



MHS honors state champion
Mendota High School athletic director Brock Zinke leads the applause for Mariyah Elam, left, during a school assembly on May 20 to honor the MHS freshman for winning the Class 2A state championship in the high jump at the IHSA State Track & Field Meet on May 17-18 in Charleston. Elam had a winning measurement of 5-4.5 to beat out the second-place performer by an inch and a quarter. Elam becomes the first track & field state champion at Mendota High School since Damon Musgrove won the shot put in 1998, and is the first female to win a state title since Sherry Hoffman captured the long jump in 1989. (Reporter photo)

Kellen steps down as Mendota police chief after six-year term

□ Mendota native served on police force for 34 years

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer
MENDOTA—There is going to be a new police chief in town after Chief Greg Kellen announced his retirement at the regular meeting of the Mendota City Council on May 20.

Kellen, who has been the police chief since 2018, read a prepared statement to the mayor, public safety committee and the rest of the council:

“It is with deep regret and sadness that I notify you today of my intention to retire from the city of Mendota as the chief of police. For the past 34 years I have dedicated my life and directed my energy into serving and protecting this community to the best of my ability in the capacity of police officer. After all these years, I have only one hope and that is that along my journey I made a difference.

“I wish to thank the city of Mendota, city council, the fire and police commission, the Mendota Police Department employees, both past and present, and all the citizens of Mendota for the opportunity they have provided me to serve over the past three decades.

“The memories, the experiences, the challenges, the accomplishments and the comradery will never be forgotten, and I will treasure them always.”

Kellen’s last day in office will be June 14 and his last



Mendota Police Chief Greg Kellen addresses the mayor and city council on May 20, informing them of his intent to retire from the police department. (Reporter photo)

day as a city employee will be July 25. He will begin a new job as court security at the LaSalle County Courthouse in Ottawa on June 24.

In other items, Mayor David Boelk made his FY25 mayoral appointments, which were approved.

Alderman John Hesselberger issued a reminder of

a Plan Commission meeting set for 5 p.m. Monday, June 3 to consider a zoning variance request from the owner of property at 1314 ½ Meriden St. and to discuss various building code amendments.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Memorial Day service set May 27

MENDOTA – The Mendota Memorial Day program will be held Monday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m. at Restland Memorial Gardens, Mendota. The Veterans’ Memorial Council, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4079, its Auxiliary and American Legion Post 540 will be participating.

These organizations welcome everyone to this service for the purpose of honoring and remembering all veterans resting on domestic or foreign soil, for their commitment and unselfish contribution to our present way of life with liberty and freedom for all.

The program schedule is as follows:

- Opening address by master of ceremonies Bill Hunt, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Presentation of Colors/Raising of the

- Flag by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- National Anthem by Mendota Alumni Band
- Invocation by Jay Miller, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Guest speaker, Eva Beetz, 2023 Patriot Pen essay winner
- Theme, “How I was Inspired by America”
- Musical selection by Mendota Alumni Band
- Roll call of deceased Veterans since last Memorial Day by Harold Olsen
- Laying of the wreaths by VFW Post 4079 Auxiliary
- Firing of the volley by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- Taps by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- Benediction by Miller

Please take your seats, the student exchange flight is leaving

□ Two Mendota High School students headed to Europe

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Sophomores Rosalinda Lopez and Addyson Allensworth are going to have a different type of summer than they’ve ever had before.

It starts with boarding a plane to spend a month in a different country in part of the Rotary Youth Exchange.

“I’ve always wanted to go to Italy. I literally love their culture. I love the food. I love everything. It is so pretty there. I’m very excited to go,” said Lopez. “I’ve talked to the student in Italy I’m exchanging with. Her name is Maila. She speaks Italian, English, and French. I speak Spanish, so I understand a little Italian because there are similarities in the languages. We’re supposed to be learning languages through this process.

“Maila is out of school

June 6 and I arrive June 4, so I get to go to her school with her for a couple of days. I want to go to their school and experience how they do things.”

Lopez leaves for Castel Goffredo in the Italian province Mantua on June 4 and will return July 4.

In the exchange program, they tour the different country and its culture with the exchange family and then come back to give the Mendota and United States tour to the student.

Lopez is excited to see Italy and to share her hometown with Maila.

“I’m excited to experience their big and small cities. Maila lives in a little town, which will be like Mendota in Italy,” Lopez said. “Then I’ll get to go to bigger cities. I’m going to take a lot of pictures. At first, I was so excited. I wasn’t

scared at all. When I bought my plane tickets, it hit me that I’m going to leave in two weeks.

“I’m scared about the time difference. I’m not going to be able to talk to my family and friends whenever I want because they’ll be sleeping when I’m up and vice versa.”

Alisa Stewart, a Mendota High School science teacher, the Mendota Rotary Club president, and avidly involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange, has given Lopez and Allensworth advise through the process.

Both girls spoke with their foreign exchange partners a lot at first, but have slowed to once a week to not burn out conversation topics before they meet each other in person and spend the summer together.

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Mendota High School students Rosalinda Lopez, left, and Addyson Allensworth will leave for Europe in early June through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)



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LOCAL AND AREA

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

The kindergarten students attended a field trip on May 17. They went to Woodhaven Lakes where they had some educational lessons and lots of fun! The students visited the nature center and took a guided nature walk. They learned about different plants, trees and birds. They visited the wetland area and got a presentation on the wildlife that live there. They also enjoyed playing some mini golf and had a picnic lunch. Thank you to the parent chaperones that were able to go along to help out.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Gus Eich, Aaron Hernandez, Braden Matney, Eddie Ramos, Jofiel Mandujano, Daleyza Arteaga,

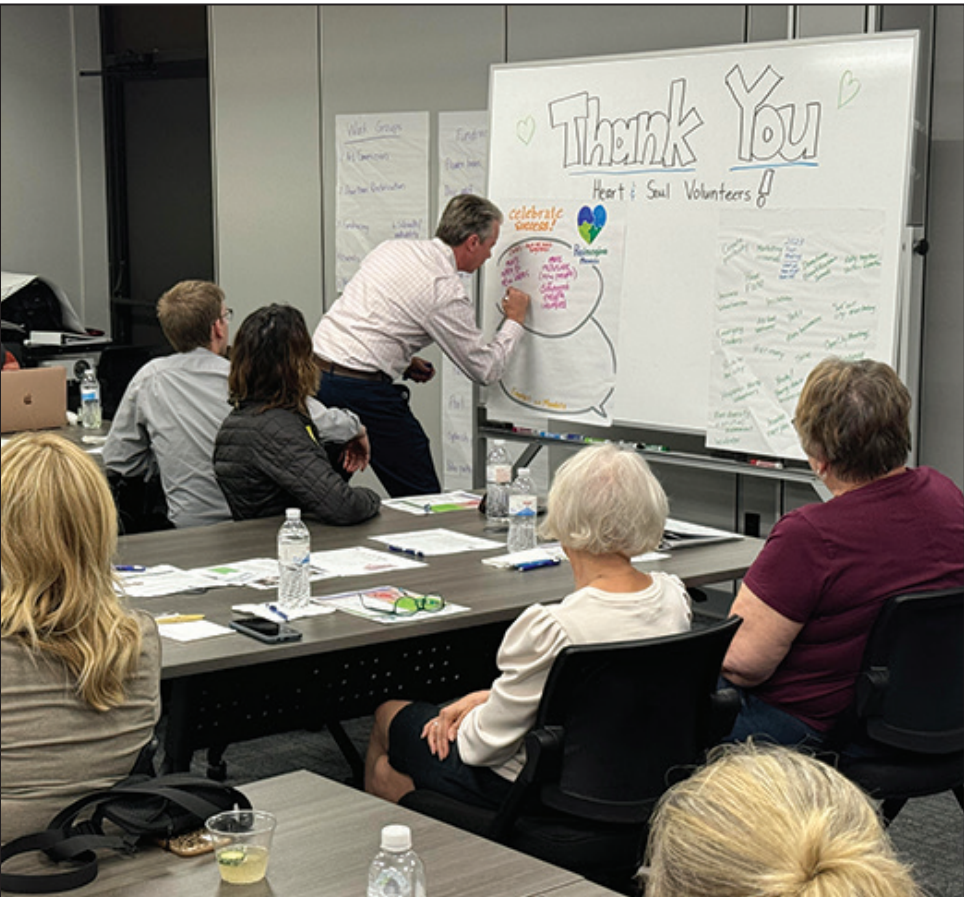
Zaylee Josephson and Jonathan Morato. The winners were Emma Ridge, Charlotte Crotty, Merakim Riniker and Laken Weber. Congratulations to all of you!

Students completed spring benchmark testing in reading and math in Fastbridge this past week. We are excited about the growth our students have shown throughout the school year. Results will be coming home with students before the end of the year.

Don't forget our kindergarten registration night is Wednesday, May 22 from 6-7 p.m. at Blackstone. This event is for all incoming kindergarten students and their

parents for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents should have completed the online Teacherease portion of registration before this night. We will also collect the two paper registration forms that were included in the registration folder and collect birth certificates and proof of residency forms. In addition, students and parents will get to meet our kindergarten staff on that night and see our school!

Online registration is still open online for students in grades K-7. Parents should log into their Teacherease account and complete registration information for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration should be completed by May 31.



Reimagine Mendota celebrate, reflect Heart & Soul Grant effort

Although the work and volunteerism to renovate Mendota is far from finished, Reimagine Mendota held a meeting Thursday, May 16 to take a look at the work it has done over the last year with the help of the Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program. Heart & Soul's Jason Neises, writing on the board, visited Mendota one last time to present what the volunteer efforts have already accomplished and help identify where Reimagine Mendota wants to take the next step under the direction of co-directors Annie Short and Amy Brewer and the help of approximately 150 Mendota residents who have assisted in different capacities. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

Quiet Fest set for Sept. 26-29 in LaSalle

LaSALLE – The City of LaSalle Foundation is excited to announce the second annual Quiet Fest, a roving arts and music festival to support the City of LaSalle Foundation. This year's event will take place at locations throughout the city of LaSalle from Thursday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Sept. 29. The inaugural Quiet Fest (September 2023) hosted 750 visitors and featured 35 artists, 26 sponsors, a nerf obstacle course, balloon animals, and highlighted local businesses over two days throughout LaSalle. This year's event brings back kids' activities, live music at bars, restaurants, and in the streets of LaSalle, and will feature additional activities as the event continues to grow. Quiet Fest is run entirely by volunteers; interested parties should reach out to the Foundation at cityoflasallefoundation@gmail.com.

Founder and Quiet Fest Chair Dani Piland shares the Foundation's mission: The City of LaSalle Foundation's mission is to support community and economic development with an eye toward creative, sustainable growth that acknowledges LaSalle's rich history and robust natural resources and prioritizes social and economic justice. Our initiatives are informed by community needs, productive working relationships with stakeholders, and a collaborative, flexible approach that permits us to respond to persistent problems with thoughtful, innovative, and evidence-based solutions. We are committed to improving the lives of our youth, LGBTQIA+ community, BIPOC folk, and the working poor who together represent a significant and perpetually disadvantaged majority of our local population.

History of the Burlington Railroad on June 1 at Graves-Hume

MENDOTA – Historian Leo Phillipp will discuss why Mendota was so important for the railroad system at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 1. Phillipp will explore the forgotten services and functions of the railroad to help the audience gain insight into a bygone era when the rhythmic chug of locomotives and the clatter of tracks were integral parts of everyday life. The Chicago and Auro-

ra Railroad, a predecessor of the Burlington Route or Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, arrived in Mendota in late 1853 where it connected with the Illinois Central Railroad that had arrived earlier. This immediately made Mendota a junction point for passengers and freight service. The presentation will look at the growth of passenger and freight service but also discuss

long forgotten services that made the railroad important to people's everyday lives. Phillipp, a Burlington Route Historical Society board member and vice president of outreach and education, has almost 50 years of experience working for the railroads. Library programs are open to all and no library card is required. Please call 815-538-5142 to register.

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LaSalle Public Library's "Library of Things" comes with science kits

LaSALLE – Individuals, families, school groups, and organizations are welcome to borrow educational astronomy, science, and robotic coding kits from the LaSalle Public Library's "Library of Things," collection.

The kits were developed by Assistant Youth Services, Digital Content Librarian and Former Project Next Generation Mentor, Rachael Blomquist, with funding from Illinois State Library "Project Next Generation" grants. The library has multiple quantities of each kit type. The kits may be checked out for a two-week period and must be picked-up and returned to the LaSalle Public Library. Developed for middle-school youth, the kits can be utilized by families with younger children, with adult guidance.

For more information on these kits, please call the LaSalle Public Library at 815-223-2341 or visit the Program Portal. The LaSalle Public Library is located at 305 Marquette St., LaSalle, and is ADA compliant and welcoming. Funding for the kits came from Project Next Generation, which is provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Dominican Sisters of Springfield set direction for coming years

SPRINGFIELD — During a week of prayerful conversation and contemplative deliberation, the Dominican Sisters of Springfield affirmed a chapter statement in which they agreed to respond to the needs of the Church and the world by committing to intercultural living and participative Dominican governance as they look toward the next five years.

"Rooted in our prayer for the life of the world, and in our care for our common home, we are strengthened by our Associates and partners-in-mission to walk together into a future of authentic intercultural living," the statement says.

