, who had been farming south of Mendota, announced plans to build a modern pasteurizing plant on Main Street, one door north of the Knauer building. He will offer milk

Well, let's pull out the calendar and mark the day I change my opinion; Saturday, April 13.

There had been storms the week before = bad mood.

Then there were winds and darker clouds, with no rain, but still not overly sunny = bad mood.

An honor had been pushed my way = still bad mood.

Girlfriend tried to cheer me up = still, still a bad mood.

But when I was driving 1 hour, 30 minutes to umpire a baseball doubleheader on Saturday with the sun bold and beautiful (I pictured sunglasses were being rocked), no wind, and everybody in my path saying it's a beautiful day, I was happy, they were happy.

A questionable call was made at third base. No grief. No banter. No bicker. A head nod was made and the sentiment to move on was accepted.

The sun did it.

The good weather did it.

The cliches of yesteryear and tomorrow seemed to become set in stone.

All was at peace.

The best, sometimes worst, thing about anything said or believed is it can be changed. Edited. Erased. Replaced.

Through childhood, journalism school, and adulthood you are also told to man/woman up and take accountability for being wrong or mistaken.

So, sun, I apologize for not understanding your power to make people happy and pleasant. It's now understood.

However, it's going to take some more time or a few proving points, not just one, to change my tune on the other weather ailment songs.

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A Blue Law had been introduced in the Illinois legislature that would ban every form of "commercial entertainment" on Sundays, including movies and baseball games. Heavy fines would be assessed against violators, if the ban became law.

Opposition was mobilizing.

The Mendota Auto Co. was among the first to introduce the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan, with cooperation by the Mendota National Bank. Prospective purchasers of Fords could make regular cream, butter and cheese for sale.

SIDETRACK – This building later housed Virgil's Shoe Repair Shop and later a printing shop.

The Schildberg brothers, Otto and Rudolph, were known for successfully rearing canaries. In April 1923, they placed a large cage in the rear of Schildberg's grocery. It contained eight pairs of canaries, many babies just a few days old, and others feathering out. A few mother canaries were still sitting on their eggs. Customers frequently visited the canaries.

They enjoyed the singing.

The Bible is America's book

By Rich Lowry

Of all the objectionable things Donald Trump has ever done, selling a Bible would seem to rank pretty far down the list.

Yet his marketing, along with Lee Greenwood, of a God Bless the U.S.A. Bible for \$59.99 has occasioned a couple of news cycles of outrage. The Bible has an American flag cover and accompanying American historical documents, including the Declaration of Independence, as well as the words to Greenwood's iconic patriotic song.

Hawking the Bible like it's a digital trading card or a personalized sneaker -- to name a couple of other products Trump has pushed in his inimitable style -- is tasteless and unpresidential, needless to say.

Dwight Eisenhower didn't market golf balls, and it was notoriously Jimmy Carter's brother -- not the president -- who sold a specially branded beer.

Nor should anyone confuse the handiwork of Thomas Jefferson -- or Lee Greenwood -- with the Word of God.

But the incensed commentary makes it sound as though Trump is the first person to sell an edition of a Bible catering to a niche market. In reality, there's a dizzying array of Bibles in this country for people with different interests, whether it's the law enforcement Bible, busy mom's Bible or outdoorsman's Bible with a camouflage cover and "devotions that tie directly to the sports of hunting, fishing, backpacking or any outdoor activity."

The God Bless the U.S.A. Bible was first published in 2021 and already had competition in the American Patriot's Bible from 2009.

The fact is that selling Bibles is a very American venture, and the Bible, particularly the King James Version endorsed by Trump, is a very American book, in fact, the American book.

The ship's carpenter on the Mayflower might have brought the first copy of the King James Bible to our shores. The historian of Christianity Mark Noll notes that the Bible was often the only book that families owned.

By around 1800, traveling Bible salesman Parson Weems (famous for his biography of George Washington) was mar-

veling at the hot market: "I tell you, this is the very season and age of the Bible. Bible dictionaries, Bible tales, Bible stories -- Bibles plain or paraphrased, Carey's Bibles, Collins' Bibles, Clarke's Bibles, Kimptor's Bibles, no matter what or whose, all, all will go down, so wide is the crater of public appetite at this time."

According to Noll, between 1794 and 1815, 186 novels were published in America compared to 246 editions of the New Testament or the full Bible. Almost all of the Bibles published before 1840 were the King James Version. Already early in the 19th century, he writes, "printer-publishers were creating and meeting demand by packaging the King James Version in many sizes, shapes, and prices."

Constant innovations in printing and distribution meant that the Bible and Bible-related literature led to what another historian calls "the birth of mass media in America."

The King James Version played an enormous role in shaping America's anti-monarchical attitudes during the Revolution. And the way the Bible pervaded and shaped American life was one reason that the country's early leaders hoped a state establishment of religion was unnecessary -- thanks to the Bible, they could have Christianity, and a virtuous society, without Christendom.

The King James Bible became foundational to American rhetoric and literature such that it is impossible to imagine the work of the likes of Martin Luther King Jr. or William Faulkner without it. Even as its influence has declined, we often quote or echo it without even realizing it.

"The great influence of the King James Version in American history," Noll has said, "came precisely because it was so widely available; because precisely its words, and what the words communicated, had entered so deeply into the consciousness of so many Americans, and particularly of otherwise voiceless Americans."

The God Bless the U.S.A. Bible won't be a signal contribution to this tradition, but neither is it a betrayal of it. *Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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Project Success delivers

The busy Easter Bunny enlisted some IVCC Eagles to complete his deliveries this spring. IVCC's Project Success Leadership Team raised funds and contributions from the campus community to assemble 100 baskets for the Youth Service Bureau to distribute to children in its care. Thanks to campus generosity, the group collected an assortment of items ranging from stuffed animals to jump ropes and candy to coloring books. Project Success is a grant-funded program serving students who are first-generation in college, low income and have disabilities. (Photo contributed)

IVCC ARPA scholarship applications being accepted

OGLESBY - Illinois Valley Community College along with the LaSalle, Marshall, & Putnam County Regional Office of Education has announced that the application for the ARPA Scholarship for Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) Summer2024 semester is now available. Students who are enrolled or planning to enroll in IVCC's spring CNA program are eligible to apply.

The on-line application can found on the Regional Offices website at www. roe35.org/student-and-family-services/ scholarships, the IVCC PATH grant page www.ivcc.edu/path, or the IVCC Foundation webpage www.ivcc.edu/ foundation.

Applications for the ARPA scholarship must be completed in their entirety and returned online by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2024.

For more information, contact Jessica Haywood at the Regional Office of Education at jhaywood@roe35.org or at 815-434-0780 or Bonnie Campbell at bonnie_campbell@ivcc.edu.



Paw Paw Board sets poker run for July 20

PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Village Board met in regular session on April 10.

