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## Should phones be banned from Mendota schools?

□ Parent brings idea to District 280 and District 289 boards

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Look around a restaurant, the bleachers of a ball game, a business meeting, or the lobby of a hospital or doctor’s office.

There is a very high percentage most of the adults in your surrounding are on a cell phone or some kind of device.

The same dynamic is happening with children.

The No. 1 place to find youth is school, which brings the awareness, worry, and discussion of whether students should be allowed to have cell phones at school at all, or on limited or unlimited guidelines.

Justin Bend, a Mendota native with children in the fifth and first grade, brought the idea of phone-free schooling to both the Mendota School District 280 Board of Education on June 17 and the Mendota School District 289 Board of Education on June 30.

“Parents are kind of sick of how much overuse of social media and screen time their children experience. It was certainly exacerbated by COVID-19,” Bend said. “We don’t really know what to do to cut it back. I’m not seeing a lot of confidence in Congress or the social media companies themselves setting regulations to keep our children safe. It’s up to

school boards and parents to limit the screen time and access to social media.

“What I was trying to say to the school boards is in the same way the public school is a safe place for kids to go to not experience physical violence, malnutrition, or neglect, it could be a safe place where kids go and take a break from social media and digital use to focus on learning, focus on being kids, and engage with their peers.”

District 289’s cell phone policy states the kids need to lock their phones in the locker when they arrive in the morning and not take it

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## Changing of the corn

□ Sweet Corn Sunday boil will be first without Drummer since 80s

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
Staff writer

LaMOILLE – There is always at least one change from one Mendota Sweet Corn Festival to the next.

It could be a different float in the parade, a different vendor rotation on Washington Street, a new ride, an omitted attraction, a unique band, and the list could keep going.

For 2024, one main difference is a person – Neal E. Drummer.

Drummer, who passed away on Feb. 5, 2024, after a battle with cancer, had been the man behind the steam engine boiling the free sweet corn we love to eat on Sunday afternoon of the festival for over 30 years.

Drummer’s close friend, George L. McCollum, believes Drummer began the yearly tradition in the late 1980s, although the engine was used for other events previously.

“Dedicated is the right word. He waited for the call from the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce and he was ready to get the engine prepared,” McCollum said. “Although it was a job, he was hired, he was dedicated because he kept doing it and he enjoyed it.”

McCollum, 67, is 20 years younger than Drummer but knew him as the custodian for both Allen Grade School and LaMoille High School since Drummer had 39 years under his belt when he retired in the mid-1990s.

George F. McCollum, George L.’s father who passed away in 1987, was also a close friend of Drummer’s and helped him with the engine through his son’s childhood. George L. began helping Drummer and his father when he was a sophomore in 1971, and after he graduated in 1974, he had the time to learn how to run the steam engine.



Neal E. Drummer ran the steam engine boiling sweet corn on Sunday of the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival for over 30 years. The 2024 SCF will be the first without Drummer since the 1980s. (Photo contributed)

Many memories were made and shared between Drummer, the McCollums, and the communities of LaMoille, Mendota, and more, through the steam engine.

“Neal was very knowledgeable and very caring. He never met a stranger. Neal wasn’t a total jokester, but he liked to throw a few jokes if the time was right,” George L. McCollum said. “Whenever I had health problems and needed a driver, Neal

was always there.

“He was pretty humble, but he was the town historian and knew a lot about the town and the families in LaMoille. He had a way of telling stories like he was there, even if the story he was talking about took place before his time.

“He is greatly missed in the community.”

Harry Schaller, who is identified as the first person to bring the steam engine to the festival in 1948, sold it to Doris and Lester Lindenmeyer. While the Lindenmeyers were running the engine, Drummer learned from them while he assisted.

When they began to age, that’s when they sold the engine to Drummer and he took over events.

Drummer’s last Mendota Sweet Corn Festival behind the engine was 2022. In 2023, after he was sick, Drummer and George L. McCollum were present, but mostly sat, watched, and answered questions when asked.

In 2023, a family from the Sycamore area, ran a different engine at the SCF. In 2024, MACC President/CEO Sam Setchell says the same family and the same engine will help the free corn tradition move forward.

When George L. McCollum spoke to The Mendota Reporter in April, he said Drummer’s engine was still in storage in LaMoille, but in Drummer’s will, he left it to a family in Geneseo who planned to relocate the equipment.

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## 14 to vie for Sweet Corn Festival Queen

□ Pageant for 77th annual festival scheduled for August 9 in downtown Mendota

MENDOTA – Selecting the Queen to reign over the festivities of Mendota’s 77th Annual Sweet Corn Festival will not be an easy task. There are 14 young ladies to choose from in this year’s pageant.

The girls have been selected by Mendota not-for-profit organizations to represent them in this year’s event. The pageant will be held Friday, Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m. on the First State Bank stage on Washington Street in downtown Mendota.

Preparations for the event are underway, as the candidates have recently had their publicity photos taken. Each of the Sweet Corn Queen hopefuls will be very busy during the next few weeks, rehearsing stage presence and getting ready for their interviews with the judges.

Here are four candidates vying for the title of Sweet Corn Festival Queen. The Mendota Lions Club has selected Ava Jones as its queen candidate. She is the daughter of Anthony and Michelle Jones. She has brown hair and green eyes and stands five feet, four inches tall.

A 2024 graduate of Mendota High

School, Jones was active in a variety of clubs, organizations, and sports. She was on the honor roll for all eight semesters, high honor roll four years. She was an Illinois State Scholar, on the Math Team, Seal of Biliteracy, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. She attended the Lions Club 4.0 banquet and MHS honors banquet all four years. Jones participated in the Spanish and Interact clubs, was on the Prom and Homecoming committees, was a member of the Prom Royalty and was on the volleyball team.

This summer, you can find Jones working at the Mendota YMCA working with the children during SCAMP or childcare area at night. She also works at Bruce and Ollies in Utica serving up your favorite cup of coffee or ice cream. In her free time, Jones enjoys music, shopping, sports, personal wellness, and hanging out with friends and family. She loves baking, Pickleball and working out. She always makes sure she doesn’t forget to look around and appreciate all the positive things in life.

Jone will be attending The University of Iowa in the fall to get her bachelor’s

degree in biology or nursing so she can one day provide comfort and care to people as a health care professional. She would also love to travel and vacation a lot, then start a family after college.

Bria Frey has been chosen to represent Mendota BPW in this year’s queen pageant. She is the daughter of Kent Frey and Tammy Sterling. Standing five feet, six inches tall, Frey has blond hair and green eyes.

She graduated from Mendota High School in 2024. During her time at MHS, she was very active in sports, clubs and committees. She was named an Illinois State Scholar, a high honor roll student eight semesters and was invited to the MHS high honors banquet and the Lions Club 4.0 banquet for all four years. Frey was in the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society and was awarded the Seal of Biliteracy. She was also in the Art Club and Spanish Club, of which she held the secretarial position, and president of the Podcast Club. She participated in math

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Candidates for the title of 2024 Sweet Corn Festival Queen, left to right, are Ana Ramirez, Ava Jones, Bria Frey and Bianca Valdez. (Photo contributed)



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Reimagine Mendota under new leadership

**By BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
*Staff writer*

MENDOTA – When former Mendota alderman Bill Hunt formed Reimagine Mendota in 2018 no one knew what the future would see from the non-profit organization created to better Mendota.

In 2024, the hard work is paying off as Reimagine is behind beautifying the community, pushing for and supporting grant money, taking the time to make sure every voice is heard on what is needed or wanted inside the city boundaries, fundraising to provide funds, Food Truck Mania, and helping to create events and projects for youth.