To reach their goal, the sisters said "Together, we will" strengthen relationships within the congregation, welcome and support new members to the congregation and Dominican life, and build intercultural relationships "through study, engagement, and interaction."

The hallmarks of the congregation's ministry for the past two decades have been their commitment to antiracism and their response to the "Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor" through their efforts to live sustainably and encourage others in the care of Earth and her inhabitants.

"These efforts will continue and will be strengthened by this evolution in our thinking," explained Sister

Rebecca Ann Gemma, OP, the current prioress general of the congregation. "We want witness to the good news of Jesus in our countries of origin—the United States and Peru—both burdened with cultural and political divisiveness, threats to democracy, and threats to the peace, tranquility, and flourishing of the human and the other-than-human beings with whom we share our homelands. Our desire to live intercultural—within our own community as Dominican Sisters who are Peruvian and U.S. citizens, and with the many diverse cultures in our countries—is a natural outgrowth of our antiracism work and, we believe, a powerful intercultural—and countercultural—gospel witness.

"It is for these reasons we say we want to 'walk together into a future of authentic intercultural living'," Sister Rebecca Ann said, referencing a line from the chapter direction statement.

The second major theme of their chapter deliberations was the future of Dominican governance within the Dominican family.

"We take the next steps into our congregational future, grounded in the freedom offered in our Constitutions. We are energized by participating in the emerging movements of governance within the Dominican family," the statement says.

To fulfill their com-

mitment to themselves, the broader Dominican family, and the People of God, the Dominican Sisters of Springfield have committed to the necessary study to move toward a collaborative form of Dominican governance.

"Creative conversations about how collaboration can reshape and renew the future of Dominican life have been going on for years," said Sister Rose Miriam Schulte, OP, vicereine general. "We are now at a point in our journey when it is time to animate our words with actions that move us forward into the future together."

The week-long general chapter consisted of two parts. During the five-day chapter of life and mission the sisters synthesized an 18-month-long period of study, prayer, and contemplative dialogue into the 2024 General Chapter Direction Statement. The complete statement is here.

We, the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, guided by the Holy Spirit, join with others to reimagine a future of promise and hope.

Rooted in our prayer for the life of the world, and in our care for our common home, we are strengthened by our Associates and partners-in-mission to walk together into a future of authentic intercultural living. Trusting in the transformation already at work within us, we step into the challenges,

riches, and grace of the unknown.

Together, we will strengthen relationships within our congregation.

Together, we will invite, welcome, and support new members to our congregation and to Dominican life.

Together, we will build relationships with those of other cultures, through study, engagement and interaction.

We take the next steps into our congregational future, grounded in the freedom offered in our Constitutions. We are energized by participating in the emerging movements of governance within the Dominican family.

Together, we will engage in ongoing conversation and communal study in our effort to move toward a collaborative form of governance.

Together, we will embrace individual and shared responsibility for participative Dominican governance.

Compelled by our passion for mission, we respond, in Christ, for the life of the world.

During the two-day chapter of elections, the sisters elected a team of four leaders who will assume leadership on June 15, 2024. They are Sisters Mary Paul McCaughey, OP, prioress general elect; Sister

Joanne Delehanty, OP, vicereine general-elect, and second and third councilors-elect, Sister Elyse Marie Ramirez, OP, and Sister Kathryn Mulcahy, OP.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Valery C. "Larry" Leffelman

SUBLETTE – Valery C. "Larry" Leffelman, 85, of Sublette, died Tuesday May 14, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 20, 2024, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette with Rev. Randy Fronck officiating. Burial followed with military honors by the Amboy American Legion at St. Mary Cemetery in Sublette. Visitation was held on Sunday, May 19, from 4-8 p.m. at the church hall and on Monday, May 20, from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

He was born Nov. 30, 1938, in Sublette, the son of Charles and Mildred (Kuebel) Leffelman. Larry married Rose Ella Bonnell on May 27, 1961, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; daughters, Jennifer (Brad) Considine of Geneva, Christine (Ed) Klein of Sublette and Amy (Gerry) Staszewski of Hampshire; 11 grandchildren, Christian Considine, Emily Considine, Andrew Considine, Grant Considine, Nathan Klein, Valery Klein, Alexandra (Roger) Willey, Riley (Whitney) Klein, Grace Klein, Clayton Staszewski and Aaron Staszewski; and one sister, Diane (Jim) Flaherty of Mendota.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eugene Leffelman.

Larry was an insurance agent and owned and operated Leffelman & Associates, Inc. since 1969. He was a veteran of the Army National Guard and a 50-year member and past commander of the Amboy American Legion Post. Larry was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette where he had been a religious education teacher. He was a member and past president of the Independent Farm Insurance Agents of Illinois as well as a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois. Larry was village president of Sublette for 11 years and had been a member of the Mendota Knights of Columbus Council and the Mendota Elks Lodge. He felt very blessed and was passionate about God and his family, community, and country. He had a legendary and unforgettable personality (Larry, the legend - "you're just saying that because it's true").

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Sublette Fire Department, the Amboy American Legion, or to the donor's choice. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.



Steven J. McPheeters

MENDOTA – Steven J. McPheeters, 59, of Mendota, passed away May 14, 2024, at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m. Monday, May 20, 2024, at Holy Cross Church, Mendota. Fr. Jeff J. Windy officiated. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery. Cremation rites have been accorded. Wasmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Steven was born Oct. 9, 1964, in Mendota, to Duane and Linda (McIntyre) McPheeters.

Steven is survived by his sisters, Teresa (Rob) Armstrong, Cynthia (Kevin) Schiefelbein and Donna (Tim) Kimrey; his brothers, Kevin (Becky) McPheeters and Brian (Tina) McPheeters; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Steven worked for the Internal Revenue Service for many years.

He was a member of Holy Cross Church, the Elks Club and Moose Lodge #714 in Mendota. He was an avid fan of the White Sox and the Bears. He also loved to fish.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



OSF HealthCare to build new inpatient hospital in Ottawa

OTTAWA – As part of an ongoing commitment to transform, preserve and sustain evolving health care along the entire I-80 corridor, OSF HealthCare plans to build a new inpatient hospital in Ottawa.

OSF HealthCare intends to file a Certificate of Need (CON) application with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to build a new inpatient hospital facility to replace the current one in Ottawa. The new hospital will be built across the street, south of East Norris Drive (Route 6), on a vacant 31-acre plot of OSF-owned land. The current OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center was built in the early 1970s and is at the end of its useful life with infrastructure challenges necessitating this decision.

"Over the past decade, OSF HealthCare has sustained and grown quality health care services in and around Ottawa," says August Querciagrossa, CEO of the Western Region for OSF HealthCare. "When the new hospital is built, it will be reimagined as levels and types of services offered are realigned throughout the I-80 corridor. Our intent across all our I-80 communities is to ensure current and future generations have access to care locally."

OSF HealthCare expects to submit the application to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board by the end of March with approval for the new facility anticipated by the end of 2024. A tentative opening date is expected in late 2027.

This is a multi-year plan centered on the following future-state services.

OSF Saint Elizabeth – Ottawa Campus

The new hospital will be designed with the patient at the center of the care model. OSF Saint Elizabeth-Ottawa will have a 26-bed inpatient behavioral health unit, 12 medical/surgical beds, and a state-of-the-art surgery suite, emergency services, diagnostic imaging, and ro-

bust outpatient care services. Primary and specialty care clinics, including cardiovascular care, general surgery and OB/GYN, will continue to provide services in Ottawa.

OSF is committed to growing and expanding cancer care through the Fox River Cancer Center as part of the continuum/network with the OSF Cancer Institute in Peoria and the Patricia D. Pepe Center for Cancer Care at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. In addition, rehab services will be moving to the newly constructed YMCA this spring.

OSF Saint Elizabeth – Peru Campus

Due to its central location, OSF Saint Elizabeth-Peru will serve as the hub hospital within the I-80 corridor and support a full range of inpatient and outpatient services. This includes 45 medical/surgical beds, 8 ICU rooms, 11 obstetric rooms to support the regional birthing center, surgery and procedure rooms, emergency services, diagnostic imaging and robust outpatient care services.

In addition to these changes, OSF HealthCare serves residents of Mendota, Princeton, Streator, Marseilles, Spring Valley, Oglesby, Granville and Henry with a wide variety of services. "Care has advanced from traditional inpatient settings to outpatient services. These advances in medicine allow patients today to receive more efficient and effective care than previous generations experienced," says Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. "This transformation also creates centers of excellence across various specialties, including wound care and occupational health. This is beneficial for patients because it means they are receiving focused and expert care in specific areas, ensuring better outcomes and tailored treatments for their needs, as well as recruitment and retention of high-quality clinicians and ancillary teams."

TCOC celebrates the impact of Foster Grandparent volunteers

STERLING – The Foster Grandparent Program of Western Illinois, sponsored by the Tri-County Opportunities Council, celebrated the impact of the fifty Foster Grandparent Volunteers who serve in local communities. A volunteer appreciation banquet was held at Champ's Banquet Venue in Sterling on May 15.

Volunteers were recognized for their current year of service and honored for their milestone anniversary years, and 32 volunteers received the prestigious President's Lifetime Achievement award for volunteerism. Criteria to receive this award include volunteer service of 4,000 plus hours. The volunteers who were honored with this award have collectively served 366,907 hours volunteering their time through the Foster Grandparent Program.

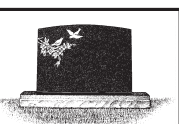
The Foster Grandparent Program has been sponsored by the Tri-County Opportunities Council since 1966. Through this program, individuals aged 55 and over who meet the program's income guidelines are placed in daycare and school settings where they work one-on-one with students in need of a mentor, academic help, and assistance meeting their emotional and social needs. The program's impact includes improved scholastic outcomes for students who are served as well as health and emotional benefits for volunteers who find a new sense of purpose in their volunteer roles. Income-eligible volunteers receive a stipend for their time and assistance with transportation. The Foster Grandparent Program is an AmeriCorps Seniors program funded through grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Illinois Department on Aging. Foster Grandparents currently serve in Lee, Whiteside, Carroll, LaSalle and Bureau counties. Opportunities may also be available in Ogle, Stark, Putnam and Marshall counties. Individuals interested in learning more should visit teochelps.org or call 815-625-7830 for more information. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2024-2025 school year.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Sublette

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Sublette Centennial Park Board of Chris Leffelman, Steve Althaus, Klein, Tyler Jackson, Katie Leffelman, and Greg Vaessen, the Sublette Planning Commission of Jeff Spitz, Hugh McCoy and Joe Klein, and the Sublette Antique Tractor & Toy Show Committee of Anthony Morgan, Mark Henkel, Jeremy Zapf, Evan Bickett, and John Stenzel.

The one change to the positions is Maurice Zimmerlein leaving the tractor and toy show committee and Alex Leffelman joining the crew.

"It's awesome to have people willing to commit because we all have such hectic lives nowadays," Stenzel said. "When somebody is willing to take the time and put the effort into making a difference, it's extremely important."

Meetings in March and April featured talks of Lee County adjusting R2 zones to allow chickens to residential areas.

In the last month, Lee County has abandoned the idea.

"Lee County withdrew their petition to change R2 zoning to allow chickens," said Stenzel. "The larger lots that are R2 are more rural, an acre or two, don't affect neighbors. The larger lots should be allowed to have chickens. Smaller, in-town lots shouldn't be allowed to have chickens."

OTHER ITEMS

- Approved getting updated prices on replacing filter media at the water treatment plant

- Updating storm water ordinance

- LED speed signs are almost ready for installation

- The draft of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan is on subletteweb.com

- A water service line that was leaking was found and the shutoff was installed

- Bike rack was installed downtown, off of Main Street

- Temporary liquor license was approved for Hops & Harmony on September 7 at the Ellice Dinges Center

- The Village of Sublette donated \$5,000 to Sublette 365 for Hops & Harmony weekend to help accommodate kids' activities, bounce house, petting zoo, tractor pull, and Saturday's entertainment, country band Diamond Rio

Important dates to remember are the Village clean-up at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 1 and the Village of Sublette Board adopting the 2024 Comprehensive Plan at the June meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10.

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MEMORIAL

DAY

Students

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Allensworth didn't think her trip to Les Apres, France was realistic for her. But between Stewart and Lopez, she gained the confidence and courage to say yes.

"Our teacher, Alisa Stewart, hounded us to go. When I heard Rosalinda was interested, I thought, 'Well, at least I wouldn't be the only one leaving.' I was nervous to be the only one out of the country, but we're going at the same time," Allensworth said. It's easier knowing someone else is going, too.

"I've been obsessed with Paris. Talking to the family in France, they said we could stay a night in Paris. I'm excited. It's so wild. It's going to happen. I can't even remember how long I've wanted to go to Paris because it has always been a thing. I have a room that has Paris stuff all over it.

"One year for Christmas, every gift was Paris themed. My dad, my grandma, and my grandpa were over there for the military. They always talk about it. Now I get a chance to go."

Les Apres is two hours west of Paris and one hour away from the beaches.

To say she wants to see and experience everything is an understatement.

"The people are so nice, genuine, and welcoming. When I talked to them, it wasn't awkward," said Allensworth, who is exchanging with a French student named Anaïs. "They made it fun and a cool family. I think the beaches will look like our beaches. I'm excited to try macaroons and croissants in France. Those

are my favorite foods and to actually try them where they were originated is exciting.