The Second Annual Paw Paw Community Poker Run date of July 20 has been approved. Modes of transportation may include bicycle, stroller, rascal, feet, motor bike under 50cc, tricycle, motorcycle, golf cart. All motorized vehicles must be street-legal

The Village of Paw Paw has proclaimed the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month, promoting the safe operation of motorcycles as well as motorcycle safety, education, and respect of the citizens of the village and state. All motorists are urged to join in an effort to improve awareness and safe sharing of roadways.



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IVCC honors students at awards ceremony

OGLESBY-Illinois Valley Community College recognized Thomas J. Mc-Cormack Scholars and other academic honorees at its annual Student Academic Awards Ceremony April 3.

McCormack Scholars are Jennifer Horton, Streator; Eric Lockwood, Peru; Madeline Klicker, Seneca; Sydney Miller, Tonica; Taylor Wetsel, Princeton and Kendall Schmidt, LaSalle.

To earn the College's highest academic achievement, McCormack's maintain a minimum 3.75 grade point average in at least 14 hours over three consecutive semesters. In addition, all six were recognized for academic honors over three consecutive semesters.

Other students recognized for academic achievement were:

Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team: Grace Irwin, Peru

Earning academic honors for three consecutive semesters:

Maxwell Anke, Peru; Arthur Argubright, Spring Valley; Elizabeth Bradley, Streator; Logan Brandner, Mendota; Elizabeth Browder, Earlville; Adam Brown, Serena; Isabella Caruso, Mendota; Leena Dean, McNabb; Emma Depauw, Tiskilwa; Alex Doll, Spring Valley; Erin Dunlap, Ottawa; Mikayla Durland, Sheridan;

Cali Edwards, Sheridan; Addison Ernat, Peru; Colin Finklea, Spring Valley; Joseline Flores, La Salle; Sydney Galvan, Utica; Jenna Gamons, Ottawa; Christopher Garcia, La Salle; Lyan Gonzalez, LaSalle; Nora Groesbeck, Streator; Colin Hart, Diamond; Ethan Hassler, Princeton; Hayleigh Hauppa, Sheridan; Anthony Hewitt, Peru; Chloe Hillyard, Mendota; Jennifer Horton, Streator; Jayden Huebbe-Faso, LaSalle; Laci Irvin, Strreator; Grace Irwin, Peru;

Emma Kamin, Mendota; McKenna Klein, LaMoille; Madeline Klicker, Seneca; Andrew Knipper, Princeton; Jennifer Knudson, Marseilles; Isabella Lambert, Tonica; Deborah Lengsfeld, Mendota; Eric Lockwood, Peru; Brandon Lomeli, Grand Ridge; Justus Mason, Ottawa; Gage Mickley, Oglesby; Sydney Miller, Tonica; Colin Nave, Granville; Earl Mitchel Pantig, Ottawa; Rebecca Peura, La Salle; Gennaro Piccolo, Spring Valley; Joel Renner, Princeton; Zachary Riggenbach, La Salle; Wesley Ruppert, La Salle;

Caleb Savitch, Spring Valley; Colton Schafer, Princeton; Kendall Schmidt, La Salle; Holly Schriber, Peru; Rilee Sterling, LaSalle; Avery Stiegler, Seneca; Maggie Stisser, Ottawa; Alexandra Stremlau, Mendota; Lauren Summers, Ottawa; Zachary Swart, Ottawa; Thomas Swartz, Monticello; Natalia Thome, Oglesby; Leighanne Turner, Peru; Tyler Valdez, Mendota; Harleigh Varland, Seneca; Kiersten Vincent, Peru; Ella Ware, Peru, and Taylor Wetsel, Princeton.

Earning academic honors for two consecutive semesters:

Tara Alnwick, Ottawa; Tyrese Baiinath, LaSalle; Katie Bates, Princeton; Zander Baxter, Ottawa; Ariana Benitez, Ottawa; Karrington Benson, Ottawa; Megen Berg, Streator; Jake Bradach, Oglesby; Kaitlyn Brannon, Granville; Carley Brewick-Pointer, Ransom; Gabrielle Buendia, Ottawa; Caleb Burrell, Peru; Abbey Calkins, Princeton; Lily Craig, Ottawa; Dylan Crank, Toluca; Zoe Crawford, Streator; Lydia Dornick, Peru; Ashley Dresen, Marseilles; Nora Eiken, Tiskilwa;

Cody Ewers, Ottawa; Marisol Felix, Mendota; Riker Fesperman, La Salle; Zoe Finley, Mendota; Caitlyn Fiocchi, Princeton; Ethan Fox, Lacon; Lauren Frost, Princeton; Olivia Gonzalez, Hennepin; Joshua Grob, Utica; Alexia Gross, Mendota; Kayla Guerra, Peru; Austin Hack, Wenona; Zoe Hanson, Mendota; Elaina Harris, Mendota; Anna Hoffmeyer, Streator; Alex Jagers, Princeton; Maera Jimenez, Ottawa; Emily Joanis, Ottawa; Ivy Jones, Marseilles;

Kaitlyn Kelly, Oglesby; Emily Kestner, Streator; Samantha Kielski, Marseilles; Chase Kreiser, Lostant; Kyle Kuntz, Streator; Hannah Larsen, Ottawa; Gianna Lopez, LaSalle; Cassandra Lowande, Putnam; Kain MacFadgen, Ottawa; Adrian Macias, Spring Valley; Amy Marek, Marseilles; Miranda Mazzorana, La Salle; Kailey McCauley, Peru; Olivia McCauley, Peru; Liam McGann, Earlville; Callie Meyer, Spring Valley;

Nicole Morones, Ottawa; Nathaniel Nelson, Ottawa; Cody Nettleton, Mendota; Lannie Newberry, Princeton; Emma Nicoli, Hennepin; Aaron Noble, Ottawa; Ava Pagakis, Oglesby; Jaydan Polhemus, Princeton; Jonathan Polhemus, Princeton; Gracie Pollok, Dover; November Rhodes, Ottawa; Giovanni Rios, DePue; Molly Roach, Hennepin; Franchesca Rodriguez, Streator; Elijah Safranek, Peru; John Salz, Marseilles; Tyler Shannon, Serena; Ella Sibert, Streator; James Sokol, Streator; Taylor Staton, Serena;

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Richard Publow Memorial Writing Award winners:

Stephanie Bernhard, Mazon; Adam Brown, Serena; Travis Dougherty, Marseilles; Analiyah Flores, Mendota; Sarah Grever, Ottawa; Brianna Lipe, La Moille, Alexander Myres, Hennepin, and Christina Snook, Grand Ridge.

The Publow rewards the best essays written each year in English Composition courses.

IVCC President, Dr. Tracy Morris, was keynote speaker for the event, addressing a crowd of some 200 students, parents, faculty and administrators who attended the event in the gymnasium.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Althaus

Althauses to mark 60 years of marriage with reception

MENDOTA-Richard and Leslie Althaus of Mendota will mark their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 19.