Sally Corrigan and Vicki Johnson have been part of the group but are now becoming more engaged as they were recently named the president and the secretary of Reimagine Mendota.

“I was at the very first meeting when Bill Hunt started Reimagine Mendota and I was there when Jim and Steve Lauer, father and son, were leading the group,” said Corrigan, who works for Homestead Realty. “I’ve always been interested and have tried to be involved as much as possible. It was nice when they started the group. It’s really picking up momentum now. Annie Short and Amy Brewer obtaining the Heart & Soul Grant it really helped push Reimagine.

“I think what Reimagine is trying to do is cool. Mendota had massive fires before the recent ones. Mendota rebuilt with the help of those laying in the cemetery. I’m fascinated with our cemeteries and the stories behind those in them. It’s exciting that we get to work on our community and build it how we think it should be to fit our era. The ones before us had their chance, and they did a great job.

“Now, it’s our turn to build it differently. It’s really cool that the group is taking off the way it is.”

The group has evolved over the last six years in many ways. It has grown in membership.

Reimagine has expanded in project reach and depth.

“I wanted to get more involved in Mendota and to bring things to our community, so I joined Reimagine,” said Johnson, who recently retired as a school educator and administrator after 22 years in Mendota districts and 30 years altogether. “With my education background as a teacher and a principal, working in



**Sally Corrigan is the new president of Reimagine Mendota. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)**

Mendota and running fundraisers in the community, I was able to hop right in and help out.

“Originally, we were doing two or three events a year and tried to do little things like decorate the light poles in on Illinois Avenue. Also, the focus was just Illinois Avenue in the beginning. Now, it’s the entire city of Mendota.”

Both Corrigan and Johnson agree the Heart & Soul Grant and putting a special focus on the Mendota community having to come together for anything to grow really benefited Reimagine.

Not only did the members see what Mendota had and how to build around it, so did others not connected to Reimagine or any volunteer efforts.

“The group and the city have to evolve. We have to get people up and want to volunteer to help Mendota,” Corrigan said. “Instead of saying, ‘It used to be this,’ ‘We used to do that,’ or ‘We don’t have any businesses,’ we can get up and do something about it. I think it’s a great group. It’s fun. It’s a group that really lets everyone talk.



**Vicki Johnson is the new secretary of Reimagine Mendota. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)**

“I think people forgot what they had. When I moved here 30-some years ago, it reminded me a lot of Kewanee. I moved here from Sandwich, had nothing. When I moved here, I had a little boy, and we could get McDonalds and go to the lake. It was wonderful. I think people forget how nice that is. You just get used to things.”

Other strengths about Reimagine is there is no age restriction. Actually, there are no restrictions at all.

All that is required to join and help the cause of reestablishing Mendota as “The World’s Greatest Little City” is wanting to be part of the volunteer effort.

“I think the variety of ages is really unique. We have a high schooler, an 80-year-old, 70-year olds, and every decade after,” Johnson said. “You start to overlook it all. We have two beautiful lakes in Lake Mendota and Lake Kakusha. We have a hospital. We have great schools.

“We do have a lot. Take your eyes out of the downtown, for now, and realize we have a solid nucleus and strengths to build around.”

## Craig’s Cycle Therapy has the cure

### Truckenbrod opens own shop after 23 years of experience of repairing motorcycles in other shops

**By BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
*Staff writer*

MENDOTA –Driving by 1213 Meriden Street in Mendota, you may notice a change in the building.

What was once Cross Body Shop in Mendota for 61 years, 1962-2023, is now Craig’s Cycle Therapy.

Craig as in Craig Truckenbrod has been working on motorcycles for 23 years and thought it was time to go into business for himself. He saw Cross Body was trying to sell and thought it was a perfect spot for his cycle therapy.

“It’s been an adventure. It’s nice working for myself and getting things done the way I want to get them done,” Truckenbrod said. “It’s not really a whole lot different than working in another shop. I’m really busy and I try to keep on top of things with talking to customers and answering the phone.”

Truckenbrod bought the building on February 15, 2023.

After time, effort, and more money than the loan had inked, the motorcycle clinician began therapy in January.

“I only work on Harley-Davidsons. Everything is Harley in my shop. I don’t know what attracted them to me,” said



Truckenbrod. “It’s an American company and they’ve been around longer than most. Indian Motorcycle is really Harleys only competitor and there isn’t a lot of places around here you can take Indian Motorcycles to fix or get parts. Harley is easier to get parts for. Plus, all of the knowledge I’ve gained over the years is Harley. I’ve grown to love Harley-Davidson.

“I did winter storage here while I was getting set up and putting in my tools and motorcycle lifts. All of the bikes I had here had some kind of work done while they were here also. That’s a big part of winter storage, building the customer list.

“I had 28 bikes this past winter and will probably double it this year.”

Truckenbrod began his shop adventures professionally in 2001 at Starved Rock Harley-Davidson in Ottawa where he was until 2009.

The mechanic worked for three or four other companies before finding his way back to Starved Rock where he worked for the last seven years.

Personally, his love for working in a shop and Harley-Davidson began before the 2000s.

it once and broke his leg, and kind of cut off the power toys for the kids. My parents never wanted me on a dirt bike, but my brother always had bikes and I was fascinated with them.”

He attended American Motorcycle Institute in Daytona Beach, Florida for seven months where he went to school to work on Harleys, BMWs, and Hondas.

Truckenbrod decided to stick with Harley.

At the moment, besides his wife Jennifer Truckenbrod being a big help with computer programs and inventory, he does everything else himself.

Not just repairing motorcycles, but answering phone calls, mowing the yard, sweeping the floor, talking to customers, and paperwork.

“Eventually, I’ll hire someone, maybe two, to work up front at the counter selling parts and handling the computer stuff, while I work in the shop and repair motorcycles,” Truckenbrod said.

Craig’s Cycle Therapy sells Drag Specialties Motorcycle Parts & Accessories and is a Dunlop Pro Tire dealer with all the popular tire sizes in stock.



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## St. Bede’s fourth quarter honor roll for 2023-24 school year

PERU – Nick McLaughlin, principal of St. Bede Academy in Peru, has announced St. Bede’s honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Seniors:** Aubree Acuncius, Alex Ankiewicz, Yigit Arslan, Johnna Bogatitus, Bella Boggio, Ali Bosnich, Macklin Brady, Maximus Bray, Ella Burris, Madelyne Dalton, Rubi De La Torre, Erin Dove, Tessa Dugosh, Ella Englehaupt, Evan Englehaupt, Aleah Espel, Daliayah Farris, Seth Ferrari, Milana Gayan, Molly Gonzales, Isabella Hagenbuch, Gavin Hahn, Makenzie Hanson, Katelyn Harth, Mariella Hermes, Teagan Hewitt, Kylie Hill, Nathan Husser, Henry Mertel, Ariella Mudge, Ava Mueller, Kyra Newman, Khue Nguyen, Isabella Pinter, Zachary Popurella, Logan Potthoff, Matteo Pullara, Anna Rudenko, Kaelyn Schwemlein, Sierah Shaver, Casey Shearer, Aubrey Siebert, Ryan Slingsby, Madison Stanbary, Reagan Stoudt, Amie Tomaszewski, Vy Tran, Luke Tunnell, Amanda Wojcik and Katherine Zeller.