"I'm excited to hear people talk in a different language and not know what they're saying. I am trying to learn French on my phone but I'm bad about learning other languages. I'm hoping being surrounded by it will help me."

The MHS sophomores may say Stewart hounded them, but to her she just pushed an opportunity they won't always have the chance to take.

After this summer Lopez and Allensworth will both be able to say they went to countries they've dreamt about going to.

"This year, a lot of the funds were brought in by the Interact Club hosting a fundraiser for the girls to offset the cost of their tickets and to cover the one-day course they had to take," Stewart said. "It's a training course they took in Rockford. The Interact Club and the school community supported the trip. The girls had to get a passport and they have to pay travel insurance; it's about \$2 a day while they're gone.

"It's really an inexpensive trip because it's a kid swap. It's a family-to-family exchange where they will host for the first five weeks before they switch. I think the kids think the students from the other countries won't be impressed with anything here in Mendota, but they don't realize what we have here, they don't have there.

"They'll see the differences in the culture and how different places are really different."

Mendota City Ordinance

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.

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Mendota High School graduate Valdes receives '24 Jacob Family Scholarship

MENDOTA – Mendota Township High School senior Valerie Valdes was selected to receive the 2024 Jacob Family Scholarship. Awarded on May 11 during MHS's graduation ceremonies, the scholarship was presented by Joe Masini, Principal of Mendota High School. This year was the 26th anniversary of the Jacob Family Scholarship being awarded to an outstanding graduating MHS senior. The scholarship carries an award of \$1,000.



Valdes

The Jacob Family Scholarship was created to honor the memories of Clara Cybreansen Jacob, who taught in Mendota public schools for more than 35 years, and Alfred Otto Jacob, a civic leader and life-long resident of Mendota. Upon the death of Clara Jacob in 1997, the Jacob Family Scholarship Fund was established by Jeanne Jacob with her husband Gerry Frank and her brother Tom Jacob. The first award was made in 1998. Both of the

Jacob children were raised in Mendota and are MHS graduates. Tom graduated in 1958 and Jeanne in 1965.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide assistance to an outstanding MHS graduating senior to attend a college of his or her choice. Both Clara and Al Jacob strongly believed in higher education and thought that continued education was the key to future success in life.

Valdes will be attending IVCC in the fall and then transfer to a university. She plans to major in Bilingual Elementary Education and wants to teach in the Mendota school system after she graduates. Currently, she is enrolled in MHS's Early Childhood Education program at the Area Career Center and already is working directly with pre-kindergarten students while creating lesson plans and educational activities. She has thoroughly enjoyed this career-affirming experience and is excited to officially start her college career so she can get into the classroom.

In addition, she currently works at Graves-Hume Public Library and KFC/

Taco Bell to help pay for her college tuition. Valdes is a most deserving student of the Jacob Family Scholarship.

Throughout their lives, Clara and Al Jacob were involved with Mendota's youth. Al was a founding member of the Boy Scouts of Mendota and the Mendota Athletic Boosters Society, as well as serving on Mendota City Council. Clara first taught physical education at Mendota and Galesburg high schools. She returned to Mendota when she married Al and taught third grade at Lincoln School once her children were of school age. After retiring from teaching, she tutored children in reading and English. Both helped design and raise funds to build the Mendota Community Swimming Pool in 1958 and served on the board of the Swimming Pool Association. At the time of his death in 1984, Al Jacob was the longest serving alderman in Mendota's history.

Clara and Al Jacob would be pleased to know that, long after their deaths, they are still helping the youth of Mendota achieve their dreams.

IVCC, SIU form agreement

CARBONDALE — Southern Illinois University Carbondale strengthened its commitment to students in northern Illinois with an agreement to bring the expertise of a doctoral research university to qualified Illinois Valley Community College students by providing the option to earn their bachelor's degrees remotely and at a lower cost in 12 academic programs.

SIU Carbondale Chancellor Austin A. Lane and Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) President Tracy Morris signed the agreement for the Saluki Step Ahead program today (May 8) during a virtual ceremony.

Established in 2021, the program enables students who graduate with an associate degree from partnering community colleges to complete their SIU bachelor's degrees online in accounting, business administration, criminology and criminal justice, early childhood, elementary education, health care management, history, industrial management and applied engineering, information technology, nursing (RN to BSN), psychology and radiologic sciences.

"We are pleased to collaborate with Illinois Valley Community College to provide another option for place-bound students in this region," Lane said. "If these students cannot come to Carbondale to complete their education, we will bring the experience and resources of a doctoral research university to them."

Lane added that this Saluki Step Ahead agreement fits well with the university's strategic plan, Imagine 2030, and its pillars of student success and partnerships.

IVCC's roots go back to 1924 as the second oldest community college in the state. Today, IVCC has 21 associate degree programs, 59 certificate programs and four transfer degree options.

IVCC's district is more than 2,000 square miles and encompasses all of Putnam County, a majority of La Salle and Bureau counties, and portions of DeKalb, Grundy, Lee, Livingston and Marshall counties. About 145,000 residents live in the college district. The college's enrollment for the spring 2024 semester is nearly 3,700 students, with 70% enrolled in for-credit programs.

"This is such a great opportunity for our students to complete their baccalaureate degree completely online — and for our community, this will create even more access to bachelor's degrees," Morris said.

Jim Moskalewicz, an IVCC counselor, added that Saluki Step Ahead "offers discounted options for place-bound students seeking a high-quality online baccalaureate degree."

The Illinois Valley Community College agreement brings SIU Carbondale to about 50 Saluki Step Ahead partnerships the university has with community college campuses in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas so far. That includes pacts with 43 of the 48 community colleges in Illinois.

Students in the Saluki Step Ahead program pay the community college rate for their first two years. In the third and fourth years, they receive annual \$4,000 scholarships.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7
4:00 Food-Taco/ Special/ Beer Tent Opens
4-8 Airtime Inflatables (Wristbands \$10)
Axetreme Throwing
5:30 Baby Buff Winners Announced- Allen School
6:00 Prairie Princess- Allen School (Mara 579-1833)
5K Stampede-High School (Stacy 878-6962)
8-12 Music By **WILDCARD**
Beer Tent
11:00 Egg Sandwiches
10:00 Parade Registration will be at the High School parking lot. Parade Route will go North this year on Main Street, starting at Burnett Street, ending at the Park.

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10:30 Bed Race Begins
Parade Registration – HS Parking Lot
10-4 Vendor Fair (Tammy Mc-stoots-Stachowiak 830-8215)
11:00 Parade- Main Street (Jeremy 343-6848/Brian 200-2899)
12:00 Adult WaterFights Registration- Sheldon Street by Park
12 -4 Silent Auction
12-8 Airtime Inflatables (Wristbands \$20)
Axetreme Throwing
12:30 Kiddie Tractor Pull-Park
1:00 Adult WaterFights Begins
1-3 Kids Fun fair
1-5 Cedar Creek Ranch Petting Zoo with Pony Ride (included in wristband)
2:30-4:30 Foam Party - included in wristband)
3-7 Music By **GREENFIELD STATION** - Beer Tent
8-12 Music by **CODY CALKINS BAND** - Beer Tent
11:00 Egg Sandwiches


SUNDAY, JUNE 9
9:00-10:30 Churches of LaMoille Service Park Pavilion Guest Speaker: Wayne Antusas
10:00 Biscuits and Gravy (food tent)
10:30 Sign Up Bags Tournament - Beer Tent
11:00 Food/Beer Tent Opens
Bags Tournament begins
Kiddie WaterFights Registration – Sheldon Street
11:30 Kiddie WaterFights begins
12-4 Axetreme Throwing
1-6 Music by **BURN N BUSH** - Beer Tent
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The teacher shortage is real

By **KIMBERLY CHAMBERS**
Illinois Association of School Personnel Administrators

I have been fortunate to spend 22 years in the school human resources role. More recently, I have also been working as the executive director of the Illinois Association of School Personnel Administrators (IASPA) representing more than 560 educational human resources professionals in Illinois. We are here to tell you: The teacher shortage is real.

At the start of my career, it was so easy to find teachers in some areas (looking at you, high school English and PE) that filling vacancies was not a worry. The landscape has completely changed. Join any group of educational human resources folks, and you will hear us worrying about staffing shortages. We search high and low to find qualified candidates for all our positions – traveling to job fairs and posting our jobs on sites far and wide. While some districts are struggling to find a single, great candidate for a position, other districts are forced to go without. Whether it is an elementary art position or a high school science position, there are classrooms in Illinois where students do not have the benefit of a qualified teacher ... all year long.

The statistics are alarming. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 53% of public schools reported being understaffed entering the 2022-23 school year. Nearly 20% of teachers leave their positions within the first three years, and approximately 40-50% leave within the first five years (NCES). This turnover not only disrupts continuity in classrooms but also places a significant strain on school resources as we continue to invest in recruitment and retention of new talent.

Furthermore, we know the pandemic exacerbated this issue. The challenges of remote learning, concerns about health and safety, and the overall stress of the past couple of years have driven even more teachers out of the profession. How could this not impact students' decision to go into the field of education? It's no wonder that enrollment in teacher preparation programs has been declining steadily, indicating a shrinking pipeline of new educators entering the field.

As educational leaders, it is our responsibility to address these systemic issues and create an environment where teachers feel respected, valued, and adequately compensated for their contributions. This requires a multi-faceted approach that encompasses policy reforms, increased investment in education, and innovative strategies to attract and retain educators.

This year's Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) survey on the teacher shortage indicates that while schools are making encouraging progress in filling classrooms, more work needs to be done.

IASPA is working hard to be part of the solution. We routinely offer professional learning to help combat the teacher shortage. This year's annual conference in January included six breakout sessions related to hiring, retention, the educator pipeline, student teachers, and creating pathways to teaching.

Our April 26 online Administrator Academy, Managing Bias In Hiring-Inclusive Hiring Practices, aimed to ensure that hiring administrators are trained to manage a fair and equitable hiring process.

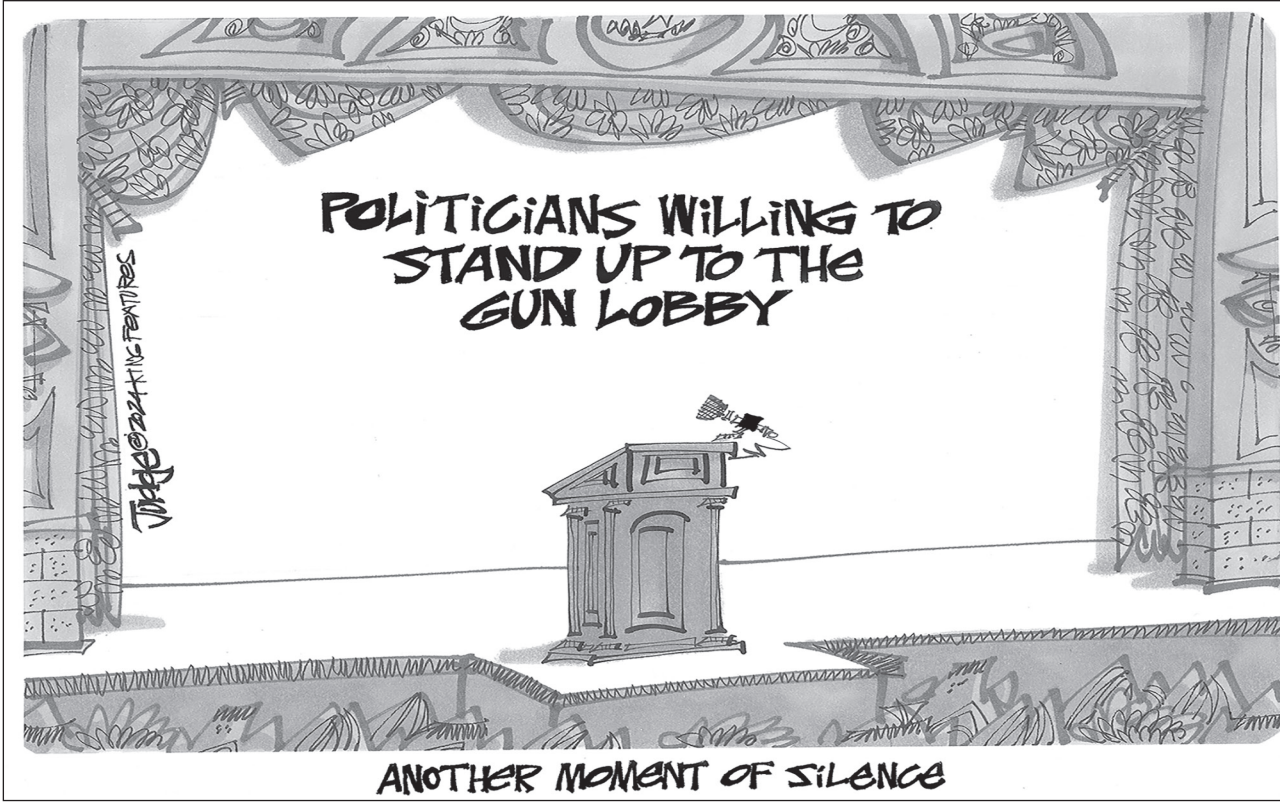
Since 2022, IASPA has hosted the Illinois Virtual Educator Job Fair, an opportunity for school districts and candidates to connect in a synchronous, online fashion without needing to be out of the office or incur the expenses of travel. Our March 6, 2024, job fair included more than 1,200 candidates! The next is scheduled for June 6, 2024.