Their family will be celebrating this amazing life they have lived together with a reception from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 21 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota. Come to visit and reminisce with some light refreshments.

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"One-Stop-Shop" **DMV** experience launches in Plano

PLANO - Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias revealed a more customer-focused, professional and efficient DMV experience that will soon be rolled out at facilities statewide.

The new "One-Stop-Shop" DMV design was officially launched April 9 at the Secretary of State's office in west suburban Plano.

As a part of the office's ongoing modernization efforts, the new DMV experience will save customers considerable time and several steps by offering both vehicle and driver services at a single service counter. "For too long customers have been required to follow an illogical path through the state's DMV facilities. My administration used data to determine the most efficient paths for customers in order to cut down on confusion and save time," Giannoulias said. "I'm excited to see customers' reactions at the new look and feel of our DMV facilities. The 'One-Stop-Shop' experience tears down silos, revolutionizing how our facilities serve Illinoisans."

POLICE BLOTTER

DRIVING WHILE

LICENSE REVOKED

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was charged with driving

while license revoked after

a traffic stop at Fifth Avenue

and Fourth Street at 2:26

a.m. April 10. The subject

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DRIVER'S LICENSE

44, of 809 Sixth St., Men-

dota, was charged with

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at Jefferson Street and

13th Avenue at 7:16 p.m.

April 11. The subject was

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NO VALID

DRIVER'S LICENSE

Macomb, was charged with

no valid Illinois driver's

license after a traffic stop at

Fifth Street and Fifth Avenue at 7:35 p.m. April 13.

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Vineela Gade, 27, of

County court date.

Rigoberto De La Cruz,

County court date.

Reyes M. Godina, 42, of

with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Manual Gustavo Medillin, 41, of 705 1/2 Illinois Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid Illinois driver's license after a traffic stop at Illinois Avenue and Washington Street at 11:54 p.m. April 13. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

TWO WARRANT ARRESTS

Caitlin M. Dissell, 34, of Marseilles, was arrested at 12:42 a.m. April 14 on a failure to appear warrant from Rockford for driving under the influence and a failure to appear warrant from LaSalle County for driving under the influence after police officers were called to the area of Main and Sixth streets for a disturbance. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

ENDANGERING A CHILD

Deanna I. Buchanan, 56, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Apt. 116, Mendota, was charged with endangering the life or health of a child after an investigation by Mendota police at 4 p.m. April 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI, SUSPENDED LICENSE Bhoomi R. Patel, 27, of LaSalle, was charged with driving while license suspended and driving under the influence after a traffic stop at Fifth Street and Seventh Avenue at 8:34 p.m. April 15. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Addresses sought for town-wide garage sales in Mendota

MENDOTA - The fourth annual Mendota Townwide Garage Sales will take place Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those interested in having their addresses added to the list and advertised should contact Heather at (815)990-5577. The deadline is Wednesday, May 1.





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SPORTS

MHS track teams grab 6 firsts at Rock Falls

ROCKFALLS-Mendota participated in a three-team co-ed track meet at Rock Falls on April 11.

Rock Falls claimed the boys' meet with 95 points, while Mendota was second with 51 points and Fulton had 31.

The Trojans were first in four events. Claiming blue ribbons were Anthony Kelson in the 300-meter hurdles (44.85), Madrick Musgrove in the shot put (36-8.25), Jamal Lesley in the high jump (5-7.75) and Mason Koch in the triple jump (39-5.5).

The Mendota girls scored 45 points and finished behind Fulton (72) and Rock Falls (53)

Capturing firsts for the Lady Trojans were Alexa Carlos in the 100-meter dash (15.83) and Mariyah Elam in the high jump (4-9.75).

<u>April 11 @ Rock Falls</u> Rock Falls 95, Mendota 51, Fulton 31 (boys)

Mendota 1st place: Anthony Kelson, 300m hurdles, 44.85; Madrick Musgrove, shot put, 36-8.25; Jamal Lesley, high jump, 5-7.75; Mason Koch, triple jump, 39-5.5

Mendota 2nd place: Kelson, 1600m run, 5:01.72; Kelson, 110m hurdles, 19.07; 4x200m relay (Robert Botello, Jayden Lesley, Bailey Ryan, Jamal Lesley), 1:46.56; Musgrove, discus, 89-1; Gael Garcia, long jump, 18-3

Mendota 3rd place: Sebastian Carlos, 200m dash, 24.38; Berat Imeri, 800m run, 2:34.34; Gavin Stevenson, 3200m run, 12:06.11; 4x400m relay 'A' (Travis Mumm, Brandon Leadley, Koch, Diego Sandoval), 4:22.40; Gabe Vallejo, discus, 88-11.75; Koch, long jump, 18-1.75; Botello, triple jump, 34-2.75

Mendota 4th place: Hector Gonzalez, 800m run, 2:39.48; Imeri, 3200m run, 12:39.61; 4x100m relay 'A' (Carlos, Jayden Lesley, Garcia, Leadley), 49.06; 4x400m relay 'B' (Ryan, Javi Hernandez, Gonzalez, Jamal

MHS boys 5th, girls 7th in

Rollie Morris Invitational

Lesley), 4:25.68

Mendota 5th place: Koch, 100m dash, 12.48; Carlos Toribio, 800m run, 2:50.68; Stevenson, 1600m run, 5:40.25; Spencer Kain, 3200m run, 13:39.21

Mendota 6th place: 4x100m relay 'B' (Logan Wujek, Chase Johnson, Musgrove, Vallejo), 58.05 (girls)

Fulton 72, Rock Falls 53, Mendota 45

Mendota 1st place: Alexa Carlos, 100m dash, 15.83; Mariyah Elam, high jump, 4-9.75

Mendota 2nd place: Hannah Kunz, 400m dash, 1:14.54; Kunz, 800m run, 2:53.98; Elam, 100m hurdles, 17.35; 4x100m relay 'A' (Ella Martin, Kennedy Knaff, Grace Wasmer, Laylie Denault), 58.14; 4x200m relay (Harlow Foltynewicz, Christionah Brown, Wasmer, Aby Buettner), 2:04.91; 4x400m relay 'A' (Knaff, Martin, Denault, Elam), 4:56.50

Mendota 3rd place: Brown, 200m dash, 32.01; Buettner, 300m hurdles, 57.02; 4x800m relay (Briza Cervantes, Emily Banks, Kara Miars, Eden Pecher), 13:31.61; Emily Sondgeroth, discus, 60-11; Lexi Cocanour, high jump, 4-4; Elam, triple jump, 30-9