**Juniors:** Teer Ao, Haiden Ator, Andrea Brandner, Adriana Buchanan, Qiyu Chen, Ziheng Chen, Garrett Connelly, Jordan Coventry, Trayger Davis, Alondra Delao, Lorelei Denny, Madalyn Dittmar, Ashley Ehm, Bailey Engels, Yibo Fan, Grady Gillan, Phillip Gray, Mirella Haskell, Halden Hueneburg, Elizabeth Huffaker, Tyler Jordan, Yuno Kawai, Maci Kelly, Sadie Koehler, Jaxon Kozak, Lin Le, Violet Lopez, Haohongze Ma, Haiqing Mao, Greyson Marincic, Gavin Marquez, Jack Maschmann, Quinn McClain, Victoria Mendez, Jake Migliorini, Grace Millington, Adeline Mitchell, Aidan Mullaney, Kaden Nauman, Ryan Nawa, Kaden Newman, Huy Nguyen, Alivia Payne, Andre Pineda, Marco Rizzi, Mason Ross, Emma Smudzinski, Zixuan Song, Alan Spencer, Nhi Ton, Mina Trandinh, Arthur van den Berg, Jazmin Vazquez-Barreras, Samantha Wagner, Tyler Walsh, Abraham Wiesbrock, Kefei Wu, Solomon Zhang and Jinhao Zhao.

**Sophomores:** Margaret Arkins, Ava Balestri, Genavyve Barnes, Landon Boggio, Lily Bosnich, Noah Buck, August Burr, Drew Carboni, Chuanyang Chen, Anna Cyrocki, Emerald De La Torre, Jose De La Torre, Simona Desai, Haoxuan Du, Madeline Fabish, Gino Ferrari, Harrison Fess, Ashton Gonzales, Mae Hagenbuch, Brody Hahn, Weston Heersink, Aiden Hermes, Zachary Husser, Shuyu Jiang, Isaac Kang, Breanna Martinez, Lili McClain, Ella Mudge, Phat Thanh Nguyen, Sophia Ni, Jillian Pinter, Trajan Raffety, Xiangyi Ren, Carson Riva, Chipper Rossi, Sara Ruiz, Alyssa Savitch, Emma Slingsby, Lillian Soliman, Ryan Soliman, Shujie Song, Devin Steil, Khoa Tran, Peiwen Wu, Xindi Wu, Yannis Yong, Kian Zeller, Sora Zepeda, Ruihan Zhang and Yijing Zhang.

**Freshmen:** Faith Ankiewicz, Yesenia Avila, Caleb Barto, Chloe Brandt, Sean Brayton, Brody Burris, Calen Cass, Geno Dinges, Maegen du Preez, Kate Duncan, Kyra Finley, Grace Gahan, Eden Galvan, Daniel Garcia, Cecilia Giacalone, Gavin Gillan, Raudel Hermosillo Jr., Brennen Hirst, Emma Huffaker, Yejun Jang, Lila Koehler, Ella Lamboley, Chenxuan Lin, Landon Marquez, Lucy Maus, Emma Mavity, Stuart McGunnigal, Stephanie Ni, Niko Pappas-Anniballi, Chase Riva, Olivia Ross, Ranbir Saini, Alaina Schulz, Nancy Shi, Ishvir Singh, Macy Strauch, Bryce Stuepfert, Lex Tillman, Judith Torres, Ariana Villava and Kerstin Williams.

### Next Regional Transportation Committee Meeting set for July 26

STREATOR – The next Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Regional Transportation Committee Meeting for Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam counties) will be held on Friday July 26, at 10 a.m. at Streator Unlimited, 305 N Sterling St., Streator.

Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend, as well as anyone interested in public transit. If you would like further information, please contact via email: [hstp@ncicg.org](mailto:hstp@ncicg.org) or call us at (815) 433-5830.

There will be reserved time slots available for public comment via Zoom for anyone not able to attend the meeting in person between 10:15-10:30 a.m. If you would like to participate in public comment via Zoom during that time frame, call (815) 433-5830 to reserve your time slot.

HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans. For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Connor Schwinn at (815) 433-5830.

### Dave Dinaso’s Traveling World of Reptiles

MENDOTA – The Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota is excited to have Dave Dinaso’s Traveling World of Reptiles return at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

Experience an up-close, interactive, and hilarious presentation about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Love animals will be in attendance. This even will be outdoors, so please bring lawn chairs or blankets. Library programs are open to all, and no registration is required.

### Free Ravinia Lawn tickets available at the Putnam County Public libraries

GRANVILLE – The Putnam County Public Library District is delighted to announce that it will be partnering with the Ravinia Festival to offer free tickets to the community for the 2024 Words & Music Program. The tickets grant free lawn admission to fifteen concerts from July through September. Additionally, the tickets grant free train fare on the Metra Union Pacific North Line to Ravinia. The tickets are limited, and will be available first come, first serve. Please call the Granville Branch for more information on availability. Tickets being offered are for the following concerts:

Fri, July 12 at 7:30 PM – 2 tickets available  
CSO + Marin Alsop with Michelle Cann and Masabane Cecilia Rangwnasha  
88th CSO Residency Opening Night

Sat, July 13 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
CSO + Marin Alsop with Abel Selacoe  
Beethoven’s Fifth, Abel Plays His Four Spirits

Sat, July 20 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
CSO + Marin Alsop: Mahler’s Ninth

Sun, July 21 @ 5:00 PM – 4 tickets available  
CSO + Marin Alsop with Hayato Sumino  
Chopin’s First Concerto, Strauss’s Don Juan

Thu, July 25 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
CSO + Marin Alsop with Augustin Hadelich  
Hadelich plays Mendelssohn; 2024 Taki Alsop Fellow Alena Hron conducts Walker

Fri, July 26 @ 7:30 PM – 2 tickets available  
CSO + Marin Alsop: The Planets and the Moons Symphony  
Breaking Barriers Festival

Thu, Aug 1 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
Karen Slack + Kevin Miller: African Queens  
Seven rulers and warriors celebrated by Black composers

Fri, Aug 2 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
CSO + Valentina Peleggi with Jorge Federico Osorio  
“Emperor” Concerto, Pines of Rome

Tue, Aug 6 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
Gustavo Dudamel + National Children’s Symphony of Venezuela  
Works by South American composers, Shostakovich’s Fifth

Sat, Aug 10 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
CSO + James Conlon with James Ehnes: All Mozart  
Fifth Violin Concerto and the G-minor Symphonies

Thu, Aug 15 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
Apollo’s Fire: Vivaldi’s Four Seasons Rediscovered

Sun, Aug 18 @ 5:00 PM – 4 tickets available  
CSO + Jonathan Rush with Rachel Barton Pine  
White & Paganini Concertos, Symphonie Fantastique

Tue, Aug 20 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
Matthew Polenzani + Kevin Murphy

Tue, Aug 27 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available  
Third Coast Percussion + Sérgio & Clarice Assad

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**B. Joyce Setchell**  
PRINCETON—B. Joyce Setchell, 91, formerly of Mendota, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024, at Country Comfort in Princeton where she had resided for the last four years, with her three daughters at her side.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 5, at the First United Methodist Church, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was from 9 a.m. until time of services. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Joyce was born April 10, 1933, in Mendota, to James and Anita (Warren) Shannon. She married Robert L. Setchell on June 14, 1952, in Mendota. She graduated from Mendota High School in 1950.

Joyce is survived by her three daughters, Deb (Mike) Loebach of LaSalle, Cheryl (Don) King of LaMoille and Leesa (Jim) Burke of Sublette; 10 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert in 2016; two sisters, Helen Reppin and Baynie Mahar; two brothers, Gerald Shannon and Patrick Shannon; and an infant son, Brian.

She farmed with her husband in the Dimmick and Sublette areas. Joyce was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, Country Comfort of Princeton or In Home Comfort Care Hospice. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

**Fern Wangler**  
MENDOTA—Fern Wangler, 98, of Mendota, went to be with the Lord on June 30, 2024.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 5, 2024, at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Jeff Brace officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was one hour prior the service.