The teacher shortage is a complex issue that requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders. By investing in our teachers and administrators, supporting their professional growth, and advocating for policy reforms, we can build a stronger future for all kids in Illinois.

(Dr. Kimberly Chambers serves as executive director of IASPA and is director of human resources at Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125 in Lincolnshire.)

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Dewey's victory at Manila feted – 1899

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from May 26, 1999.)

By Jessica Nashold

A hundred years ago this month, warfare in the Philippine, which had followed the Spanish-American War, was winding down. Commodore George Dewey was credited with victory in an engagement in Manila Bay and was rapidly elevated to the rank of admiral. On May 23, 1899, Admiral Dewey was resting in Hongkong following his departure from Manila. He expressed regret leaving Manila but said he "could not stand the care and responsibility much longer." In his words –

It is vastly easier to be under orders than to give them.

He stated that the United States must never sell the islands. With the insurrection broken he was confident a new era for the Philippines was about to begin.

British authorities in Hongkong honored Admiral Dewey at a reception "suitable to his rank" during his stay there. At the same time, final arrangements were being made for the homecoming of the volunteer troops, including 2,500 men who were sick.

A move to take up a public collection and buy a home for Admiral Dewey was declared unnecessary in the Mendota Sun-Bulletin. Dewey's income was over \$13,000 a year, he was a widower with a son taking care of himself. In fact, "if the American people have money to be given away they will find many poor and worthy people who are homeless."

This proved to be a minority view, as money was raised nationwide by public subscription to present to the admiral with a house in Washington, D.C. On Nov. 9, 1899, a few days after he had moved into his new home, Admiral Dewey married Mrs. Mildred McLean Hazen, widow of General Wm. B. Hazen, chief signal officer of the United States.

Figures on relative casualties during nine months in the Philippines and nine days during the Civil War Battle of the Bull Run were published. Between Aug. 6, 1898, and May 1899, total loss was 1,885 – 223 killed in action, 60 dead of wounds, 308 dead of disease and 1,294 wounded. At Bull Run, during nine days, total casualties were 3,284 – Union men killed 481, wounded 1,011 Confederate killed 209, wounded 1,583.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

In Mendota, Capt. Tourtillot of Co. K, 6th Illinois, distributed payroll blanks for enlisted men to apply for the difference between army pay of 52 cents per day and the \$2 per day allowed by Illinois soldiers while in Springfield waiting to be mustered out.

Mendota boys will receive their money when they return to Springfield.

Memorial Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 28, 1899, as well as on the official May 30. On Sunday morning, members of C.A. Address Post 135 assembled at their hall on Sixth Street and attended services at the Presbyterian church in a body. That afternoon they attended a service in the YMCA rooms – again in a body.

On Memorial Day, most business houses closed during the afternoon. At 1:30, a parade formed at city hall and accompanied by the band marched to Restland Cemetery. Soldiers' graves were decorated and there were speeches by Mayor E.S. Browne and Dr. E.P. Cook. W.R. Foster, superintendent of East Mendota School, delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. School children sang patriotic songs.

Soldiers of all wars of the Union were cordially invited.

Louis Waldorf announced plans to begin construction of a two-story building at the northwest corner of Illinois Avenue and Jefferson Street. The ground floor would accommodate two stores while the upper floor would be converted into office rooms. The Sun-Bulletin commented that when Mr. Waldorf started a thing he "sees it through."

He does not spare any pains to have it of the best, and made to stay.

Still known as the Waldorf building, it has provided quarters for a variety of businesses and professions during its one hundred years.

The Kreis grocery made news when bees were attracted to a display of honeycombs in their store. On a busy Saturday afternoon, there were thousands of bees flying among the customers doing their trading. When lights came on in the display window that evening, they flew in there and couldn't get out. Many were killed.

They carried away many pounds of honey.

Ex-mayor Matthiessen of LaSalle laid out golf links on his "private grounds" at Deer Park. The Sun-Bulletin reported that the whole town of LaSalle had "gone crazy" over the new pastime. However, after observing a game, editor Mark Ruggles made this assessment –

It is altogether too slow a game for Mendota.

Mendota milliner Mrs. R.M. Bailey featured sailor hats, a popular novelty, in her advertising. Sailor hats were of white straw with stiff crowns and narrow brims. The Sun-Bulletin was happy to furnish a cleaning hint for owners of sailor hats. "Get 5 cents worth of oxalic acid and with a small brush go carefully over the hat, then rinse off with cold water."

Be careful about the acid for it is deadly poison.

Andrew Carnegie retired from business to give away his fortune of \$200 million before his death.

Carnegie says it is a disgrace to be rich.

The Sun-Bulletin pointed out that Mendota had done much for its rich citizens and asked –

What have they done for Mendota?

About five years later some of the Carnegie dollars came to Mendota to build a new library in 1904.

The Mendota Fire Department ordered new uniforms from Karger's clothing store. It was the good quality of the material that appealed to the boys.

It led them to order the uniforms.

A train of 15 cars of horses, with six horses to each car, passed through Mendota enroute from California to New York. It traveled at passenger train speed. The horses were all owned by a man named Higgins.

Biden has disastrously misplayed the politics of Gaza

By Rich Lowry

It's bad enough that President Joe Biden is playing politics with the war in Gaza, but even worse -- at least for his purposes -- that he is doing it so poorly.

Biden may imagine that he is maneuvering with incredible skill -- subtly balancing geopolitics, alliance management and domestic imperatives --when he is really upsetting all sides in the course of further undermining his already-rickety presidency.

This is less Otto von Bismarck than Jimmy Carter minus the Camp David Accords.

A couple of centuries after Machiavelli warned against the allure of a fence-straddling neutrality and counseled instead being "either a true friend or downright enemy," Joe Biden is sort of, but not completely with Israel and certainly not with Hamas, but not in favor of the terror group getting destroyed with all due dispatch, either.

The way Bill Clinton once put it in the aftermath of Sept. 11 is that "when people are insecure, they'd rather have somebody who is strong and wrong than someone who's weak and right."

Biden is weak and wrong, and he's not doing himself any favors.

First of all, he should want the war to end as quickly as possible. As long as it continues, he'll be caught in a crossfire on his own side between the pro-Hamas left and pro-Israel moderates. The easiest way to reduce the intensity around the issue would be for the war to end, but the administration's jawboning of Israel has stayed the hand of the Jewish state and prolonged this phase of the conflict.

Also, when presented with a choice between placating a fraction of public sentiment or siding with the majority, it's usually the smart play to go with the majority. Yet, Biden -- desperate to stop his bleeding among young voters who are more pro-Palestinian than the rest of the electorate -- can't resist the pull of the fraction.

It's true that young people look at the conflict differently.

According to a New York Times survey of the swing states, voters ages 18-29 sympathize with the Palestinians over the Israelis, 44-to-23, while every other age group is with the Israelis, by increasingly lopsided numbers as they get older.

There's little doubt what the majority thinks, though. The latest Harvard-Harris poll found that people support Israel over Hamas by 80-to-20, and believe that Israel is trying to avoid civilian casualties in Gaza, 67-to-33. Even voters ages 18-24 support Israel in this survey, 57-to-43, and believe Israel is trying to minimize casualties, 64-to-36.

For all the turmoil over Gaza, it's not a top voting issue. Just 2% of voters say that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will be the most important issue in deciding their vote in The New York Times poll, and 4% of voters ages 18-29.

What Biden most needs is for people to think that he's a moderate and a steady hand. The White House may tell itself that it's achieving that with a carefully managed, in-between position. But to nearly everyone else it looks like the president has gotten pushed by the left into flirting from being stalwartly pro-Israel to impeding its war effort.

In other words, in fishing for voters who are small in number and outside the mainstream, Biden has further discredited himself and his leadership with his equivocation.

Perhaps the most astonishing finding in the Times poll is that by 50% to 35%, more voters trust Trump than Biden to handle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Trump leads on this question by a little bit more among voters ages 18-29, 52-to-28.

Trump, who managed to frighten our enemies with his hit against Qasem Soleimani, while also forging a breakthrough peace deal with the Abraham Accords, does indeed look like a giant of statesmanship compared with a Joe Biden whose war policy has been written on water.

Biden has shown that it's impossible to be all things to all people, but it is possible to convince most of them that you don't know what you're doing.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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TRI-COUNTY NEWS



Memorial Day programs set in area communities

Mendota

MENDOTA – The Mendota Memorial Day program will be held Monday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m. at Restland Memorial Gardens, Mendota. The Veterans’ Memorial Council, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4079, its Auxiliary and American Legion Post 540 will be participating.

These organizations welcome everyone to this service for the purpose of honoring and remembering all veterans resting on domestic or foreign soil, for their commitment and unselfish contribution to our present way of life with liberty and freedom for all.

The program schedule is as follows:

- Opening address by master of ceremonies Bill Hunt, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Presentation of Colors/Raising of the Flag by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- National Anthem by Mendota Alumni Band
- Invocation by Jay Miller, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Guest speaker, Eva Beetz, 2023 Patriot Pen essay winner
- Theme, “How I was Inspired by America”
- Musical selection by Mendota Alumni Band
- Roll call of deceased Veterans since last Memorial Day by Harold Olsen
- Laying of the wreaths by VFW Post 4079 Auxiliary
- Firing of the volley by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- Taps by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- Benediction by Miller

LaMoille

LaMOILLE – The LaMoille Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 27, at Greenfield Cemetery.

In case of rain, the program will be held at the First Congregational Church.

Compton/West Brooklyn

COMPTON/WEST BROOKLYN – The Compton-West Brooklyn American Legion Post #657 will hold four Memorial Day services on Monday, May 27. The service schedule is as follows:

- 9 a.m. – Fisk Cemetery, Compton. Rifle squad salute.
- 10 a.m. – Melugin’s Grove Cemetery, Compton. Flag-burning ceremony. Attendees are encouraged to bring their worn/torn flags for proper disposal.
- 11 a.m. – West Brooklyn Cemetery.
- 11:45 a.m. – Four Mile Grove Cemetery north of Meriden. Rifle squad salute.

Sublette

SUBLETTE – A Memorial Day Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 27 at St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Sublette. Father Randy Fronek will celebrate the Mass. In case of rain, the service will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

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SUBLETTE NEWS

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GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

Memorial Day weekend is garage sale weekend in Sublette. There will be garage sales throughout the community on Friday, May 24, Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26. Maps will be available that will show the locations of the garage sales in the village as well as

in the area around Sublette.

VILLAGE CLEANUP JUNE 1

The Sublette village cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, June 1. Residents may sign up at the Sublette General Store or at the post office to have items picked up. Pick-up includes appliances and brush for the burn pile, but no electronics will be picked up.

For more information, call Julie Kessel at 815-440-4689.

Water service line grant application in the works

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Staff writer

SUBLETTE – The agenda for the Village of Sublette meeting on May 13 was both long and bold as the trustees had plenty to discuss and vote yay or nay.

One of the most pressing issues was a grant for the village’s water service line.

“We had a big committee meeting with Matt Hanson from Willet & Hoffman Associates to talk about water service lines regulations and requirements the IEPA has really pushed,” said Village of Sublette President John Stenzel. “Matt told us about a grant that will help us because we have 54 unknown service lines of material.

We’re going to dig around each side of the shutoff terminal to determine what type of material was used.

“At the meeting, it was approved to begin writing the grant application. The grant could possibly be worth \$30,000. That’s just the inventory where you determine what it is. Replacing it is a whole other objective. We have to determine if we have to replace it.

“As of right now, we don’t believe we have to replace the water service lines, but we can’t say it 100 percent without finding out.”

The approval was for \$1,500 to be paid to Willett & Hoffman to gather and start the paperwork for the grant


writing process.

The grant is generally for Sublette in whole, but there will be a target zone on older downtown homes that may need updated, improved lines.


Appointments were approved for village positions to take effect May 1.

Returning to their titles are Will Klein as village treasurer, Don Dinges as village economic development coordinator, Hopkins & Associates as certified public accountant, Dana Considine as village attorney, Makenzie Kessel as freedom of information officer, the

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In Loving Memory



ROBERT DANCEY

June 20, 1921 - Nov. 26, 2005

*Your were a light in our life
that burns forever in our hearts.*

Your loving family

EDMUND CHARLES ROBINSON SR.

Dec. 18, 1922 - March 6, 1990

*Thank you for the wonderful days we
shared together. My prayers will be with
you until we meet again.*

Your loving family

HOWARD IRVING EAMES

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but the times we shared will always remain.*

Your loving family

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*Forever missed, never forgotten.
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Your loving family

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thoughts and memories forever.*

From your loving family

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shared together. My prayers will be with
you until we meet again.*

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*May the light of peace shine
on your face for eternity.*

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May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Your loving family

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You were a candle in our life that burns forever in our
hearts. So thankful for the times we shared with you.
Love always.*

Jean Kelly & Family

SHERRY CATHERINE BIERWIRTH VEITH

Aug. 12, 1956 - May 16, 1997

*You were a light in our life
that burns forever in our hearts.*

Your loving family

ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Jenni-fer Aniston must've loved "9 to 5" so much that she plans to produce a reimagining of the classic 1980 comedy. Jane Fonda confirmed in 2018 that a "9 to 5"



Aniston

sequel was in the works with her, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton set to reprise their roles. It's taken six years to make it happen. Aniston has enlisted Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody ("Juno") to create the screenplay.