Mendota 4th place: Miars, 400m dash, 1:16.76; Miars, 800m run, 3:17.33; Denault, 300m hurdles, 57.07; 4x100m relay 'B' (Brooklyn Baxa, Kenzie Mumm, Elaina Koch, Sondgeroth), 1:04.58; 4x400m relay 'B' (Carlos, Cocanour, Pecher, Cervantes), 5:46.61; Martin, discus, 59-5; Foltynewicz, high jump, 4-4; Pecher, triple jump, 25-6.75

Mendota 5th place: Carlos, 400m dash, 1:18.52; Banks, 800m run, 3:23.78; Sondgeroth, shot put, 25-7.5; Brown, triple jump, 23-4.75

Mendota 6th place: Pecher, 100m hurdles, 20.78; Knaff, 300m hurdles, 59.95; Koch, discus, 58-8; Denault, long jump, 13-9.25



Mendota's Cameron Escatel zeroes in on the ball in preparation for a return shot to his Pontiac opponent on April 12 at the MHS courts. (Reporter photos)

Trojan netters defeated by Yorkville, Pontiac

The Mendota varsity boys' tennis team fell to Yorkville, 5-0, on April 10 at Yorkville. April 10

Yorkville 5, Mendota 0

Singles: No. 1 - Phillips (Y) def. Cameron Escatel, Mendota, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2 -Ayala (Y) def. Dagen Setchell, Mendota, 6-0, 6-1

Doubles: No. 1 -Camp-Morrison (Y) def. Trekker Klema-Wyatt Sondgeroth (M), 6-4, 7-6 (4); No. 2 - Dobson-Fallon (Y) def. Ben Bresley-Harlan Gallagher (M), 6-4, 6-4; No. 3-Busse-Schumpp-St. John (Y) def. Trey Lee-Landon Lee (M), 6-4, 6-2 ***

Pontiac edged out the Trojans, 3-2, on April 12 at the MHS courts. Mendota got singles wins from Cameron Escatel and Dagen Setchell, but Pontiac claimed all three doubles matches to win the meet.

April 12

Pontiac 3, Mendota 2 Singles: No. 1 – Escatel (M) def. Oakes (P), 6-3, 6-1; No. 2 – Setchell (M) def. Logan (P), 6-1, 7-6 (2)

Doubles: No. 1 - Pina-Traylor (P) def. Klema-Sondgeroth (M), 6-2, 6-1; No. 2 – Legner-Melchers (P) def. Bresley-Alex Holland (M), 6-2, 6-2; No. 3 Masching-Jean-Jaques (P) def. L. Lee-T. Lee (M), 6-0, 6-0



Mendota's Wyatt Sondgeroth hits a backhand shot during tennis action against Pontiac on April 12.

MHS girls blank Princeton; take 2nd in G-K Tourney

Only one goal was scored and fortunately it was Mendota that scored it in a 1-0 triumph over Princeton in varsity girls' soccer play on April 9 at the MHS field. Noemi Arteaga tallied the goal for the Lady Trojans off an assist by Addy

Allensworth.

Mendota took second place in the Genoa-Kingston Tournament on April

scored the goals for MHS. Mendota defeated Rockford Christian, 5-1, in the second game behind four goals from Garcia. Elaina Reddin had the other score for the Lady Trojans, while Arteaga collected two assists and Linnea Escatel had one.

Mendota met Genoa-Kingston in the championship game that was 0-0 at the end of regulation, but won by the host school in a penalty kick shootout. Garcia and Arteaga were selected to the all-tournament team for Mendota, which has an 8-5 record.

SPRING VALLEY -The Mendota track teams traveled to Spring Valley to participate in the Hall Rollie Morris Invitational on April 13

The Trojan boys took fifth place in the team standings with 61 points. Bureau Valley captured the top spot with 122 points, outdistancing second-place Streator (106). Twelve teams figured in the point standings.

Mendota had two firstplace finishes. Sebastian Carlos kept up his dominance in the 400-meter dash with a winning time of 51.2. The other top placement went to Mason Koch, who went 39-3.25 to seize the triple jump.

In the girls' competition, Mendota tallied 40 points and was seventh in the team standings. Bureau Valley made it sweep by winning the girls' meet with 123 points, while Princeton was a close second (118).

Freshman Mariyah Elam was the lone first-place finisher for the Lady Trojans, taking the long jump with a height of 4-11.75.

<u> April 13 – Morris Invite</u> (boys)

Bureau Valley 122, Streator 106, Stillman Valley 91.5, Amboy 82.5, Mendota

61, Somonauk 50, Lowpoint-Washburn 49, Hall 43, Fieldcrest 40, Putnam County 31, St. Bede 8, Ashton-Franklin Center 7

Mendota 1st place: Sebastian Carlos, 400m dash, 51.2; Mason Koch, triple jump, 39-3.25

Mendota 2nd place: Anthony Kelson, 1600m run, 5:05.8

Mendota 4th place: Carlos, 200m dash, 23.9; Kelson, 300m hurdles, 44.6

Mendota 5th place: Berat Imeri, 3200m run, 12:04.5; Koch, long jump, 17-8.5

Mendota 6th place: Kelson, 110m hurdles, 18.1; 4x200m relay (Robert Botello, Jayden Lesley, Gael Garcia, Jamal Lesley), 1:43.5; Jamal Lesley, high jump, 5-6.25

Mendota 7th place: 4x100m relay (Carlos, Jayden Lesley, Garcia, Botello), 48.8

Mendota 8th place: 4x800m relay (Hector Gonzalez, Spencer Kain, Carlos Toribio, Travis Mumm), 11:01.7; Garcia, long jump, 17-0.25; Botello, triple jump, 34-7.75 (girls)

Bureau Valley 123, Princeton 118, Amboy 93, Low-

See Morris, Page B2

13 The Lady Trojans be-

gan the action with a 2-0 triumph over Pecatonica. Crystal Garcia and Arteaga

Trojans struggle on offense in losses to Hall, Riverdale

Hall and Mendota played a baseball game over two days that went to the Red Devils, 6-1, at the MHS field. The game was started on April 11 and was halted by rain, then finished on April 12.

Hall took a 2-0 lead in the first and Mendota scored once in the third before the game was stopped. The Red Devils pulled away with four runs in the sixth.

The Trojans collected six hits, led by Izaiah Nanez with a single and a double. Jace Baird added a pair of singles for Mendota.

Baird pitched the first

three innings and allowed two hits and two earned runs to take the loss. He walked two and struck out five. Braiden Freeman went the rest of the way on the hill. He permitted three hits, four earned runs, walked three and fanned four.

Riverdale was a 9-1 winner over the Trojans on April 13 at Port Byron.

The Rams grabbed a 4-0 lead after three innings. Mendota's lone tally came in the fourth on an RBI single by Brody Hartt.

Riverdale finished the scoring with one run in the fourth and four in the sixth frame.

Mendota outhit Riverdale, 10-7, but costly mistakes by the Trojans on the basepaths and on defense (five errors) led to their downfall.