Fern was born Jan. 3, 1926, on her parents' farm. She was the daughter of Leon and Marian (Wentch) Foiles. She married Wayne Wangler on June 23, 1944, in DeKalb.

Survivors include one son, Gary (Maria) Wangler; one daughter, Paula (Greg) Berry; five grandchildren, Christa, Adam, Laura, Michaela and Kevin; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Carol Toszczak.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother, Robert Foiles; one sister, Jean Babcock; one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be directed to Zion United Methodist Church, Mendota. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

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## Busiest roadside mowing period underway; planned to grow, protect pollinator habitat

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding the public that roadside mowing is underway, requiring drivers to slow down, avoid all distractions and proceed with caution when encountering equipment and personnel. The heaviest mowing operations will continue until Aug. 15.

"Timely, strategic mowing is an essential part of IDOT's green efforts," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "As you see our maintenance crews while traveling across the state, remain alert for slow-moving heavy equipment and remember to reduce your speed. Drop the devices and drive extra carefully. We want everyone to get home safely as we work to beautify and preserve the Prairie State."

During the summer, IDOT conducts two primary types of mowing. Safety mowing occurs directly adjacent to the road as needed. Maintenance mowing, which lasts for approximately six weeks and starts around July 1, includes areas next to culverts, ditches, traffic control devices and other structures,

while following the Illinois Monarch Project Mowing Guidelines for Pollinators, protecting as much habitat and nectar resources as possible.

The mowing schedule helps to minimize the impact on the traveling public and encourage pollinator activity, which assists in the reproduction of flowers, fruits and vegetables that are essential to the state's ecosystem and economy. Reducing the amount of land maintained and growing pollinator habitat also protects the endangered rusty patched bumble bee and the monarch butterfly, the official state insect of Illinois.

To view a short video about IDOT's mowing schedules and its work with pollinators, visit IDOT's YouTube channel.

In 2020, IDOT joined in the launch of the Illinois Monarch Action Plan as part of the Illinois Monarch Project, a collaborative effort with local and state partners to help ensure the survival and successful migration of monarchs by increasing and protecting habitat.

## Waterman Summerfest, Antique Tractor & Truck Show scheduled for July 20th

WATERMAN—The Waterman Lions Club's 24th annual Summerfest and Antique Tractor & Truck Show is Saturday, July 20, at Waterman Lions Park. The park is located on South Birch Street, which is in the southwest section of Waterman.

The club also will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of its founding during the show.

The Lions position their annual show, which is held in a beautiful tree shaded park, as an all day, affordable family-oriented event that has a unique friendly homecoming atmosphere. This year's show will have the traditional events such as 7 a.m. breakfast by Shabbona Community Church, kids' show, drive-a-tractor, pedal pull, music by live bands, food concession, barbecue by Fay's Finest Foods, beer garden, other numerous attractions, and a spectacular fireworks show. There will be a craft & flea market, antique farm exhibits, tractor pull by



The Parade of Power announcing team of, left to right, Max Armstrong, Shawn Blobaum, Josh Hickey, and Joel Prestegaard. This entire team is returning for the 2024 Waterman Lions Summerfest and Antique Tractor & Truck show on Saturday July 20. (Photo contributed)

Weak End Antique Pullers, and the Parade of Power again led by farm broadcaster Max Armstrong.

To keep the show refreshed and interesting, publicity chair Pam Gaston promises some exciting new attractions. This includes the addition of the Northwest Illinois chapter of the Ameri-

can Historical Truck Society, which will holding its annual show in conjunction with the Waterman Lions show.

Gaston said, "There is much, much more, and you will just have to come and see everything for yourself!"

Visit [www.Waterman-TractorShow.com](http://www.Waterman-TractorShow.com) for more information.

## Taxes due on July 11

OTTAWA — The first installment of the LaSalle County real estate taxes is due and payable on Thursday, July 11.

Illinois Statute requires a 1.5 percent per month delinquency penalty beginning the day after the due date. This penalty begins Friday, July 12.

The second installment of the real estate taxes is due on Monday, Sept. 9.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Pageant

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contests, academic challenge and Junior Titan Business competition finalist. She was also on the Homecoming and Prom committees and was named Prom Queen her senior year. She received the John Ourth Award and the SAR Citizenship Award. She also was involved in volleyball, basketball and cheerleading.

This summer, Frey is working at Cindy's on 34 as a waitress and at the register. She loves giving food recommendations and making sure customers have everything they need to make their meal enjoyable. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, spending time with her family and friends, watching movies, listening to music and playing tennis. She is very interested in exploring nature, finance, entrepreneurship, mythology and world history. She plans to make a trip to visit her sister in Arizona.

This fall, Frey plans to attend IVCC and then transfer to pursue a bachelor's degree in finance to become a financial advisor. She would someday like to start her own business to teach people how to have better spending habits. She hasn't and never will let any obstacle or challenge prevent her from achieving her dreams.

Bianka Valdez has been selected to represent the Nightengales Thrift Store in the pageant. She is the daughter of Jorge and Janet Valdez. Standing five feet, one inch tall, she has brunette hair and brown eyes.

A 2024 graduate of Mendota High School, Valdez was an office worker and a member of the Rotary Club, which she was able to help translate for Spanish speaking families. She was an honor roll student and awarded the Seal of Bilitery in Spanish. She also participated in soccer.

This summer you can find Valdez babysitting. She plans activities for kids, makes food as well as light house cleaning. She has learned to be flexible because every day is different. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends and hopes to work on her physical health to get in shape for the marathon she will be running.

## Drummer

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"He did not want the steam engine sold. He didn't want it to be in Kentucky, Missouri, or a different state than Illinois," George L. McCollum said. "He wanted the engine to remain in the area. Geneseo isn't far away from LaMoille. Neal has known this family, close friends, for a long time."

Drummer, who was born July 30, 1936, on the family farm in LaMoille and graduated from LHS in 1955, will be remembered for more rea-

In her free time Valdez likes to horseback ride, run, hike, bake and cook. She has also enjoyed learning how to be a nail tech, which she does as a side job. She is also interested in skydiving and painting. She has traveled a little to California and Mexico and she plans to travel to India with a friend of hers.

Valdez plans on attending Waubensee College this fall then she will transfer to Northern Illinois University to seek a bachelor's degree in biology. She plans on working as a nail technician while going to school hoping to save money.

She always tries to appreciate and learn from others because everyone has a story, and you just must be willing to listen.

Ana Ramirez is being sponsored by the Mendota Quarterback Club in the pageant. She is the daughter of Rita Arteaga and Jose Ramirez. Standing five feet, five inches tall, she has black hair and brown eyes.

She graduated from Mendota High School in May of 2024. She was active in volleyball all four years, Spanish Club and an office worker. She was on the honor roll for four semesters and earned the Seal of Bilitery.

This summer you can find Ramirez working at Mr. Salsa Mexican Restaurant. She has worked there over a year, waitressing, working the register and making sure the customers get the best possible service. Plans for the summer include working and spending time with family and focusing on her wellness by working out. She will be taking a class at IVCC this summer. Ramirez likes to help her grandma in the garden and be outside hiking and enjoying nature. She also loves a good romance novel, music and spending time with family and friends.

This fall Ramirez plans on attending IVCC and then transferring to Northern Illinois University to get a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She wants to be able to impact the next generation and help them learn and achieve life goals. She hopes to be able to teach kindergarten or first grade. She cares about others around her and is a very genuine person.

sons than the steam engine.

He played the organ at First Congregational Church in LaMoille for 68 years, was a member of the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club in Sycamore, and he participated in many Civil War reenactments as part of the Chestnut Light Artillery.

However, every second week of August from the 1980s until forever, many will think of Drummer when they're eating a cob of corn on Sunday of the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival.