Aniston's last two films were "Murder Mystery" and "Murder Mystery 2," and her series "The Morning Show" is renewed for season four.

Jerry Seinfeld, whose film "Unfrosted" dropped on May 4 on Netflix, recently confessed that he hadn't planned who would play the Frosted Flakes spokesman Tony the Tiger. Then he got an iPhone video from Hugh Grant, who pitched himself as Tony while holding a glass of wine and sitting on a couch.

Seinfeld's writing partner, Spike Feresten, explained, "We were just stunned on how homemade his audition was -- and how good it was. Here's Hugh Grant at 8 o'clock at night before he goes to bed, crushing the lines." After Grant signed up, a lot of other people started falling in: Melissa McCarthy, Amy Schumer, Max Greenfield, Christian Slater, James Marsden, Jack McBrayer, and Jim Gaffigan as Kellogg.

This is surprising when you remember Grant trashed his role as the Oompa Loompa in "Wonka," complaining, "I couldn't have hated the whole thing more." He was inconvenienced by the motion capture technology that he had to endure to play a little Oompa Loompa. He also had to wear a special suit to catch his movements, which he said "was like a crown of thorns." Then why did he do it?

"I have lots of children, and I need the money," he confessed. (Grant has five children with two women out of wedlock.)

In addition to playing Tony in "Unfrosted," Grant's got "Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy" and the horror thriller "Heretic" coming soon.

Both Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway have been saying for a while that they wanted to revisit "The Princess Diaries." The first film (released in 2001) grossed \$165.3 million, and the second (released in 2004) grossed \$134.7 million. (Both were directed by the late, great "Happy Days" producer Garry Marshall.)

Andrews said, "It's quite a long time since the two "Diaries" were done ... but sometimes it's best to leave a good thing alone. ... There was dialogue about it. Nothing was ever realized. ... I'd be very happy if we did do another one, but I don't expect to."

Dame Julie Andrews, who turns 89 on Oct. 1, has, of late, done the voice of Lady Whistledown in "Bridgeton," and Marlena in "Minions: The Rise of Gru." She and daughter Emma Walton Hamilton have written 35 children's books, for which they've also recorded the audiobooks. At this stage, I'd rather read Julie Andrews' uncensored diaries. You know that everything hasn't always been supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

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By Dana Jackson

Q: Are there any more series in the works for actress Poppy Montgomery? I'm in the process of watching all the reruns of "Unforgettable" with her in it. -- L.M.



Montgomery

A: Australian actress Poppy Montgomery has starred in two very successful drama series, both on CBS. First, she played FBI agent Samantha Spade in "Without a Trace," opposite another Australian -- Anthony LaPaglia ("Florida Man"). The show lasted seven seasons and likely led to Montgomery headlining another series for the same network, called "Unforgettable." The premise is about a crime solver with hyperthymesia, a condition in which she can recall every place, conversation and moment in her life. It's loosely based on actress Marilu Henner ("Taxi"), who was diagnosed with the same condition.

Since "Unforgettable" ended in 2016, Montgomery has starred in the ABC

Celebrity Extra

series "Reef Break," but it lasted just one season. Her other credits include TV movies like "A Surrogate's Nightmare," "Mission Control" and "Christmas on the Farm." There are no other upcoming projects listed for her, but I wouldn't rule her out for another network series in the future.

Q: Is it true that Reba McEntire is leaving "The Voice"? Who will replace her? -- N.N.

A: No, as a matter of fact, Reba McEntire will be back for her third consecutive season as a coach this fall on the singing-competition series "The Voice." Also returning as a coach is Gwen Stefani, but there will be two new occupants in the big red chairs this coming season. Canadian crooner Michael Bublé and Los Angeles rapper Snoop Dogg will round out the team. Both have served in other capacities on "The Voice," in the form of advisor and mentor, respectively.

Q: I'm wondering if actress Laura San Giacomo is still working? I read that she's married to an actor

I saw in a movie on HBO about surfing, called "North Shore." Are they still married? -- K.B.

A: Laura San Giacomo won an Independent Spirit Award for her supporting role in the indie film "Sex, Lies and Videotape" back in 1989. A year later, she made another memorable impression on audiences as Julia Roberts' wisecracking roommate in the blockbuster "Pretty Woman."

She went on to star alongside David Spade in "Just Shoot Me!" for seven seasons, playing a hot-tempered journalist who loses her job and is forced to go work at her father's fashion magazine. It might appear that her career took a downturn after that, but in reality, she's been working pretty much nonstop for the past two decades. More recently, she had a recurring role as a therapist on the hit series "NCIS," played an acting coach in the Emmy-nominated HBO series "Barry," and was part of the ensemble cast of the Tim Allen series "The Santa Clauses."

As for her husband, San Giacomo has been married to Matt Adler ("North Shore") since 2000.

• Trivia Test •

1. ANATOMY: What does the human vestibular sense do?
2. MOVIES: The phrase "As you wish" is key to which 1987 movie?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest island in the Caribbean?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are Chinese astronauts called sometimes in the West?
5. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a character named Phoebe Buffay?
6. MEASUREMENTS: What is the square footage of an acre?
7. SCIENCE: What are the four states of matter?
8. HISTORY: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote?
9. LITERATURE: Which

- 19th-century novel contains the line, "I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship?"
 10. MONEY: In the old British monetary system, how many pennies were equal to a pound?
- Answers
1. It is the sense that deals with movement, gravity and balance.
 2. "The Princess Bride."
 3. Cuba.
 4. Taikonauts.
 5. "Friends."
 6. 43,560 square feet.
 7. Solid, liquid, gas and plasma
 8. 19th.
 9. "Little Women."
 10. 240.
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Couch Theater

"The Roast of Tom Brady" (TV-MA) -- Whether you're a fan of the proclaimed "GOAT" Tom Brady or a massive hater of the former quarterback (Go, Giants!), this roast is an entertaining watch for all. Hosted by Kevin Hart and roastmaster Jeff Ross, this three-hour TV special features a multitude of crude jokes that would send just about anyone home in tears, but the New England Patriot alum takes them all in stride. Highlights include comedian Nikki Glaser's set as well as surprise appearances from Ben Affleck, former Patriots coach Bill Belichick, and the Sheriff himself -- Peyton Manning. The special is out now but do note: It has been edited since streaming live, so if you want to see the moment when Kim Kardashian gets booed by the audience, you'll have to look on YouTube. (You're welcome.) (Netflix)

"Eileen" (R) -- Based on the novel by Ottessa Moshfegh, this psychological thriller stars Thomasin McKenzie ("The Power of the Dog") and Anne Hathaway ("The Idea of

You"). Taking place in 1960s Massachusetts, a young girl named Eileen (McKenzie) works in a correctional facility for teenage boys while she struggles with an unstable home life due to her alcoholic father, Jim (Shea Whigham). When a new psychologist, Rebecca (Hathaway), is hired at the facility, Rebecca's modern thinking and charming aura starts to rub off on Eileen. Through Rebecca, Eileen is finally able to garner the agency that she's been desperately needing to overcome the obstacles in her life. Out now. (Hulu)

"Franklin" (TV-MA) -- Academy-Award-winning actor Michael Douglas takes on the role of founding father Benjamin Franklin in this eight-episode miniseries out now. This biographical series spans the eight years Franklin spent in France as he tries to convince King Louis XVI to back the United States in the Revolutionary War. Even though politics and history are the drivers behind the story of this series, expect glimpses of comedy, romance and action through-

out the episodes. Noah Jupe ("A Quiet Place") co-stars as William Temple Franklin, Ben's grandson, and Daniel Mays ("Rogue One") portrays spy Edward Bancroft. (Apple TV+)

"The Beach Boys" (PG-13) -- A documentary about the American rock band The Beach Boys hits streaming on May 24! Described as the band that personifies the "California dream," The Beach Boys took the nation by storm with "Surfer's U.S.A." back in 1963. After that first hit single, the band continued to call the Top 10 home with songs like "Surfer Girl," "Be True to Your School" and "Fun, Fun, Fun," just to name a few. Of course, the documentary features interviews with band members Brian Wilson, Mike Love, Al Jardine, David Marks and Bruce Johnston, but it also includes soundbites from musicians Lindsey Buckingham (of Fleetwood Mac), Janelle Monáe, Ryan Tedder (of OneRepublic) and more. (Disney+)

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King Crossword

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- 5 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
- 8 Sch. for tots
- 12 Flair
- 13 Leb. neighbor
- 14 Bart's sister
- 15 Suffix for million
- 16 Kipling poem
- 18 "Even Now" singer
- 20 "Old MacDonald" refrain
- 21 French article
- 22 PC linkup
- 23 Type of wheat
- 26 Prayerful chants
- 30 Commotion
- 31 Do sums
- 32 "As I see it," to a texter
- 33 "How-to" books
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- 6 Long rides?
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- 8 Coffee vessel
- 9 Lament
- 10 Actor Morales
- 11 Deck in the ring
- 17 Campus bigwig
- 19 Permit
- 22 Young fellow
- 23 "Cheers" bartender
- 24 Hi-tech organizer
- 25 Very long time
- 26 Rx writers
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Australian bushranger Joseph Johns escaped from prison so many times that the government finally had to build a special cell to hold him, after which an overly (if understandably) confident governor said to him, "If you get out again, I'll forgive you." You guessed it: Johns escaped that as well.

* There's a "Heaven Scent Pizza" for dogs, made of flour, carrots, celery and Parmesan cheese.

* A high school basketball coach was fired after his team won 100-0 because the Catholic school he worked for thought that such a wide-margin victory failed to display a "Christ-like and honorable approach to competition."

* Two Chinese bank employees stole over \$6.6 million and spent it all on lottery tickets. Unfortunately, crime didn't pay when they only recovered about \$13,000.

* Don Rickles died before he could record dialogue for "Toy Story 4." Rather than replacing him, Disney reviewed 25 years of material from the first three films, video games and other media, and assembled enough to cover the entire film.

* A study has found that second-born children are more likely to be troublemakers.

* In Japan, male students can confess their love to another person by giving them the second button -- the one closest to the heart -- from the top of their school uniform.

* Laser removal doesn't actually remove a tattoo. It just helps break it down so the body's white blood cells can carry it away. Eventually, you poop out your tattoo.

* A bloodhound in Alabama went outside to relieve itself and accidentally joined a half marathon, then ended up in seventh place. The race was dubbed the "Hound Dog Half," and those who end up in seventh place earn a special award.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC selects new VP of Academic Affairs

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College has chosen a veteran college administrator to be its next Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Vicki Trier will take up her new post in June.

College and career drew Dr. Trier west to Idaho, Washington state and Montana, and now IVCC has drawn her closer to her Indiana roots.

"I am very excited for the perspectives and experience that Dr. Trier will bring to this position," said IVCC President Dr. Tracy Morris. "She brings experience as a faculty member, student services professional and multiple levels of academic affairs administration, which will be so valuable to continue our tradition of academic excellence."

The Vice President of Academic Affairs oversees administration and development of the College's instructional program, including adult education, continuing education, and Academic Support Center.

Dr. Trier has worked for Montana State University Billings since 2019. She was Dean of City College, a two-year college embedded in the university, before becoming Special Projects Assistant to the Provost in 2024. There, she worked to establish a framework for developing additional and more affordable non-credit training programs in the state's two-year system. That task reflected her earlier work in federal TRIO programs, which serve the same students as the training programs are meant to benefit.

Through experience at community colleges in Washington and Oregon, Dr. Trier has stated that she "was able to really

get to know how two-year institutions work and how different states approach two-year education."

Dr. Trier earned a Ph.D. with a specialization in higher education administration from the University of Idaho and a bachelor's from Indiana University. She was active in graduate and undergraduate recruiting and support and she coordinated the McNair Achievement Program (a TRIO program), at the University of Idaho. She served as dean of instruction at Spokane Community College in Washington and oversaw the career and technical division of Academic and Student Affairs at Lane Community College in Oregon.

"I feel I've been preparing for this job for a long time. I'm able to be a leader at the institutional level and the state and federal levels. I've been part of a lot of different types of activities, from curriculum development and strategic planning to budgeting," she said.

Dr. Trier said she was attracted to IVCC and the Illinois Valley. "I like the size of college, that it serves more than one community and that it is an integral part of those communities. Seeing that the president is an alumnus was very exciting!"

Dr. Trier said she is looking forward to meeting and learning from faculty, staff and students. "That's what gets me up every day – making sure students can accomplish their goals."

An avid outdoorsperson, Dr. Trier is looking forward to her first visit to local state parks. She enjoys gardening, mountain biking and hiking, and has participated in several 5- and 10-K races – but as a walker, she's quick to point out.

Dr. Trier's husband, Dennis Sasse, is a retired environmental health and safety consultant.



V. Trier

IVCC has plenty of popular camps for kids this summer

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's popular summer camps for children and teens will get underway again this summer, centering on robotics, art, space exploration, fishing, welding, animation, culinary arts, artificial intelligence, CAD design, agriculture and several other themes.

Thirty-five in-person EdVenture camps will be offered on campus in Oglesby and at Nell's Woodland in Ottawa. Another 20-plus camps are offered live online through the Black Rocket technology company.