Hartt, Baird and Freeman each had two hits for Mendota

Justin Randolph started on the mound for the Trojans and was tagged with the loss. He gave up three hits over four innings. Only one of the five runs scored off of Randolph was earned. He walked three and struck out five. Evan McPheeters pitched the final two frames.



Braiden Freeman delivers a pitch for the Mendota baseball team during action against Hall on April 12 at the MHS diamond. (Reporter photo)

Late-inning rally carries Lady Trojans over Hall, 9-8

A late-inning rally propelled the Mendota varsity softball team to a 9-8 win over Hall in Three Rivers Conference action on April 9 at Spring Valley.

Hall led 6-2 after four innings, but Mendota scored twice in the fifth and five times in the sixth to pull out the victory.

Mendota scored once in the second when Sydney Tolley singled and came around to score, and it added another run in the third when Emily Diaz doubled and later touched home plate.

The Lady Trojans had four hits and scored twice in the fifth to cut Hall's lead to 6-4. Ava Eddy and Kirby Bond both doubled in the frame, while Diaz and Madelyn Becker delivered singles.

Mendota sent 10 batters to the plate in the sixth to take the lead. Picking up hits in the inning were Eddy (triple), Diaz (single), Bond (double), Tolley (single) and Abbie Kreiser (double). Ella Coss and Talia White drew walks to keep the inning going.

The Lady Devils tried to mount a comeback of their own with single tallies in the sixth and seventh innings, but came up one run short.

The Lady Trojans collected 15 hits in the contest, with Eddy, Diaz and Becker getting three hits apiece. Picking up two hits each were Bond, Tolley and Kreiser.

Eddy was the winning pitcher, going the distance and allowing 13 hits and seven earned runs. She struck out four and walked three.

Mendota and Hall met again on April 11 at the MHS field and the visitors came away with a 19-10 conference win.

The Lady Devils jumped out to an 8-0 lead, scoring seven times in the opening inning

Mendota got on the board with a four-run third, all happening after two outs. Eddy and Diaz drew walks and then Becker, Bond and Coss had consecutive singles.

Hall padded its lead with five runs in the fourth and then the Lady

Trojans responded with a five-run bottom of the inning. Mendota had just one hit in the frame, a single from Becker, while it had four walks.

Hall scored six more runs over the next three innings. Mendota completed its scoring with a run in the sixth. Diaz tripled and Becker singled her home.

Mendota (1-4, 1-2) collected 11 hits led by Becker with three singles and three RBI. Bond and Coss each had two hits.

Eddy was the losing pitcher.

SPORTS

Morris

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point-Washburn 65, St. Bede 58, Aurora Central Catholic 57, Mendota 40, Streator 35, Stillman Valley 31, Fieldcrest 27, Somonauk 27, Hall 21, Ashton-Franklin Center 6

Mendota 1st place: Mariyah Elam, high jump, 4-11.75 Mendota 2nd place: Elam, 100m hurdles, 16.7

Mendota 3rd place: 4x200m relay (Laylie Denault, Grace Wasmer, Aby Buettner, Elam), 1:55.8

Mendota 5th place: Elam, 200m dash, 27.8; Denault, 300m hurdles, 55.8 Mendota 7th place: 4x800m relay (Emily Banks, Kara Miars, Eden Pecher, Briza Cervantes), 13:27.5; Denault, long jump, 13-8.25 Mendota 8th place: Buettner, 100m hurdles, 19.8; Kennedy Knaff, 300m

Cheer on your favorite player or team by attending a game!!

hurdles, 58.9

Wednesday Night

BOWLING

Men's League Standings as of April 3–1. O'Donnell Excavating 68-44; 2. Mendota Monument 61-51; 3. Novak Farms 58-53; 4. JJ&L Carpentry 55-53; 5. First State Bank 52-60; 6. Black Bros. 41-71

High team game (scratch) – Novak Farms 1080, Mendota Monument 1044, JJ&L Carpentry 978

High team game (hdcp) – Novak Farms 1201, Mendota Monument 1094 JJ&L Carpentry 1078

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Monument 3068, Novak Farms 3010, JJ&L Carpentry 2817

High team series (hdcp) – Novak Farms 3373, Mendota Monument 3218, JJ&L Carpentry 3117

High individual game (scratch) – Matt Avery 258, Nate Bradford 258, Matt Novak 252

High individual series (scratch)–Drake O'Donnell 698, Barry Sutton 683, Nate Bradford 667

Monday Night Mixed League Standings as of April 8–1.

Split Happens 42-23; 2. Ramer Inc. 36-29; 3. CM Farm 35-30; 4. Leagal Beagles 34-31; 5. Bad Kats 30-35; 6. Sports-N-Stuff 18-47 High team game (scratch) – Split Happens 831, Ramer Inc. 724, CM Farm 661

High team game (hdcp) – Split Happens 1043, Ramer Inc. 1008, Bad Kats 960

High team series (scratch) – Split Happens 2243, Ramer Inc. 1972, CM Farm 1948

High team series (hdcp)– Split Happens 2879, Ramer Inc. 2824, CM Farm 2794

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Men's high game (hdcp) – Matt Ramer 323, Charlie Betz 299, Ed Roulston 262 Men's high series (scratch) – Matt Ramer 708, Charlie Betz 593, Sonny

Sterchi Jr. 562 Men's high series (hdcp) – Charlie Betz 791, Matt Ramer 780, Raul Diaz Jr. 727

Women's high game (scratch)–Jessica Robinson 229, Emily Thomas 214, Gail Sessler 206

Women's high game (hdcp) – Jessica Robinson 279, Emily Thomas 271, Stephanie Ramer 270

Women's high series (scratch) – Jessica Robinson 621, Emily Thomas 553, Gail Sessler 546

Women's high series (hdcp) – Jessica Robinson 771, Emily Thomas 724, Stephanie Ramer 723



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- MONDAY 4/29 G SOCCER VS GENOA-KINGSTON 4:30 DM

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WHAT YOU ENJOY ABOUT THIS

TEAM: "This year's team feels like a team, and what I mean by that is guys hold each other accountable and want to see each other succeed. Everybody wants what is best for the team over their own personal achievement. I think that is one reason we are off to a good start. Many of

the older guys have also done a good job helping teach the young er guys. That is something I have been very proud of this year with our team."



SCAN ME



ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I miss watching "This Is Us" and wish it would have

had at least one more season. What other shows has the person who wrote it done? --K.J.

Brown

A: "This Is Us," the heart-wrenching drama series about the lives of siblings spanning across several decades, was created by Dan Fogelman, who first got his start in animated films. He's credited with writing the screenplay for "Cars," "Bolt" and "Tangled," but it was the critically acclaimed film "Crazy, Stupid, Love," starring two-time Oscar winner Emma Stone ("Poor Things"), that showed audiences he had a gift for dialogue.