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out until school is excused at the end of the day.

If they're seen with their phone in the hallway or a classroom, the phone will be taken, and disciplinary action will follow.

One resolution brought to the school boards by Bend was the Yondr Pouch, which is a magnetic pouch that locks and prevents someone from getting into the pouch until it's unlocked, similar to a safe or vault.

"I'm advocating for a phone-free space where no one is able to get to their phone or use it," Bend said. "The grade school policy is stringent and good, as long as it's being enforced. I'm trying to alleviate the disciplinary problems the schools are having by getting rid of the phones all together."

Mendota District 289 Superintendent Brad Cox stands behind the current policy for Northbrook Middle School, Blackstone Elementary School, and Lincoln Elementary School.

"Our handbook says our classrooms are already phone free. A student may have their phone on them for their bus ride to school or their walk to school or home because their parent wants them to have a phone for safety reasons, but once the school day starts, their phone must be off and in their locker," Cox said. "I don't think taking phones from kids is necessary when they're following the guidelines set in our student handbook."

"It's like any discipline clause. I'm not going to say it never happens where we have had to take a phone for not obeying the rule, but it's manageable and there hasn't been a situation affecting other student's learning."

After seeing both policies for the different boards, Bend was more concerned with Mendota High School District 280.

The MHS handbook states: Students may possess cell phones and electronic devices while on school property and may use these devices only in non-instructional areas, which include lunch hour and hallways. Students may listen to music while in hallways but for safety reasons they must have one ear open from headphones or ear buds.

Students may not use cell phones/electronic devices during study hall or classes, except at the direction of the classroom teacher for educational purposes.

The handbook lists disciplinary actions as 30 points for first offense, Saturday school and parent must pick up the electronic device for second offense, possible one day-out-of-school suspension and parent must pick up device for third offense, and possible multiple days of suspension and parent must pick up device on fourth offense.

Refusal to turn in the electronic device immediately to an administrator or faculty member, when asked, may result in automatic out-of-school suspension.

"Over my entire career I've lost count the number of times this has come up for discussion. We've had numerous conversations about what the limitations of cellphone usage should be," said Mendota High School Superintendent Denise Aughenbaugh, who just concluded her 20th year at MHS as a principal or superintendent after the 2023-24 school year. "I would say about 15 years ago, we really looked at our policy again and one of the biggest concerns was parents wanted their student to have a cellphone accessible to them. This was after the Columbine High School massacre and other school shootings. That was a new era of school safety and concern. Before then we had never thought of the danger of a school shooter."

"With us in the Midwest, we always have to be mindful of tornadoes. That is another concern that comes up. Parents want to make sure their kids have a device on them. Over the years, we've had these discussions and have continued to keep the policy that students may have their cellphones on their body, which is different than when they had to keep them in their locker. We allow them to be accessible to them on their body, but they're not supposed to be out during instructional times."

"If it's algebra, they're supposed to be working on algebra and their phone isn't supposed to be out unless the teacher is integrating a cell phone into the lesson in some sort or the teacher says, 'It's OK for you to use your phone now.'"

Not only are teachers and administrators limiting phones physically, but the district has set technical restrictions.

Social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and X are blocked.

"The cellphones are not allowed access to District 280 Wi-Fi or data. Obviously if students steal a password, we have to change it, but any type of cellphone interaction they're having inside the school's walls is 100 percent on their parent's data plans. We cannot monitor that. It's not going through our servers," Aughenbaugh said. "Anything on our Chromebooks or our Wi-Fi, we have automatic security running all the time. On our Chromebooks, on our security, if they make harassing statements or self-harming statements, they're flagged. Then we can immediately go into a response mode and have the student talk with a social worker, counselor, or administrator to get them the support they need."

"On a cellphone, unless

## Phones

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—Denise Aughenbaugh, District 280 superintendent

the parents put in parental controls, which every single parent can with different apps, if it's not reported to us, we don't know what's going on back and forth through text messages or social media messaging."

Aughenbaugh added even though students are allowed to use their phones during lunch, the lunchroom is still loud, and students are engaging with their peers. Sometimes devices are used to spark chats and laughs through saved videos or photos.

In another attempt to limit electronic device use, teachers have put a cellphone pocket or a phone parking lot by their classroom door for students to put their phone in. The distraction is then out of the way and when class is over or the teacher instructs students to grab their phones, they can access them.

District 280 hasn't made this a handbook mandate, but it is strongly encouraged.

"Every year we're constantly reviewing our policies. I'm not saying the current policy is the best policy, but it's what is board approved right now and what we're working under," Aughenbaugh said. "We're always looking for feedback from parents and students to what we can do different or better."

"When it comes to something like the cellphone policy, it does require more input and feedback. Our typical set up is every year we have a student planner, handbook committee that meets, with representation from students, parents, and board members, and we talk about the current handbook rules and if there are any recommendations we want to make for the following year. We present it to the board of education because it ultimately is the deciding factor of what is board policy and what isn't for our district."

Aughenbaugh said the school board was engaged with Bend as the conversation at the school board meeting featured multilayered dialogue.

She fully anticipates the board will pursue further investigation on phone-free schooling to move forward with District 280's phone policy.

Bend thanked both school boards for how interested they were to the idea that is becoming more common throughout the United States.

The Mendota parent told the board Indiana and California are working on school phone bans. He also heard Jonathan Haidt, a professor at New York University and

a writer for The Atlantic, on an episode of the Joe Rogan Experience talking about his book "The Anxious Generation," which is about cell phones significantly, negatively affecting youth's mental health.

More research found the Phone Free Schools Movement Organization, which had Mileva Repasky one of its three co-founders, on Episode 122 of Raising Happy Teens Podcast with Jennifer Delliquadri released June 12.

Associated Press' Jocelyn Gecker wrote an article on Feb. 27 titled "Kids are using phones in class, even when it's against the rules; should schools ban them all day?" In Gecker's piece she stated Utah, Florida, Oklahoma, Vermont, and Kansas either had phone-free schooling legislation in place or were working toward implementing.

"I told District 280 that the way its policy is set up, 'I bet that still equates to about 2 1/2-3 hours of phone use by the students every day,' Bend said. "A few of the school board members thought I was crazy with that number, but a teacher agreed with me saying most of the students are on their phones at all times outside of the classroom."

"The high school's biggest concern was around liability since they would be taking, in some circumstances, \$1,000 devices from kids. How is that insured? What happens if one of those are damaged or stolen? That all makes sense to me. It was also said by administration that there would be a tiny minority of parents that would battle. They would take the position that schools can't tell students what they can or can't do with phones bought for them by their parents."

"Overall, the board agreed with me and thought I was right. They agreed phone use by the kids is bad and is hurting them. They thought school would be better without phones, but they had a list of logistical concerns including liability and parents."

"It was a good conversation and they said they were going to study it more. They didn't commit to any specific actions. They wanted to see how it goes at other schools in Illinois and in different states which have established phone-free restrictions for the 2024-25 school year."

Bend said his next step is going to talk to the State of Illinois government and see what they think of phone-free schooling.

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## The sandwich making king/queen

Are you competitive?  
Can you turn everything, no matter how mundane the activity, into a challenge or a friendly bet?  
I sure can. It doesn't matter what it is.  
How long did the freshly painted wall take to dry? How many cookies are in the cookie jar? How long will it take for the singer to finish the National Anthem? How many lines are in a concrete square on the sidewalk? How many weeds are in the flower bed? How many Hot Wheels are in the kid's toy box? How many cars will we walk by in the parking lot before we get to the door?



**Never the Last Chance**  
By Brandon LaChance

I could keep going on and on and on and on (and an infinitive amount of more ons and ons), of little competitions or side hustles my ultra-competitive self has had over the years, whether against someone else or solo.