"IVCC summer camps provide a fun, educational environment with a focus on teambuilding, positive social experience and academic enrichment," said Community Program Manager Kim Koehler.

The summer schedule includes new programs such as AI (Artificial Intelligence) Adventures and Culinary Chemists, Koehler said. "In AI Adventures, participants will use cutting-edge technology and artificial intelligence to design fully interactive games and experiences. In Culinary Chemists, participants will journey into a world of edible science experiments."

Popular programs returning this summer include:

- Space Camp, which



IVCC's Fish Tales participants put the skills they'd learned into practice on a local field trip. (Photo contributed)

features a science project, story and craft time, rocket making and a special guest visitor from NASA.

- Camp Kindness, which focuses on character building activities, team-building, civic mindedness, acts of kindness and problem solving.
- Fish Tales, where students will learn fishing skills in the classroom and practice them on field trips.

A full list of camps can be found at <https://www.ivcc.edu/summercamp>.

Full Black Rocket camp descriptions and online registration information can be found at <https://www.blackrocket.com/online/ivc>.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
Emanuel Alvarez Godina, 26, of 720 Main St., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Main and Springfield streets at 10:01 p.m. May 16. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
Lilia Diaz, 50, of 300 Third Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Third Street and First Avenue at 10:54 a.m. May 17. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

City Ordinance

MENDOTA – 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.
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Reminder to start seeing bicyclists

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department urges motorists to pay attention, be alert for bikes and share the road. MPD urges bicyclists to be predictable and observe traffic laws. Your actions affect public opinion.
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Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists riding on a highway are granted all of the rights and are subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, with few exceptions.
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Lights on Bicycles – For night riding, a front lamp with a white light visible from at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear visible from 100 feet to 600 feet are required. A rear light visible from 500 feet may be used in addition to the red reflector.
Two or More on a Bike – Bicycles shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his person in a backpack device or sling.
Parental Responsibility – The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize the child or ward to violate any of the provision of this code.
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SPORTS

Not the suspected answer

Believe it or not, journalists are not the only ones asking questions.

From time to time curious minds will ask questions to the ones usually ending sentences with question marks, especially about details of our careers such as



Not the Last Chance

By Brandon LaChance

where have you been, who have you talked to, what's your best story or your favorite story, what gyms have you been in, have you been to all of the Illinois tourist destinations, what do you eat on the road, where is your favorite place to eat on the road, and every what is your favorite question possible.

The No. 1 question I've been asked over my 20 years as a professional journalist is, "What is your favorite event to cover?"

At first it was a difficult question to answer.

I have covered a lot of cool, interesting, history-making worthy events such as a rally at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield to fight the pulling of a college grant, St. Bede alumnus J.A. Happ pitching in MLB games (six different stories which took place in both Chicago ballparks, Detroit, and Milwaukee), state fairs, rodeos (including speaking to the at-the-time No. 1-ranked Professional Bull Riders cowboy), Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame member Walt "Clyde" Frazier donating to Southern Illinois University, Illinois Senator Sue Rezin and State Representative Lance Yednock taking a tour of the newly bought and renovated OSF hospital in Peru, DePue boat races, two NASCAR races at Joliet Speedway with interviews with Ross Kenseth, speaking with country music singers Drew Parker and Shane Profitt in Sublette during Hops and Harmony 2023, the 2018 Hall baseball team state championship (covered on radio and in print), met US Senator Dick Durbin at the Amboy Fire Department, and many, many, many more awesome events I'll write about in a book someday.

I left out some of the happenings early on in my career from the list (Rest in Peace Dan Callahan, former SIU baseball coach who helped me mature and make sure this was the career I wanted) as I thought about more recent memories. There are events that made the question a tough answer since year one of my career in 2005.

In 2014, the answer became easier when I covered my first IHSA State Track Meet.

Since the first weekend I witnessed the jaw-dropping track and field performances to a level I had never seen before, I've been hooked and have never changed the answer to what is my favorite event to cover whether sports, news or entertainment.

The answer has been and may forever be, the state track meet.

Let's just look at this year with Mendota freshman high jumper Mariyah Elam winning only the fourth female track state championship in school history following Tracy Stroyan (1982, discus) and Sherry Hoffman (1987, long jump; 1989, long jump).

Not only did she win but she impressed herself, her coaches, her teammates and her parents as she out leaped her 4-foot-11, fourth-place finish at last year's IESA State Track Meet to 5-4.5 to claim her gold medal in the high school ranks.

There were top marks, top athletic ability, top notch determination from athletes all over the state and definitely from the Illinois Valley.

It's like this every year.

I love basketball and football. Volleyball is awesome. Baseball and softball are cool. Soccer is alright. Tennis is OK.

I never thought I'd like covering or watching track, but it is at the top of the list, even surpassing hoops.

There is no greater feat than defeating opponents on a stage as big as the one at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. All eyes are on you. All headlines are focused on what you do. All schedules are booked around you. All attention is on the athlete and what he or she does.

Can they rise to the occasion?
Will they fail?

The anticipation for a 50-second run or a 5-4.5 jump that took 10 seconds is incredibly intriguing, unique, and addictive.

Just ask every track athlete who has ever performed, it's highly addictive.

That's what La Salle-Peru alumna Rachel Hickey won the 800-meter run in 2016 and 2018 before a career at Illinois State University and Baylor University. The same goes for St. Bede graduate Bret Dannis when he won both the 300-meter and 100-meter hurdles in 2016 and the 110 hurdles in 2017 before hurdling for the University of Illinois.

Steven Brust, Anthony Buchanan, Devin Soldati, and Marshall Walk gasped the words, 'Man, that was awesome,' after they won both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays in 2019.

And who knows who may be able to have the same thoughts and sentiments after this weekend's 2024 boys state meet.

Will the favored win?
Or will the lower expected reach higher like Amboy senior Elly Jones did this year in the 100-meter hurdles when she was seeded eighth but walked away from last weekend's state meet with a fourth-place medal.

What a great competitive environment.

What a fun event to create headlines and story lines.

What an awesome, easy answer to the question, "What is your favorite event to cover?"



Mendota High School freshman Mariyah Elam stands above the rest on the podium after winning the Class 2A high jump state championship on May 18 at Charleston. (Photo contributed)

Simply the best!

❑ MHS freshman Elam rises to state high jump title

By Reporter staff

CHARLESTON – Mariyah Elam has gone to new heights in a year. Literally.

The Mendota High School freshman began competing in the high jump for the Northbrook Middle School track team several years ago and was rewarded for her efforts by taking fourth place in Class 8-3A at the IESA State Meet in 2023 with a leap of 4-11.

Fast forward to just one year later. Elam began to open eyes this season for the MHS track team when she dramatically increased her height, going 5-6.25 to win and set a new Three Rivers Conference record in the conference meet in early May.

Elam continued her dominance over her opponents in the high jump over the next two weeks, culminating with a state championship leap at the IHSA Class 2A State Track & Field Meet held May 17-18 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Elam came into the state meet tied with a competitor from Macomb with the best jump among the Class 2A sectionals across the state. In

the state preliminaries, Elam and 12 other competitors cleared the bar at 5-0.25 to advance to the finals. Then in the finals, Elam topped out with a measurement of 5-4.5 to outleap second-place finisher Jaida Linn of Hillsboro, whose best effort came in at 5-3.25.

"I feel great winning the state championship. I was praying after every jump because it was really hot outside," said Elam. "All of the girls could barely hop over the bar. I couldn't clear the first attempt on my jumps. I kept praying and trying, and I was able to get over. I guess I needed a practice jump because it was a struggle in the heat."

"I felt like I deserved to win. I put in a lot of hard work. I put in a lot of practice. I practiced four times a week, two hours each time after school. We did a lot of fitness training. I worked with coach Joe Hughes and coach Patti Blumhorst. I felt privileged to have someone like coach Blumhorst to coach me since she has done the high jump."

"She was a big help at the state meet. She brought blankets for me to sit on and she brought an umbrella to shield me from the sun. You could tell she had been there before."



M. Elam

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—MHS's Mariyah Elam

MHS head coach Joe Hughes said it has been outstanding to see the progress Elam has made from the start of practice in March up until her high jump state title just two months later.

"Mariyah has been able to exceed ours and even her own expectations in high jump this year," said Hughes. "The two biggest factors that have helped her this season are her teammates and our new assistant coach, Patti Blumhorst. Coach Blumhorst has a long history of being an incredible high jumper herself and has been able to tweak and improve some things with Mariyah from over the bar."

"The other thing that has helped Mariyah has been her team as a whole. Everyone on the team does an excellent job of encouraging each other and pushing each other to do their best each and every day. This type of family-like environment has relaxed everyone to continue to grow and improve in their events."

With her best jump being 4-11 last year, Elam has surprised herself with the great strides she has made in the event in her first year of high school.

"I had to work a lot harder because of the competition," added Elam. "Last year, I couldn't make it past 4-foot-11. This year my best was 5-foot-7. That was a pretty big, good jump. That's thanks to Coach Blumhorst fixing up my form and my pivot on my jumps."

Elam was kept busy at the state meet, competing in two other events. She finished in ninth place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.91, while she was 20th in the triple jump with a distance of 34-0.75.

"I want to jump higher next year," she said. "I want to also get better and win a state championship in hurdles. I'm going to work hard to try to return to state in all three events — high jump, hurdles, and triple jump for the next three years."

Carlos earns bid to state track meet

❑ MHS sophomore to run in 400m

SYCAMORE – One Mendota track athlete qualified for the state track & field meet after the Trojans participated in the Sycamore Class 2A Sectional on May 16.

Sophomore Sebastian Carlos, who has been steady all season in the 400-meter dash, was again at the sectional where he finished in fifth place with a time of 51.50. The top two finishers in each event automatically qualify for state. Carlos earned his bid by barely eclipsing the state qualifying time of 51.55.

"I'm very proud of his preparation and his attitude," said Mendota coach Keegan Hill. "He's always ready to compete mentally and physically. Watching his teammates' reaction to him qualifying was really fun to experience. It shows how much they enjoy having him as a teammate."

"Six athletes from the Sycamore Sectional qualified in the 400-meter dash. It was great competition and weather."

Carlos also ran in the 200-meter dash and took eighth place in a time of 24.02.

The only other event finishing in the top 10 for the Trojans was the 4x200-meter relay team, which recorded its best time of the season at 1:41.21. Runners were Robert Botello, Jamal Lesley, Anthony Seablom and Jayden Lesley.

The IHSA State Track & Field Meet will be held Thursday, May 23 through Saturday, May 25 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Sycamore scored 124 points to claim the sectional championship, while Sterling was a close second with 117 points. The rest of the competing teams were Dixon 53.5, Aurora Central Catholic 51, Wheaton Academy 51, Plano 50.5, Galena 50, Marmion Academy 47, Rochelle 32, Byron 26.5, Stillman Valley 25.5, Wheaton St. Francis 23, Sandwich 22, Rock Falls 22, Mendota 5, IMSA 2.



Sebastian Carlos, right, competing in a relay event with teammate Brandon Leadley during the Gooden Invitational on April, earned a trip to the IHSA State Track & Field Meet after running qualify time in the 400-meter dash at the Sycamore Class 2A Sectional on May 16. (Reporter photo)

Trojans close season with 11-1 setback to Newman in regional semifinals

STERLING – Mendota closed out the baseball season with an 11-1 setback to Sterling Newman in the semifinals of the Sterling Newman Class 2A Regional on May 16. The Trojans ended the year with a 12-9 record.

The game was scoreless through two innings before the Comets broke through for four runs in the bottom of the third.

Mendota got on the board with what turned out to be its lone tally of the game in the fifth. Brody Hartt led off the inning with a single and eventually came around to score on a single by Jack Gillespie.

Newman answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and then sent 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the sixth to end the game by the 10-run rule. In the inning, the

Comets had eight baserunners on a Mendota error, two hits and five walks, including a bases-loaded free pass.

The Trojans mustered only five singles in the contest off of Newman winning pitcher Evan Bushman. The Comets collected eight singles off of three Mendota pitchers, while they benefited from five Trojan errors and eight walks.

Braiden Freeman got the start on the mound for Mendota and pitched into the fifth inning. He allowed six hits, six runs (three earned), walked three and struck out four. Dane Doyle pitched an inning and Josh Figueroa pitched one-third of an inning.

It was Newman's third win of the season over the Trojans, having earned 5-1 and 5-3 victories in conference play.

SPORTS



Two Northbrook Middle School athletes claimed seventh-place medals in the IESA State Track & Field Meet on May 17-18. Left to right, are coach Hanna Gallagher, coach Heather Friedlein, Rylee Woods (7th in high jump), Jeniah Francis (7th in 200-meter dash) and coach Tom Slater. (Photo contributed)

Northbrook's Francis, Woods claim state track meet medals

Both girls finish seventh in their respective events

EASTPEORIA—Two Northbrook Middle School athletes brought home medals from the IESA State Track & Field Meet held May 17-18 in East Peoria.

Jeniah Francis was one of the medalists as she took seventh place in the 200-meter dash with a personal best time of 27.39 seconds.

"Jeniah was saying she was nervous, but she was just so comfortable out there," said coach Heather Friedlein. "You couldn't tell she was nervous because she holds herself together so well. She was fantastic but even after her events she came up to me and said she could have done better. Next year is going to be a big year for her. She's determined to improve."