Fogelman's first series was the short-lived ABC comedy "The Neighbors," starring Jami Gertz ("Still Standing"). He followed that with several other shows that were canceled after one season ("Galavant,""Grandfathered" and "Pitch"). He struck gold in 2016 when



"This Is Us" premiered on NBC, averaging 14 million viewers in its first season. Not since "ER" and "Grey's Anatomy" did a network television show become the topic of discussion the next day at work.

Expectations are high for Fogelman's next project, "Paradise City." The upcoming series is described as a thriller and stars "This Is Us" alum Sterling K. Brown, James Marsden ("Jury Duty") and Julianne Nicholson ("Mare of Easttown"). Hulu has picked up the series, which started production this past February.

Brown, who plays the head of security for a former president in the new series, notes that this character will be quite different than his "This Is Us" character, Randall.

Q: When is the show "Evil" returning? Is it only on Paramount+? -- D.A.

A: The upcoming fourth and final season of "Evil" will air exclusively on the Paramount+ streaming service, beginning May 23. Fortunately, there will be 14 episodes, which will roll out weekly and air throughout the summer.

In the trailer for the new season, Ben (Aasif Mandvi) states, "We've already hunted werewolves and demons. Are we now hunting witches?" Another plotline is said to involve the birth of the antichrist. Katja Herbers, Mike Colter and Christine Lahti are all said to be returning for the final run.

Q: When is Pat Sajak's last episode as the host of "Wheel of Fortune"? Will Ryan Seacrest be taking over immediately? -- J.J.

A: Pat Sajak, the longtime host of the iconic game show "Wheel of Fortune," announced that season 41 would be his last. The season premiered this past September and will conclude on June 7, making that night the last time you'll see Sajak spinning the wheel.

Ryan Seacrest will take over hosting duties when the new season premieres, which will most likely be in September of this year. However, Sajak will remain with the show behind the scenes as a consultant for three additional years, and Vanna White has inked a deal to continue her letter-turning duties at least through 2026.

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- A "Pirates of the Caribbean" sequel is in the works, according to producer Jerry Bruckheimer. In a recent interview with ComicBook. com, Bruckheimer said that the current plan is to reboot the franchise completely. (The first five films grossed \$4.5 billion.)

"We're gonna reboot 'Pirates' so that it's easier to put together because you don't have to wait for cer-tain actors," Bruckheimer explained. In other words, he means Johnny Depp, who has fallen from grace because of messy legal problems and won't be returning as Captain Jack Sparrow.

The 60-year-old Depp has now turned to producing and directing. He was originally set to star in "Modì," a biopic about Italian painter Amedeo Modigliani, but he decided to direct the film instead with a European cast. It was mostly shot in Budapest, Hungary, except for Al Pacino's scenes, which were shot in Los Angeles.

Will Smith's comeback film since his Oscar win and infamous Chris Rock slap is "Bad Boys: Ride or Die" with Martin Lawrence, due June

Hollywood

7. Considering "Bad Boys" (1995) grossed \$141.4 million, "Bad Boys II" (2003) grossed \$273.3 million, and

"Bad Boys for Life" (2020) grossed \$426.5 million, he's betting that devoted Courtney fans will run to see it.

Scott Eastwood, son of Clint Eastwood, calls Hollywood filmmaking "a really weird business" and confesses, "I find a lot of creativity in real estate. Buying and improving homes. ... That's always made me happy.' This sounds weird, considering his 93-year-old father would never think about retiring. Young Eastwood has made 28 films, but has yet to break through to stardom.

Yet still, Scott's got three upcoming films: "1992," which stars Tyrese Gibson and the late Ray Liotta; the action/thriller "Tin Soldier," starring Jamie Foxx and Robert De Niro; and "Wind River: The Next Chapter," which is the sequel to "Wind River" (2017). It starred Martin Sensmeier("The Magnificent Seven"), who reprises his role

again for "The Next Chapter," along with Jason Clarke and Alan Ruck.

It's official -- Ken Jennings is the one and only host of everything "Jeopardy!" Viewers were torn between Jennings and Mayim Bialik, but when she informed the show that she'd cease hosting during the writer's strike (which ironically didn't include "Jeopardy!"), the show cut her loose and made Jennings the sole host! "Jeopardy!'s" answer is: "Fired!"

Why would actress Stephanie Courtney, 54, almost totally give up acting in TV, having starred in series such as "Mad Men" and "The Goldbergs," as well as films like"Fred; The Movie,""Fred 2: Night of the Living Fred" and "The Heartbreak Kid," just to name a few? How about for a whopping \$1 million a year for the last 15 years as the spokeswoman for Progressive Insurance! No more interviews or casting sessions, just a cushy life since 2008 with husband, Scott Kolanach, who was a lighting director at The Groundlings when Courtney trained with the improv group! Now that's what we call a "progressive" career move!

Strange **But True**

By Lucie Winborne

* It is impossible for a human to sneeze during sleep due to a bodily state called REM atonia.

* For 200 years tomatoes were considered poisonous in Europe. In reality, their acidity was dissolving poisonous metals like lead from plates.

* Scientists investigating the occasional appearance of thousands of dead fish on the banks of an African river eventually discovered that the cause was huge numbers of hippos pooping in the water.

* Actor Danny DeVito used to be a beautician.

* Ten thousand years ago, everyone's eyes were brown until someone living by the Black Sea developed a genetic mutation that turned brown eyes blue. * In 2007, a gorilla escaped from his exhibit, grabbed and mauled a nearby woman, and then attacked a restaurant. Later it was later revealed that the woman had been making eye contact and smiling at the primate several times a week, something zookeepers had warned her not to do. * Freelance diamond setter Raffi Stepanian found he could collect enough bits of carelessly dropped diamonds, rubies, platinum and gold on the sidewalks of New York City's Midtown Diamond District to earn a living. * In April of 2018, scientists at the Gladstone Institutes in California completely erased Alzheimer's disease damage in human cells by altering the structure of a single protein. * The most expensive photograph ever sold, "Rhein II," a basic picture of the lower Rhine river under an overcast sky that had been digitally altered to remove dog walkers and a factory building, was purchased in 2011 for a cool \$4.3 million. * Research has shown that taller people are happier but shorter people live longer. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

 Trivia Test 1. MOVIES: Which dramatic film features the character

"V"? 2. GEOGRAPHY: Luzon belongs to which island nation?

3. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase for "before the war"?

4. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?

5. LITERATURE: Which 1950s novel includes the line, "Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road.'

6. CHEMISTRY: Whatkind of gas makes a drink bubbly?

7. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a mom named Debra Barone?

8. MUSIC: What was the

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former name of the English band Muse? 9. SCIENCE: What are

the gaps between nerve cells called?