My last one happened Monday, July 1 while watching Ted Danson making a sandwich on an episode of Cheers. Side convo: I've never seen the 1980s-1990s sitcom, and I've known of it since I was able to understand words. I thought I'd check it out between editions of WWE Monday Night Raw and episodes of House of Dragons (I'm addicted).

Back to the main convo...

I was sitting on the couch with my girlfriend and on another wall of our living room, on another couch, was her daughter. I love to say our daughter (I'm step pappi, but a good one, I hope), but for the point of this column, we'll say her daughter.

I looked at my girlfriend and thought, 'I wonder who has made more sandwiches, you or I?'

Seems weird right. Who would think this? Who cares? Why?

But now you're curious, just as I was/am. Especially since this could be a debate in many homes.

I'm a 38-year-old man who never had children of his own and didn't have to make sandwiches or food for anyone other than myself (although I love to cook and am kitchen inclined) except for rare occasions with family and friends or for a limited stretch of time in other situations.

There weren't many picnics to make a PB&J. I didn't have to worry about buying cold cuts and cheese for sack lunches. During the summer months, my cabinets and refrigerator were just as stacked, or more than likely just as bare, than they were in the fall and winter.

A mother could say different.

There are picnics or other events where a sandwich is a great go-to. Cold lunches could be needed multiple times a week over a 52-week year through school, camps, vacations, or simply because, everyone loves a sack lunch.

And we all know kids destroy the pantry, fridge, and cabinets during the summer.

There is also previous relationships (let's not be naïve, we've both had them) where there may have been a roast beef, a ham, or a turkey next to a thermos during the hour off work Monday through Friday, and Saturdays, if need be.

With this thought process, I thought, 'There is no way, I'm even close to the number of sandwiches she has made.'

Until I furthered the journey of the think bus.

As a boy who spent many summer days at home with his sister while the parents were at work, I probably made a ton of peanut butter, no jelly, sandwiches. We also liked sandwiches with just pickles or just mustard. I don't know if it was laziness, but we seemed to like one item between bread.

I love bread, mustard, cheese (pepper jack and provolone are my favorites), turkey, pickles, lettuce, and tomatoes. Honestly, a sandwich with the above ingredients, may be in my top five favorite foods alongside chicken wings, sushi, pizza, and a chicken breast on the grill seasoned by me.

In other words, we all like to eat our favorite food often. Very often.

Add the fact I was a single college student for four of my 4 ½ years as a student at Southern Illinois University.

Plus, I've been a journalist for almost 20 years (Feb. 5, 2025, will make it official) who never knows where he is going to be because of events, doesn't have a ton of time to prepare meals, and is always in search of a quick bite.

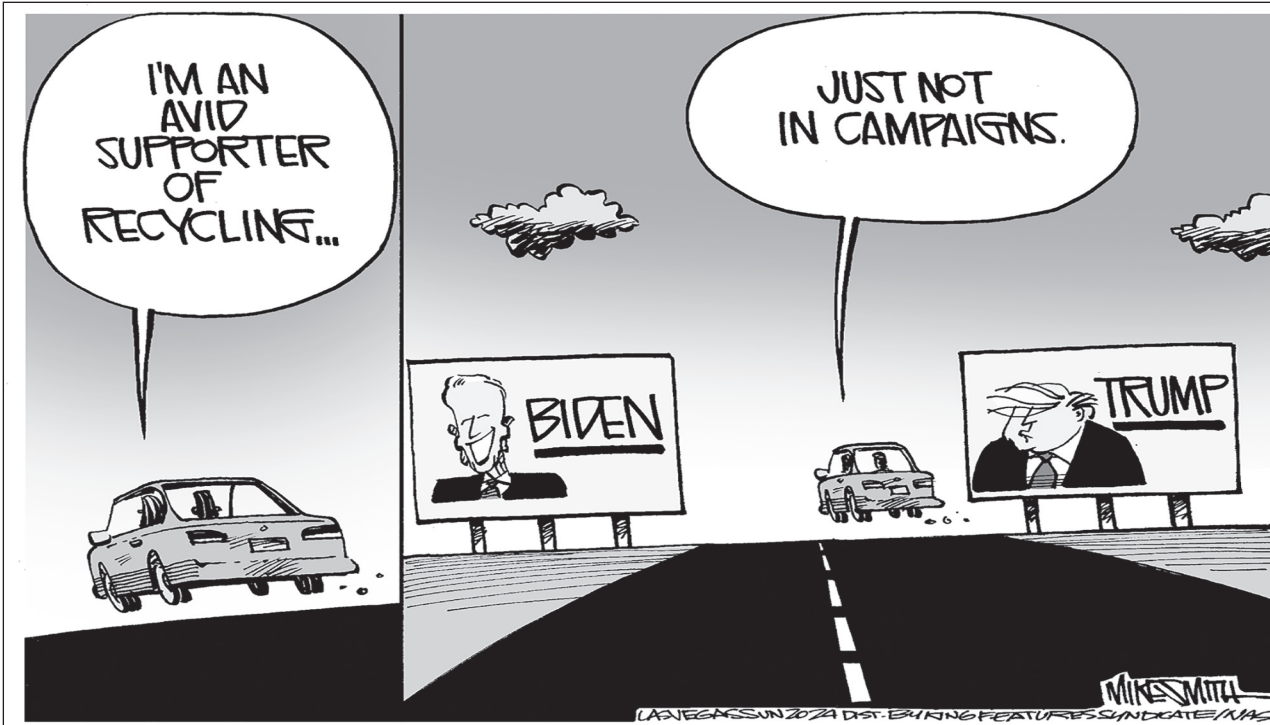
It seems like this is more of a debate than one would think; who makes more sandwiches in a life, a mother or a bachelor?

With all the research, evidence, insanely detailed thought process about who has made the most sandwiches, I've concluded, I have made more sandwiches.

But not by a lot.

Actually one.

The one I'm eating right now as I type this column.



## Movements on the hospital project - 1946

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from July 10, 1996.)  
By Jessica Nashold

An important milestone in building the Mendota Hospital was reached on July 17, 1946. On that day the hospital board met and adopted the fifth set of revised plans submitted by architects Barger, Kelley & Samuelson of Champaign. It was agreed the hospital would have 44 beds, including 12 beds for obstetrical patients and 10 bassinets. There would be two operating rooms, one for minor surgery, one for major surgery.

Immediate action was taken to provide for an east-west street north of the hospital, to be known as Memorial Drive, in honor of men and women who had lost their lives in World War II. Arrangements were also made for continuation of 14th Avenue north to the new Memorial Drive.

Next came steps to provide water and sewer connections and to award contracts for foundation and first floor concrete work.

Because costs had advanced since the hospital project was first undertaken, a new figure of \$325,000 was estimated. Further funding would be needed. But -

**The above plans will at least get the work underway.**

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Flood control was still a major concern for the city and a joint Council-Citizen Flood Committee headed by O.J. Ellingen, strongly urged cleaning and straightening the creeks before the fall rains began.

**Although the cost is a considerable figure, it is a mere drop in the bucket compared to losses.**

Mayor Glenn Momeny believed no property owner would object to a dredging machine working its way along the creek in back of private land. Bids had been received from Sidney Heagy of Dixon, J.P. Hollerich of LaSalle, George Stevenson of Ottawa and Ray Ziegler of Peru.

Stevenson indicated he could start work in one week. Others said it would be two weeks, three weeks or a month before they could come.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare easements for property owners to sign.

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**Backtracks & Sidetracks**

Midget auto races were held July 21, 1946, on a new 1/5 mile track in front of the grandstand at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Additional bleachers were also erected. Admission was \$1, including tax.