Rylee Woods also captured a medal as she claimed seventh-place honors in the high jump with a measurement of 4-7.

"What was cool about Rylee earning a seventh-place medal in the high jump was she was in the first flight of the prelims. She wasn't even in the flight with the top seeds and she was still able to get seventh," stated Friedlein. "Her form is incredible. I think she just got in her head a little bit and it threw her off. She was down and out. We were watch-

ing the second flight results on the website and we said, 'Oh my gosh, she is going to podium.' She was at the concession stands and we were freaking out trying to find her to let her know what was happening. Even though she didn't perform as well as she wanted, she still did incredible."

Francis also competed in two other events, finishing in ninth place in both. She recorded a time of 13.23 seconds in the 100-meter dash and had a leap of 4-5 in the high jump.

Two other state qualifiers participated for the Spartans. Lupita Sandoval finished in 12th place in the discus with a throw of 85-0, while Axel Ruiz was 17th in the 400-meter dash with a personal best time of 59.35 seconds.

"The greatest thing about the state meet was these four are not from the same friend groups, but they came together and supported each other," noted Friedlein. "I think the fact they did so well was because they had each other cheering them on and there for them."

"I'd love to say it was because us coaches were there, but it was just that group of people keeping their minds light and calm. It was an all-around great weekend for them and created tons of great memories for them."

Mendota netters close out season

The Mendota boys' tennis team concluded the regular season with a 3-2 loss to Sterling Newman on May 14 at Sterling.

Dagen Setchell won his singles match for the Trojans, while the doubles team of Alex Holland and Harlan Gallagher also came out victorious.

May 14

Newman 3, Mendota 2

Singles: No. 1 – Partington (N) def. Cameron Escatel (M), 6-1, 6-2; No. 2 - Dagen Setchell (M) def. Andrew Downs (N), 6-4, 6-2

Doubles: No. 1 – Palmer-Rhodes (N) def. Wyatt Sondgeroth-Ben Bresley (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 – Zigler-Ryan (N) def. Ryder Woods-Trekker Klema (M), 6-1, 6-0; No.

3 - Alex Holland-Harlan Gallagher (M) def. Burger-Knudson (N), 6-2, 6-3

Mendota saw its season come to a close in the Rochelle Class 1A Sectional Tennis Tournament on May 17.

In singles play, Setchell lost to a player from Aurora Marmion, 6-0, 6-0, while Cameron Escatel fell to an opponent from IMSA, 6-1, 6-0.

The MHS doubles team of Trekker Klema-Ryder Woods dropped a 6-1, 6-3 decision to a duo from Elgin Academy, while the other Trojan doubles team of Ben Bresley-Wyatt Sondgeroth was topped by a team from Marmion, 6-0, 6-1.

Kids' fishing tourney set in LaSalle

LaSALLE – A free Kids' Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 1 at I & M Canal Lock #14 in LaSalle. Registration is at 8 a.m. and fishing is from 9-11 a.m.

There will be two age groups for boys and girls: 4-12 years old and 13-15 years old. Participants should bring their own tackle – one pole and one hook. No artificial lures are allowed. Bait will be provided.

Prizes will be awarded and snacks and drinks will be provided.

The event is sponsored by the Better Fishing Association of Northern Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Peru Rescue Station.

For more information, call 815-223-2382, 815-488-2035 or go online at www.better-fishing-assoc.org.

SPORTS CAMPS

Trojan boys' basketball camp

MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojans Boys' Basketball Camp will be held June 10-13 at Mendota High School.

Campers in third through fifth grade will meet from 9:30-10:45 a.m. and campers in sixth through eighth grade will meet from 10:45 a.m.-noon.

The camp is \$50 per camper (\$35 for each additional family member). Camp shirts are only guaranteed to those whose forms are turned in by Monday, June 6.

Forms are available at Mendota High School. For more information, call Steve Wasmer at 815-993-5428.

Mendota volleyball camp

MENDOTA – A Mendota Volleyball Camp will be held July 9-12 at Mendota High School. More information about the camp can be found on the teamreach app.

Sophomore and varsity campers will meet from 8-10 a.m. The teachreach code is Spikerescamp. Incoming freshmen will meet from 10 a.m.-noon. The teamreach code is Spikerscamp. Junior high campers will meet from 1-3 p.m. The teamreach code is Campmgs.

Information for Mendota High School team tryouts and summer leagues is also available on the teamreach app. For freshman, the code is Spikerfresh; for sophomores the code is Spikersophs; and for varsity the code is Spikervarsity.

Kishwaukee College camps

MALTA – Kishwaukee College in Malta will hold a soccer camp in June and a volleyball camp in July.

The Kougars Youth Soccer Camp, for boys and girls in grades one through eight, will be held June 11-13 from 5-6:30 p.m. each day. This is a chance for players to improve their skills.

The cost is \$45 per person. To register, go to kishkougars.com/camps.

For more information, contact Coach Newquist at cnewquist@kish.edu.

The Kougars Youth Volleyball Camp, for girls in grades one through five, will be held July 11 & 12 from 5-6:30 p.m. each day. Campers will serve, set and pass with current Kishwaukee athletes.

The cost is \$35 per person. To register, go to kishkougars.com/camps.

For more information, contact Coach Salapatek at zsalapatek@kish.edu.

Nominations are being accepted for 2024 Outdoor Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Conservation Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2024 Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame class.

Since 2002, the foundation has recognized individuals who have records of exemplary service in and commitments to improving conservation efforts and outdoor recreation opportunities in Illinois.

Some inductees touched the lives of thousands by promoting fishing, hunting, conservation and safety education. Others spearheaded efforts to preserve or enhance fish and wildlife habitat and protect and restore Illinois' lakes and rivers. Some inductees are national and international leaders in conservation or advocates for outdoor heritage traditions. All have led by personal example and serve as role models for future generations of conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts.

Selected nominees will be inducted into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame next spring at the annual Illinois Conservation Foundation Outdoor Hall of Fame Gala.

Nominations must be submitted on the official Hall of Fame nomination form by July 15, 2024, to be considered.

For more information, contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at info@ilconservation.org or 217-785-2003. Additional information also may be found online. The foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation established in 1995 to support the programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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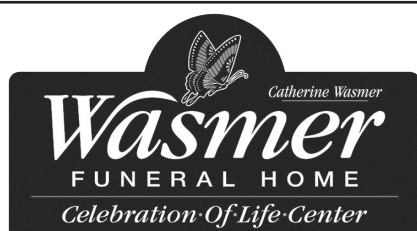
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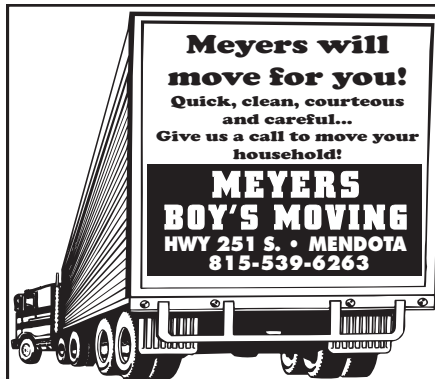
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Word that not only is He powerful, but He wants to fill us with His power. He promises in His Word that we can have abundant life in Christ because He has overcome the world (John 10:10; 16:33)! The truth is, as believers in Christ, we don’t have to live weak, wimpy, pitiful, pathetic, barely-getting-by lives. We can have God’s power working in us to enable us to do whatever we need to do! Some people have the misconception that when they give their lives to Jesus, they will no longer have any problems. It

would be nice if this were true, but in this world, we WILL have trials and tribulations. The good news is we can cheer up anyway because Jesus has overcome the world. In John 16:33 (ESV), Jesus says, “...In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” No one can promise you a problem-free life, but God promises that if you will put your trust in Him, He will give you a faith that enables you to rise above the problems you face. And when you get through them, you’ll be stronger on the other side than you were before you had them. Knowing you can have power from God to live in this world is one thing, but learning to believe this truth and walk in it is the key to having victory over the trials and suffering you face. I love Philippians 3:10 because it says we can actually experience the same power that raised Christ from the dead. In this verse, the apostle Paul says his determined purpose was to “know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection [which overflows and is active in believers], and



[that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, by being continually conformed [inwardly into His likeness even] to His death [dying as He did]” (AMP). This is an amazing and encouraging promise from God, because we all face problems and have weaknesses we can’t overcome in our own strength or effort. But if we are determined to trust God in every situation, all the time, we can fight the good fight of faith by HIS grace. Romans 8:37 (AMP) says: “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].” I love this phrase “more than conquerors.” But what does it really mean? Being more than a conqueror means that before you ever have a problem, you are confident that you have whatever it takes to overcome it through your relationship with Christ. In other words, you know you have the victory before you ever

get the problem. Now, in order to “qualify” for the power of God, we must first come to the place where we recognize that in and of ourselves, we are weak and we have limitations without God. If we didn’t have any weakness, we wouldn’t realize we need Him. And one of the best prayers we can ever pray is “God, I need You, and I’m nothing without You!” (John 15:5.) It’s so important for us to understand this because if we wait until we have a problem that’s too big for us to handle before we rely on God’s strength, then we’re setting ourselves up to fail. The best thing we can do to live this life in victory is to continually seek God with our whole heart, realizing we’re desperate for Him all the time. Spend time with Him in prayer and studying His Word every day. Then, when the storms of life happen, you will be confident that in Christ, you already have everything you need to overcome them...and you’ll

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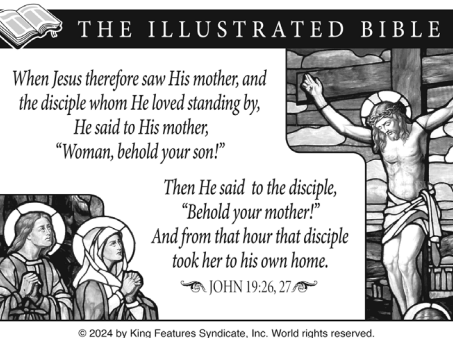
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 2. From John 20, by what other name was the apostle Thomas known? Caleb, Naaman, Omri, Didymus
 3. Which book begins, "And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness"? Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Joel
 4. For what did Jesus and Peter pay for with a coin found in a fish's mouth? Tax, Bread, Lodging, Sandals
 5. From Proverbs 11, what word did Solomon use to describe soul winners? Warm, Wise, Wealthy, Wonderful
 6. Which prophet was saved from death by a talking donkey? Balaam, Ezekiel, Joel, Samuel
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JERRELL BROWN and CASSANDRA TAYLOR, 1501 N HERSHEY RD APT 4, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704, according to the Deed dated April 28, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-10181, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 14, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086E, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 2

JERRELL BROWN and CASSANDRA TAYLOR, 1002 SHERYL LN APT A, NORMAL, IL 61761, according to the Deed dated April 28, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-10181, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 14, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086E, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 2

ALMA V CABRALES and MARIBEL RENTERIA, 1900 N KEDVALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60639, according to the Deed dated January 12, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-01919, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 29, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00330, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1

SAMUEL C. CARPENTER and ALEATHA K. CARPENTER, 14176 S DIRECTOR VIEW LN, DRAPER, UT 84020, according to the Deed dated January 16, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-06595, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 12, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0053E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1

TREVOR E. CLARK, A SINGLE MAN, 17 VERPLANCK LN, COHOES, NY 12047, according to the Deed dated October 25, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2019-10604, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 116, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 2

SCOTT CLOAT and CONNIE B. KAMIN-CLOAT, 6126 W TUSCARORA RD, BARTONVILLE, IL 61607, according to the Deed dated August 30, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-33780, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100E, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 2

BONITA COLEMAN OKASILI and RUFUS COLEMAN, 8324 S LA-FAYETTE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated April 19, 2002 and recorded

under File No. 2002-13793, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 09, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1

BONITA COLEMAN OKASILI and RUFUS COLEMAN, 9047 S JUSTINE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated April 19, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-13793, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 09, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1

BRENDA R COTTON and VICTOR L WILLIAMS, 813 E NEBRASKA AVE, PEORIA, IL 61603, according to the Deed dated August 04, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-18065, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0394, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 6

BRENDA R COTTON and VICTOR L WILLIAMS, 905 E SENECA PL, PEORIA, IL 61603, according to the Deed dated August 04, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-18065, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0394, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 6

KATHERINE COYNER and any unknown heirs and Legatees, 4N206 PHEASANT RUN DR, SAINT CHARLES, IL 60175, according to the Deed dated August 12, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2016-05489, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 04, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00160, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 1

JOSE DIZON and PAULINE DIZON, 5 TODD DRIVE EXT, NORTON, MA 02766, according to the Deed dated July 16, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-14752, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 04, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0373, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 3

GERALD DRAKE and ELIZABETH A. DRAKE, 6415 HINDS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707, according to the Deed dated June 23, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-22094, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 27, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01170, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 2

SUSAN EDWARD and JULIAN GARCIA, 2211 MOCKINGBIRD LN, BAYTOWN, TX 77520, according to the Deed dated July 26, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-21002, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 14, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit

No. 0154, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2

ERICA EUGENE, 4228 S 93RD DR, TOLLESON, AZ 85353, according to the Deed dated March 08, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-05142, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0027E, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 1