- 10. THEATER: Who wrote the play "The Crucible"?
- Answers 1. "V for Vendetta" (2005).
 - 2. The Philippines.
 - 3. Antebellum.
- 4. California, with nine.
- 5. "On the Road" by Jack
- Kerouac.
- Carbon dioxide. 7. "Everybody Loves Raymond."
- 8. Rocket Baby Dolls.
- 9. Synapses.
- 10. Arthur Miller.

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"The Sympathizer" (TV-MA) -- Based on the novel of the same name by Viet Thanh Nguyen, which won a Pulitzer Prize, this seven-episode miniseries tells the story of a North Vietnam spy in the South Vietnam army during the Vietnam War. This spy, called the Captain (Hoa Xuande), is forced to flee with his general to the United States near the end of the war. Now living among a community of South Vietnamese refugees, the Captain continues to act as a spy against them and report back to Viet Cong. With so many loyalties pulling him every which way, the Captain finds himself at a crossroads, unsure which of his alliances are the most true. Sandra Oh and recent Academy Award winner Robert Downey Jr.

Couch Theater

that releases on streaming this week is a true-crime drama starring Riley Keough ("Daisy Jones & the Six") and Lily Gladstone ("Killers of the Flower Moon"). Keough portrays writer Rebecca Godfrey, who hears about the death of a 14-year-old girl named Reena Virk (Vritika Gupta). Reena supposedly joined her friends at a party but never returned home, leaving the local police at a loss as to how she died. Determined to write a novel about Reena. Rebecca works tirelessly alongside police officer Cam Bentland (Gladstone) to see if they can connect the dots about what happened under the bridge. The first two episodes premiere April 17, with new episodes every Wednesday. (Hulu)

"Night Swim" (PG-13)

-- So far in 2024, it's been a

quiet year for horror movies,

but if there's anyone who al-

ways has something spooky

producer Jason Blum from Blumhouse Productions. His latest film follows a family of four called the Wallers, who happen upon the perfect new home for their household. Since the father, Ray, has an illness that can be improved upon with the swimming pool the home offers, the Wallers quickly decide to purchase the house. However, as Ray's illness starts to go into remission, certain oddities begin to occur, like his kids getting attacked in the pool by some strange phenomenon and their cat going missing. Soon, the Wallers come to realize that their residence has a sinister history that is about to repeat itself. Out now. (Peacock) In Case You Missed It

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co-star in the series. The first episode is out now, with new episodes every Sunday. (Max)

"Under the Bridge" (TV-MA) -- Another miniseries

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RELIGION

Are you wearing your armor?

When I read the Bible, I am always fascinated by how many times the Lord tells us to "put on" or "put off" different things. Ephesians 6 is a perfect example—and it's one of the most well-known passages in the New Testament.

Ephesians 6:11(AMPC) tells us to "Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil."

The words "put on" are very important. I have never walked into my closet and had my clothes or shoes jump onto my body. I have always had to put them on—it's a choice. So, what does God tell us to put on?

The Belt of Truth: Ephesians 6:14 says, "Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth....

The belt of truth is the Word of God. And just like a physical belt holds everything together, God's Word is our support and foundation. This means when trouble comes and you're tempted to give up or blow up-that's when you want to tighten your belt and trust the Word of God more than ever!

The Breastplate of **Righteousness:** Ephesians 6:14 (NKJV) says to "... put on the breastplate of righteousness."

It's sad how many Christians walk around feeling like something is wrong with them. For years, I was one of them. If I sinned, I would torment myself by allowing myself to feel guilty and condemned.





can just sin and do whatever we want. But it means when we make mistakes, we can go to God, sincerely confess our sins, then receive His gift of forgiveness-no strings attached (1 John 1:9).

Shoes of Peace: Ephesians 6:15 (NLT) says, "For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared."

As a believer, one of the most important things you can do is stay in peace. Peace is your position of power! I encourage you to keep your peace at any cost. If someone upsets you, take a few moments to walk away and ask God for His help. Talk to Him and say, "Help me to stay calm, Lord. Help me to keep the peace." Because in your battles against the enemy, peace is power.

Shield of Faith: Ephesians 6:16 (AMPC) says, "Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]."

Faith is something that God has given us, but it must be released in our lives-through praying, through saying, and through doing.

During a crisis, it's easy to run to a friend for help,

and sometimes we need to talk to other people. However, our first reaction to a problem should be to run to God and pray for His strength, guidance, and deliverance.

Our words are also extremely powerful. In fact, the Bible says, "The tongue has the power of life and death..." (Proverbs 18:21 NIV). When we line up what we say with the Word of God and declare His promises over our lives, we are speaking faith-filled words that improve our situation.

Finally, what we do makes all the difference. Sometimes our circumstances can feel pretty scary. But those are the times when it's most important to step out in faith and do what God has placed in our heart to do.

Helmet of Salvation: Ephesians 6:17 tells us to put on "the helmet of salvation." I believe God is saying that we should think like a child of God.

First Corinthians 2:16 (AMPC) says "we have the mind of Christ." This means we can line up our thoughts with God's Word and think like God thinksgood, positive, hopeful, believing thoughts.

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Don't be a garbage dump for the enemy's thoughts. Keep your helmet on...and keep believing!

Sword of the Spirit: The Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17) is the Word of God, and it's our primary offensive weapon against the enemy. As I mentioned, our words carry tremendous power; and when we speak God's words out of our mouths, we are combatting the enemy and helping to bring to pass God's good plan for our lives.

When you're under attack, speak out God's Word. When you're overwhelmed and feel like giving up, declare, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NKJV).

When it looks like things aren't going well, purposely choose to say what God says about you-things like, "God has a good plan for my life plans for me to prosper... plans to give me hope and a great future!" (Jeremiah 29:11.)

As you do, you will

be clothed and ready to meet every single battle that comes your way. You will go out with God's full armor and be dressed for battle.

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Please join us for . . . Sunday Bible Study (all ages) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Church Builders 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 6 p.m. Men's Ministry Ladies & Mens Bible Study Thursday 6 p.m.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 a.m.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 a.m. SUNDAY SERVICE - 10 a.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 p.m.



1. Is the book of Jeremiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or

lf 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."

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607 Tenth Ave. (815) 539-5626

Pastor Elise Rothfusz

E-mail: office@stjohnsmendota.org

Website: www.stjohnsmendota.org Schedule: 9 a.m. Sunday Worship in person and online via YouTube Find us on Facebook

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." MATTHEW 22:18-21

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

April 17 - 6:30 p.m. Creation Care Corp at Immanuel April 18 - 5:15 p.m. Church Council Online "devotional service" videos continue every Sunday at facebook.com/ilccompton and YouTube. Check our website and Facebook page for more information.





neither?