Around 4,000 saw 19 cars compete. The new track provided "an abundance of thrills."

**It was fast and rather tricky and resulted in many spins, skids and some smash-ups.**

No serious injuries resulted and only first aid was required.

Dutch Morehouse, Mendota racer, who had been scalded in a previous race when a radiator hose burst, was introduced to the crowd and was heartily applauded.

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Harry Kessinger was awarded a contract as "mail messenger" at the Mendota post office. He replaced Joe Farmer, who returned to barbering with Reeder in the Faber Hotel building.

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The Mendota Homes Corporation had sold four of the houses under construction, although thus far only the basements had been excavated. Buyers were approved in the order in which their applications were received. Houses were sold at 2% above actual construction cost, "to cover expenses."

The first four buyers were Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Worsley, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Pierce, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Shirey Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Roland Zolper.

The home building project was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

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A crowd of 53,000 attended a Twins Convention at Starved Rock. The Cotton twins of Mendota, Dean and Dale, rode in the parade. Three Mendota Boy Scout Troops provided a first aid tent and 11 people were treated for minor injuries by Louis Koopersmith, assisted by Howard Gardner. Lloyd Cotton, father of the twins, supervised 18 Scouts who patrolled the grounds in teams of two to offer assistance where needed.

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An Army recruiting office was maintained in the Illinois Northern Utilities office at 809 Washington St. Master Sgt. James Comfort was on hand from Monday through Saturday, 8:30-5. Enlistments were available for 18 months, two years or three years for "mentally fit citizens between 17 and 34 years of age, inclusive."

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Fifty years ago, The Mendota Reporter carried four syndicated cartoons: "Nancy" by Ernie Bushmiller, "Reg'lar Fellers" by Gene Byrnes, "Virgil" by Leon Kleis and "Mutt & Jeff" by Bud Fisher.

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On July 12-14, 1946, Wayside Press employees enjoyed a recreational weekend. Traveling by charter bus, 13 women employees went to Lake Ripley, Wis., and 30 men went to Fox Lake, Ill. Fred Yount won a foot race, Otto Sauer caught a 22-inch bass and Roy Childers won swimming honors.

**The women had a fine time swimming, fishing and dancing.**

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Although John Westerman was housebound with bursitis, he converted his predicament into an advertising draw. With the headline -

**"Grampa" Westerman has "rheumatiz."**

Westerman's announced that since "grampa" couldn't get down to the store for a clearance sale, "The Girls" would conduct it for him, namely Ila Westerman, Mary Didier, Loretta Zolper, Margaret Scheidenhelm and Clara Doty.

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Edward's Hardware closed July 22-Aug. 8 for "a much needed vacation." Charles Sonntag also closed his shade shop for a two-week break.

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R.W. "Dick" Arthurs advertised readiness to provide all types of commercial photography.

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Peggy Hey, a Black Brothers employee, placed fifth in the Illinois State Beauty contest held at Joliet.

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Rev. Truman Potter, new pastor at the Methodist church, spoke at Kiwanis about his experiences as a U.S. Army chaplain in the Orient.

## Jack Smith should go away

By Rich Lowry

Even the Democratic deus ex machina is having a bad stretch.

No matter how favorable the presidential race has looked for Donald Trump, there's always been the possibility that Special Counsel Jack Smith would get to trial with his Jan. 6 case before the election and, at the very least, dominate the news cycle for weeks and, in all likelihood, convict Trump in a case involving more serious matters than hush money to a porn star.

Now that President Joe Biden stumbled so badly in the first presidential debate, lawfare is more important than ever to Democrats, but Jack Smith's J6 case is hanging by a thread.

Democrats blame the Supreme Court, which has undercut Smith in two new decisions. In the belief that what the situation requires is a futile and stupid gesture, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says she's going to file articles of impeachment against conservative justices.

Yet, it is Smith who has forced novel and sensitive legal issues to the fore. The Biden Justice Department and Democrats may believe that it's the role of the Supreme Court to expedite a politically motivated, legally dubious prosecution of a major-party presidential candidate prior to a national election, but it's not.

Because what Smith is doing is unprecedented, it has raised questions that haven't been answered before -- such as, you know, whether a former president of the United States can be prosecuted at all.

If the Biden Justice Department wanted such questions decided well before the 2024 election, it needed to indict Trump earlier than August 2023.

As it is, Jack Smith has been in a race against the clock because the political usefulness of his prosecution disappears after Election Day 2024, and if Trump wins, the prosecution itself goes away. This means that Smith, against Justice Department guidelines, is conducting his prosecution on a political timetable.

The Supreme Court just made Smith's hope to get the case to a jury sometime soon much harder by concluding

that presidents have immunity for their official acts, and some of the Jan. 6 charges, indeed, involve official acts. The obvious play for Jack Smith would be to strip his case down to charges involving private acts, such as the so-called fake electors scheme. Since the Supreme Court majority said even that isn't clear-cut, though, the way would be open for Trump to appeal -- with its attendant delays -- an even more minimal case.

The majority opinion, written by Chief Justice John Roberts, is not unassailable, but neither is it wildly unreasonable or going to lead to future presidents droning their political opponents with impunity.

Meanwhile, two of Smith's charges rely on a provision passed as part of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act after the 2001 Enron scandal that doesn't obviously have applicability to the events of Jan. 6. Last week, a majority of the Supreme Court -- in a decision joined by Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, by the way -- adopted a narrow reading of the law, further complicating Smith's task.

It would be better if these matters of law were being decided as abstract questions without knowing who will be affected one way or the other before a national election, but Jack Smith has made that impossible. A more modest prosecutor never would have gotten himself or the country in this fix.

It is very fitting that Smith's appointment as special counsel may itself be constitutionally defective, and is under serious challenge in the classified documents case he is pursuing in Florida.

By rights, he should go away. Smith represents the worst tendency of the law-enforcement and national-security establishment since Trump's rise to prominence in 2016. The basic idea has been that it's OK to stretch or break norms as long as it's in the cause of opposing Trump. Showing remarkably poor judgment, Smith assumed that everyone, including the Supreme Court of the United States, would go along.

Now that it hasn't, he's poorly positioned to assist Joe Biden when he needs it most.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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# SOCIAL NEWS



E. Safranek

## Safranek to mark 100th birthday with open house on July 20th

PAW PAW – Ervin Safranek of Paw Paw will be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 20 at the Paw Paw Community Building. Please omit gifts.

Safranek was born on July 21, 1924.

If you are unable to attend the open house, but would like to express birthday wishes to him, send a card to Ervin Safranek, P.O. Box 325, Paw Paw, IL, 61353.

## Stage 212 to start Queen of Hearts raffle to benefit auditorium renovation project

LaSALLE – Stage 212 has announced the new “Queen of Hearts” raffle to benefit its auditorium renovation project.

The Queen of Hearts is a progressive raffle utilizing a deck of 54 playing cards (including two jokers) that are placed face down on a mounting board purchased from a certified gaming vendor. Once a card is selected, it will be turned over with the card face up on the board. The Queen of Hearts is the “Jackpot Card.” The board will be displayed in the Atrium of the Westclox Building, next to Fire on Fifth, at 300 Fifth St., Peru.

The Queen of Hearts drawing will take place every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Atrium of the Westclox Building with one ticket drawn from the tickets purchased that week.



If the Queen of Hearts is not revealed, the jackpot will roll over for the next week’s drawing. Winners will be announced/posted on Facebook, on Stage 212’s website, in The Atrium and at Stage 212.

The ticket holder who selects the Queen of Hearts is the grand prize winner. If the grand prize winner is present at the time of the drawing, they will receive 100% of the jackpot. If the grand prize winner is not present, they will receive 50% of the jackpot. The “Jackpot” is defined as

70% of the total ticket sales accumulated at the time of the last drawing.