NORMAN FUERSTENAU AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND JEAN FUERSTENAU, 215 NE 20TH ST, GUYMON, OK 73942, according to the Deed dated March 28, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-15467, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 16, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 4

DENNIS GARTON, 1120 CALLON ST, WAUSAU, WI 54401, according to the Deed dated February 21, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2018-15998, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 03, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 2830, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 4

ESTEBAN A GARZA and ROSA M GARZA, 1801 WOOD VISTA PL, ROUND ROCK, TX 78665, according to the Deed dated January 19, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-02151, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 05, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0391, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 6

BARBARA GLADNEY and JERRY GLADNEY, 840 N KEDVALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Deed dated October 14, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-26923, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 07, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0134E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 2

LINDA C HARRINGTON and RUBY LEE HARRINGTON, 131 S AUSTIN BLVD FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Deed dated March 24, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-10275, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 12, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01240, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 2

LINDA C HARRINGTON and RUBY LEE HARRINGTON, 4337 W GLADYS AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60624, according to the Deed dated March 24, 2001 and recorded under

File No. 2001-10275, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 12, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01240, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 2

RODNEY HUGULEY and KATY KOESTNER, 16547 W 147TH PL, LOCKPORT, IL 60441, according to the Deed dated June 07, 1998 and recorded under File No. 1998-24213, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0024, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 1

Norma A. Jackson, A Single Woman, 7420 S EVANS AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60619, according to the Deed dated September 12, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-08505, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 14, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 68 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

KEITH JACOBS and NINFA JACOBS, 901 SHAVER RD, ARANSAS PASS, TX 78336, according to the Deed dated August 27, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-19006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 13, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2

KEITH JACOBS and NINFA JACOBS, 177 NORTHSHORE BLVD APT 8302, PORTLAND, TX 78374, according to the Deed dated August 27, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-19006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 13, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2

GHANSHYAMSINH K JADEJA and VANDANA JADEJA, 12345 FERIS LN, HUNTLEY, IL 60142, according to the Deed dated September 06, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-19928, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 27, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0099E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 2

DENNIS JAMES, VINCENT JAMES AND LORRAINE RILEY, 5333 W VAN BUREN ST, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Deed dated January 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-06497, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 01, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01000, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2

DENNIS JAMES, VINCENT JAMES AND LORRAINE RILEY, 125 N MAYFIELD AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Deed dated January 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-06497, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 01, 2002, are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01000, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2

DENNIS JAMES, VINCENT JAMES AND LORRAINE RILEY, 1326 N HARDING AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Deed dated January 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-06497, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 01, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01000, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2

LARRY E JAYNE, 1391 SHAW RD, HINESVILLE, GA 31313, according to the Deed dated April 26, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-11287, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0396, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 6

KEITH JONES, 1000 E MARION ST, DES MOINES, IA 50315, according to the Deed dated September 20, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-22856, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 09, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0286E, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 4

NATALIE KELLY and PHILIP KELLY, 8601 S DANTE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60619, according to the Deed dated December 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013-00565, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 09, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01010, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2

NATALIE KELLY and PHILIP KELLY, 4856 S FORRESTVILLE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60615, according to the Deed dated December 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013-00565, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 09, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01010, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2

THERESA W KITCHEN-TEVERBAUGH, 16902 MANOR DR, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Deed dated February 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-05122, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 07, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0052E, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

Marc Daniel Linhart, A Single Man, 119 N OLIVE ST, MAQUOKETA, IA 52060, according to the Deed dated February 25, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15433, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 66 Frequency: Odd, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1

STEVEN LAWRENCE, 315 S MAPLE ST, WATERTOWN, IL 60556, according to the Deed dated May 22, 2013

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ularly described as Unit No. 00780, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 NEILBERTO RIVERA and SHERRIE CHRISTINE FREEMAN, 5744 NW CAHABA ST, PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL 34986, according to the Deed dated September 28, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-30860, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 12, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00780, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 SHAIRA ROCK, 187 N LARCH AVE, ELMHURST, IL 60126, according to the Deed dated January 25, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-03269, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 15, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00190, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1 JANETTE SANCHEZ and JAYCEE ESTEVES, 301 ARISTOCRAT DR, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60490, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-13241, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00300, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 1 IRENE SANTANA, 911 LYNWOOD CT, SHOREWOOD, IL 60404, according to the Deed dated May 04, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-09387, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 21, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0004E, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 PETER G SANTUCI and CHRISTINA A PETERSON, 5470 WHITETAIL PKWY, YORKVILLE, IL 60560, according to the Deed dated January 29, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2016-18384, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073E, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 1 KIMBERLY SCHOEWE and SHAWN SCHOEWE, 1854 STOCKTON DR, HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169, according to the Deed dated September 14, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-22312, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100E, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 2 MARY L SHERFIELD and RAYMOND SHERFIELD, 1773 W GOLDEN HILLS DR, PERU, IN 46970, according to the Deed dated June 25, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-24022, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 10, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0043, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1 NIVETTE SMART and ROBERT CORDY, 1807 WALTON LN SE, SMYRNA, GA 30080.

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according to the Deed dated December 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-25017, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00200, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 1 BENJAMIN S SMITH and KYRA W SMITH, CMR 480 BOX 2989, APO, AE 09128, according to the Deed dated September 28, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-25779, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 24, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055E, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 BENJAMIN S SMITH and KYRA W SMITH, 2101 W DEKLE AVE, TAMPA, FL 33606, according to the Deed dated September 28, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-25779, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 24, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055E, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 BENJAMIN S SMITH and KYRA W SMITH, 2101 W DEKLE AVE, TAMPA, FL 33606, according to the Deed dated September 30, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-21579, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 20, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0402, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 6 CHRISTOPHER SPRINGBORN and MICHELLE SPRINGBORN, 800 WOLF RANCH PKWY APT 9100, GEORGETOWN, TX 78628, according to the Deed dated September 30, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-21579, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 20, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0402, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 6 DENNIS K STOLL AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES, 1093 2300TH AVE, CHESTNUT, IL 62518, according to the Deed dated February 07, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-07302, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 03, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015E, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 1 ROBERT W STRASSER and KATHY L STRASSER, 13945 WAGNER DR, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61705, according to the Deed dated January 18, 1998 and recorded under File

No. 1999-25288, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015E, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 1 ROBERT A. TSIKRET-SIS and LINDA HEINZ, 215 N ONECA ST, TONICA, IL 61370, according to the Deed dated January 30, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-04380, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 24, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 02040, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 4 ROBERT A. TSIKRET-SIS and LINDA HEINZ, PO BOX 61, TONICA, IL 61370, according to the Deed dated January 30, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-04380, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 24, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 02040, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 4 TERRY VENABLE, 1414 DOUGLAS DR, JACKSON, MO 63755, according to the Deed dated September 27, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-24988, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 07, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0369, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 3 MARTIN D. WALLACE, 3060 N RIDGECREST UNIT 159, MESA, AZ 85207, according to the Deed dated February 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2005-32707, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 01, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0077E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 1 CHARLES WILLIAMS and SHIRLEY H WILLIAMS, 3244 CHESTNUT DR, FLOSMOOR, IL 60422, according to the Deed dated July 04, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-14848, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 20, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 4 DOROTHY WILLIAMS-HAMMOCK, 1108 CHARLESTON LN, SAVANNAH, TX 76227, according to the Deed dated December 12, 2004 and recorded under File No. 2005-00372, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 06, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00150, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1 TANYA ELIZABETH WRIGHT and JOSHUA LEE WRIGHT, 808 PIER ST, AUBREY, TX 76227, according to the Deed dated September 24, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2016-18582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 20, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086E, Use

Period Number(s) 03, Phase 2 HOLLY E ZAEHRINGER and STEPHEN C ZAEHRINGER, 722 TURTLEBACK RD UNIT 102E, MESQUITE, NV 89027, according to the Deed dated October 03, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-30996, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 22, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0216, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 4 TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction. Managing entity lienholder: Holiday Inn Club Vacations Incorporated, A Delaware Corporation By: Julie Sabon-Van Dyke, Assistant Secretary No. 0501 (May 05, 15 and 22, 2024)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
)
Elaine R. Cain,
)Case No. 2024-PR-79
Deceased
)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Elaine R. Cain of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 24, 2024 to Kenneth Doran of 1715 Char Lu Drive, Mendota, IL 61342, as Independent Executor, whose Attorneys of record are Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp>

elp.asp. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, 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. No. 0504 (May 5, 15 and 22, 2024)

NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 30, 2024 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as RK Midwest Vintage located at 15 N. 46th Road Mendota, IL 61342. Dated: April 30, 2024. Amanda Reierson & Kevin Kerekes Applicants. No. 0509 (May 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
)
WILLIS D. VIETZ,
)
Deceased.
)
Case No.: 24 PR 89
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of WILLIS D. VIETZ, of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 9, 2024 to WAYNE F. VIETZ, 639 N. 4050TH Rd., Mendota, IL 61342, and whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. 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 Independent representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before the above stated dates is barred. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to

the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of Court. Dated this 9th day of May, 2024. Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse 119 W. Madison St. Ottawa, IL 61350 David M. Kaleel Attorney for Executor 806 Jefferson St Mendota, IL 61342 815-539-5616 kaleel5@frontier.com No. 0513 (May 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
NO: 2024-JA-27
TO: Bryanna Cunningham-Stash and other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:
Take notice that on the 5th day of March, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Journee Jream Stash, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 210 at Ottawa on the 26th day of June, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this 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 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 you. 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: May 13, 2024 Greg Vaccaro / Clerk No. 0514 (May 22, 2024)

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST STATE BANK, Plaintiff, v. RENEE L. ECHOLS, WILLIAM F. ECHOLS, JR., CARRIE E. ECHOLS, KRENT, SALFISBERG & SWANSON HAGGARD, P.C., UNKNOWN TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 2024FC000052
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite affidavit(s) for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL DEFENDANTS IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED ACTION, that said suit has been commenced in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of LaSalle County, by the

Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: That Part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 34 North, Range 4, East of the Third Principal Meridian, Described As Follows: Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the said Section 9; Thence South 0 Degrees 00 Minutes East 151.69 feet on the West Line of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the said Section 9 to the center of a public road, said Point being also the True Point of Beginning; thence South 0 Degrees 00 Minutes East 242.76 feet on the West Line of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the said Section 9; thence North 61 Degrees 43 minutes East 364.20 feet to the center of a public road; thence North 53 Degrees 32 Minutes West 80.40 feet on the center of the said public road; thence North 78 Degrees 01 Minutes West 85.60 feet on the center of the said public road; thence North 88 Degrees 27 Minutes West 172.21 feet on the center of the said public road to the true Point Of Beginning; Situated in LaSalle county, Illinois. COMMONY KNOWN AS: 3491 E. 2153rd Road, Wedron, IL 61350 PERMANENT TAX NO. 14-09-225-000 And which said Mortgage was made by Whilliam F. Echols, Jr., a/k/a William F. Echols husband and Carrie E. Echols f/k/a Carrie Elizabeth Harrington, Wife to First State Bank, as Mortgagee on June 6, 2013, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of LaSalle County, Illinois on July 9, 2013 as Document Number: 2013-14786. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said defendant(s), file your answer to the Complaint in this case or otherwise file your Appearance in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, on or before June 28, 2024, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. And for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TIME IN WHICH THE SUBJECT REAL ESTATE MAY BE REDEEMED FROM FORECLOSURE, PURSUANT TO LAW, COMMENCES TO RUN WITH THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Court on May 3, 2024. /s/ Lincoln S. Hobson Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court LaSalle County O'Brien Law Offices, P.C. Michael A. O'Brien/6216625 124A South County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 Ph: 630-871-9400 Email: service@obrien-lawoffices.com No. 0515 (May 22, 29 and June 5, 2024)

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
Barbara A. Guilfoyle,
Deceased
Case No. 2024-PR-90
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Barbara A. Guilfoyle of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 9, 2024 to Michael S. Guilfoyle of 1712 Hillcrest Ct., Mendota, IL 61342, whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 27, 2024. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed. No. 0516 (May 22, 29 and June 5, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
NO: 2024-JA-54
TO: Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:
Take notice that on the 8th day of May, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Cir-

cuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Elliot Newell, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 3rd day of July, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this 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 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 you. 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: May 17, 2024 Greg Vaccaro / Clerk No. 0517 (May 22, 2024)

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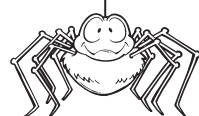
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The Veterans' Memorial Council, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4079, its Auxiliary and American Legion Post 540 will be participating.

These organizations welcome everyone to this service for the purpose of honoring and remembering all veterans resting on domestic or foreign soil, for their commitment and unselfish contribution to our present way of life with liberty and freedom for all.

The program schedule is as follows:

- Opening address by master of ceremonies Bill Hunt, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Presentation of Colors/Raising of the Flag by Veterans' Memorial Council
 - National Anthem by Mendota Alumni Band
 - Invocation by Jay Miller, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Guest Speaker, Eva Beetz, 2023 Patriot Pen essay winner
 - Theme, "How I was Inspired by America"
 - Musical selection by Mendota Alumni Band
- Roll call of deceased Veterans since last Memorial Day by Harold Olsen
 - Laying of the wreaths by VFW Post 4079 Auxiliary
 - Firing of the volley by Veterans' Memorial Council
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