2. The villains Sanballat and Geshem are only mentioned in which book? 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

3. From Ephesians 5, what did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine? Water, Laughter, Love, Holy Spirit

 Who condemns drinkers who start early in the morning? Job, Isaiah, Ezra, Esther

5. Which king had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen? David, Jehoash, Solomon, Neco

6. Who wrote the book of Revelation? John, Jude, Matthew, Peter

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nehemiah, 3)Holy Spirit, 4) Isaiah, 5) Solomon,6) John (the Revelator)

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEARL L. DONNELLY, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-56

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Pearl L. Donnelly, of Peru, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 22, 2024, to Cathy Galetti of Phoenix, Arizona, as INDE-PENDENT EXECU-TOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWE-ICKERT GANASSIN KRZAK RUNDIO, LLP, MARQUETTE 2101 ROAD, PERU, IL 61354

Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, vou must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscorts. gov/service-providers. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need addi-

of LaSalle

County entitled 'In the interest of Thor Cameron, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 210 at Ottawa on the 26th day of June, 2024, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Termination Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to

take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child You are entitled to have

an attorney represent you at all stages of these proceedings. If you are financially unable to afford a private attorney, the court will appoint an attorney for vou.

Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear 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 April 2, 2024 Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 0404

(April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS. CIRCUIT COURT,

ny, in the Circuit Court CAMPBELL is indebted to MENDOTA STOR-AGE for past due rent owed on Storage Unit #S2. An auction will be conducted at MENDO-

TA STORAGE at 251 4099TH Rd., Mendota, IL 61342, (815) 942-5848 on May 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Auction is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between Lessor and obligated party. No. 409

(April 14 and 24, 2024) NOTICE **OF STORAGE UNIT**

AUCTION Notice is hereby given that Steve Rosales is indebted to MENDOTA STORAGE for past due rent owed on Storage Unit #S15. An auction will be conducted at MENDOTA STORAGE at 251 4099TH Rd.. Mendota, IL 61342, (815) 942-5848 on May 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Auction is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between Lessor and obligated party.

No. 0410 (April 14 and 24, 2024)

NOTICE **OF STORAGE UNIT** AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Dale Roedl is indebted to MENDOTA STORAGE for past due rent owed on Storage Unit #S30. An auction will be conducted at MENDOTA STORAGE at 251 4099TH Rd., Mendota, IL 61342, (815) 942-5848 on May 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Auction is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between Lessor and obligated party.

No. 0411 (April 14 and 24, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION JUVENILE COURT **ACT OF 1965**

NOTICE FOR PUBLI-CATION No: 2022-JA-46

hour of 8:30 a.m., or as

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nation of your parental

rights and the appoint-

ment of a guardian with

power to consent to

adoption, you may lose

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You are entitled to have

an attorney represent

you at all stages of

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cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judgment entered. Dated: April 10, 2024 Greg Vaccaro / Clerk No. 0412 (April 17, 2024)

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The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division. LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: March 26, 2024 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0401 (April 3, 10 and 17, 2024) NOTICE NOTICE FOR PUBLI-

CATION No: 2020-JA-50 TO: Kjersten Minkler, other interestand

ed parties, and to All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the 20th day of March, 2024 a petition to terminate your parental rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Den-

LASALLE COUNTY Request of DENISE MARIE SMARIO, an Adult

Case Number 24MR30 There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Denise Marie Smario to the new name of Hope Paulee Mario

The court date will be held on May 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at 119 W Madison, Ottawa, IL, in Courtroom #204. No. 0405 (April 3, 10 and 17, 2024)

NOTICE Notice of Public

Hearing The City of Mendota Plan Commission will hold a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at 607 8th Avenue, Mendota, Illinois. The agenda includes:

1. Consider a request from Mary VanKeulen and Butch VanKeulen to subdivide Lot 2 of Mendota Community Hospital 1st Subdivision into two (2) lots. Copies of legal descriptions and plat are on file and available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office located at 800 Washington Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.

2. Consider a request system

b. Zoning Hall in B-2 spaces. No. 0408 (April 17, 2024)

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Notice is hereby givthat MATTHEW

TO: Amy Clay, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that on the 7th day of November, 2022 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 Gracelyn Kearfott, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 22nd day of May, 2024, at the

cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the peti-

from Eddie Diaz for the following variances at 1314 1/2 Meriden Street: a. Fire Code - Sprinkler

 Banquet c. Parking - Reduce the number of required

NOTICE OF STORAGE UNIT

parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show

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Distracted Driving

Illinois law prohibits the use of handheld cellphones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Bluetooth technology is allowed for persons age 19 and older.

Illinois law prohibits the use of headsets while driving. Headsets are defined as any device, other than a hearing aid, that allows a person to hear or receive electronic communications. The use of a single-sided headset or earpiece with a wireless/cellphone device is permitted while driving. Motorcycle, motor-driven cycle and moped operators may use intercom helmets, which permit a driver and/or passengers to speak to one another.

Using hands-free technology such as a headset or voice activated controls is considered a distraction while driving and can be dangerous. If a driver must make a phone call, even with hands-free technology, it is recommended the driver pull off to the side of the road before making the call. Using a cellphone while holding the device and utilizing the speaker phone is not considered hands free and is a violation of Illinois law.

The only time an Illinois driver can use a cellphone that is not hands free is:

- To report an emergency situation.
- While parked on the shoulder of a roadway.
- While stopped due to normal traffic being obstructed and the vehicle is in neutral or park.

If you are in a crash with a motor vehicle, bicyclist, pedestrian or any road user caused by distracted driving, you may face criminal penalties and incarceration.

Scott's Law, the Move Over Law

Scott's Law, named after Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed while assisting at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway, requires that, when approaching any emergency vehicle stopped along the roadway (including construction vehicles and equipment), you must reduce your speed, change lanes if possible, and proceed with caution.

Safety Belt Law, Child Passenger Protection Act

Safety belts save thousands of lives each year. Illinois law requires all drivers and passengers to buckle up, regardless of where they sit in a vehicle.

The Child Passenger Protection Act requires all children under age 8 be properly secured in an appropriate child safety restraint system. This includes the use of booster seats, which must only be used with a lap/shoulder safety belt. If the back seat of the vehicle is not equipped with lap/shoulder type safety belts, a child weighing more than 40 pounds may be transported in the back seat without a booster seat, secured with a lap belt only. Effective January 1, 2019, Illinois law requires children to be properly secured in a rear-facing child restraint system until age 2 unless they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches tall.

Don't Drink and Drive

Alcohol is a factor in nearly half of all fatal motor vehicle crashes. If you plan to drink, designate a driver who won't drink.

Avoid impaired drivers. If you notice a vehicle straddling the center line, weaving, making wide turns, stopping abruptly or responding slowly to traffic signals, the driver may be impaired. Steer clear of the vehicle by pulling off the side of the road or exiting at the nearest intersection or exit. If it appears that an oncoming vehicle is crossing into your lane, pull over, sound your horn and flash your lights. If you encounter a suspected impaired driver, safely pull off to the side of the road and contact police immediately.

For more information on traffic safety tips and laws, please consult the Illinois Rules of the Road booklet at www.ilsos.gov.