Tickets will be available starting July 1, 2024, with the first drawing to be held Wednesday, July 10, at 7 p.m. at The Atrium in the Westclox Building, next to Fire on Fifth, at 300 Fifth St., Peru. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 with no limit on the number of tickets purchased. They will be sold at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle, during events, and at Fire on Fifth during regular business hours.

All players must be 18 years of age or older to participate. All proceeds from this raffle will benefit Stage 212’s Auditorium Renovation Fund. Stage 212, Inc. is a 501c3 charitable organization. For more information and complete rules, visit stage212.org.

## Explore IVCC open house event set for July 17

OGLESBY – Prospective students can Explore IVCC at a summer open house on Wednesday, July 17, in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

The event begins at 1 p.m. with a panel of students sharing their IVCC experiences. Deans and faculty will be available to discuss majors and offer tours of labs and classrooms, and counselors will be available to discuss academic programs. Participants can enter a

raffle to win gift baskets and T-shirts.

The Didough’s food truck will be parked outside and serving from noon to 3 p.m.

Attendance is encouraged for anyone considering enrolling in fall. “It’s a good chance for students to talk to someone in the programs they’re interested in, and to get a feel for campus,” said Admissions Director Tom Quigley.

To RSVP, visit [ivcc.edu/admissions/exploreivcc.php](http://ivcc.edu/admissions/exploreivcc.php). Fall classes begin Aug. 15.

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# THE BACK PAGE

**POLICE  
BLOTTER**

**DRIVING WHILE  
LICENSE SUSPENDED**  
Joshua R. Bishop, 40, of 907 Fifth St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Fifth Street and Eighth Avenue at 8:26 p.m. July 2. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS,  
CRIMINAL DAMAGE**  
Jonathan L. Cooper, 27, no address, was charged with criminal trespass to real property and criminal damage to property after police officers received a call for service at 1108 Monroe St. at 8:45 p.m. July 6. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**NO VALID  
DRIVER'S LICENSE**  
Jaelin J. Mitchell, 21, of 906 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Fourth Avenue and Eighth Street at 12:14 a.m. July 7. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**Mendota  
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Ordinance**

MENDOTA – It is unlawful to burn any materials other than small and dried quantities of branches, leaves, weeds or grass at any time. The burning of any material such as rubber, tires, leather, tar paper, old batteries or any material that emits an offensive odor when burned is unlawful within the city limits of Mendota.

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Illinoisans could get digital driver's license if bill advances

By CATRINA PETERSEN  
*The Center Square*

SPRINGFIELD—A measure that allows for your driver's license to be digitalized is on its way to the governor for his signature.

State Rep. Kam Buckner, carried House Bill 4592, an initiative of the Illinois Secretary of State. The measure would allow the Secretary of State to issue digital ID cards and driver's licenses that can be stored on someone's smartphone.

Buckner said the digital ID would be convenient.

"I think this will benefit people who have got to drive a while to get to a [DMV] facility," said Buckner. "This is really about the Secretary of State's commitment to doubling down on security but also advancing us in a way that works for the whole state."

Buckner expressed that physical IDs tend to be doctored and manipulated and digitizing could help correct that problem.

House Republicans raised concerns about law enforcement abusing their authority and illegally searching and seizing cell phones that house the digital ID. State Rep. Jeff Keicher asked if handing your cell phone over to law enforcement is basically consenting to a search.

"If a law enforcement agent shows up to your home and you invite them in for a cup of coffee, you've then consented to a search of your premises ... how does that theory hold when you're dealing with a cell phone," said Keicher. "Say you hand your phone over in a traffic stop and a text supersedes the image [mobile ID] ... Is that a legitimate search? Or is that a tainted apple of the tree?"

Buckner said language in the legislation says showing or handing your phone over to display the digital ID does not serve as authorization for law enforcement to search, view or access other data in your phone.

State Sen. Michael Hastings carried the bill in the Senate and said technology isn't an option but a necessity.

"However you view it ... it's here and it's evolving and we must harness technology to reduce cost, improve efficiencies, and better serve the people of our great state," said Hastings.

State Rep. Kelly Cassidy brought up concerns of the ACLU on the House floor. Some of those concerns include mobile ID needing an internet connection to be accessed, which puts

people who can't afford it at a disadvantage; and also the concerns about law enforcement having access to an individual's phone after being presented the mobile ID.

State Sen. Rachel Ventura asked Hastings for a commitment to work with the ACLU over the 2024 summer to address their concerns.

"Against the comments from the other side of the aisle, I will say that the ACLU is not opposed to the bill," said Hastings. "The ACLU has contacted me and the Secretary of State to have conversations and their office is always open to work with those opposed to public policy."

The bill heads to the governor for his signature. If signed, drivers and Illinoisans can opt-in and get either digital ID or driver's license.

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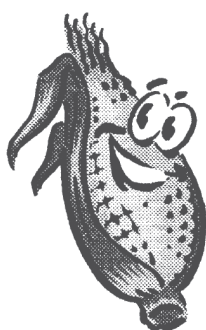
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# SPORTS



## Gymnastics competitors

Maddie Diaz, left, and Lillee Monterastelli, right, both of Mendota, were two of four gymnasts to medal representing Illinois Valley Trampoline and Trampoline at the USTA National Trampoline and Trampoline National Championships the weekend of June 21-23 in Louisville, Ky. Diaz placed seventh in both trampoline and double mini trampoline, while Monterastelli finished sixth in tumbling. Alexis Flanagan, of Earlville, took second in trampoline and ninth in tumbling. Addison Mathesius, of Earlville, placed seventh in trampoline. (Photos contributed)

## Sweet Corn Festival 3-on-3 hoop tourney set for August 2 & 3

□ Event to be held at Strouss Park

MENDOTA—The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the 77th Annual Sweet Corn Festival, which will be held Aug. 8-11, has announced the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will return to the 2024 festival. The tournament will be two days, Aug. 2 & 3. The Mendota Area YMCA is sponsoring the tournament.

The tournament will offer five different age divisions: ages 8-10, ages 11-13, and ages 14-17, and will have a maximum of 16 teams per division. Ages 18-29 and 30 and older will have a maximum of eight teams per division. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. at Strouss Park, 1100 Meriden St., Mendota. The competition begins at 9 a.m. The tournament will be a fast-paced, action-packed, double-elimination tournament. Games will be 10-minutes, half-court games with a 12-second shot clock.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Mendota Area YMCA Office or by visiting [www.sweetcorn-festival.com](http://www.sweetcorn-festival.com).



There is a \$25 entry fee per player, made payable to the Mendota Area YMCA.

The entry deadline is Saturday, July 27 at 4 p.m. All players registered by the deadline will be guaranteed to receive a Sweet Corn Festival Basketball T-shirt. For more information, contact the Mendota Area YMCA at 815-538-2900.

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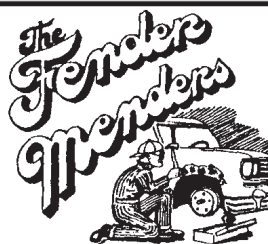


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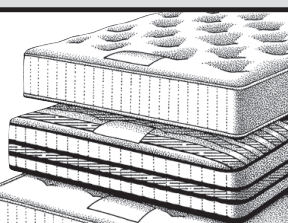
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** When is "The Umbrella Academy" returning to Netflix? I thought the new season would have been here by now. -- *V.W.*



**Blackman**

**A:** The fourth and final season of "The Umbrella Academy" will drop on Netflix on Aug. 8. It's been over two years since the third season. Based on the comic book series of the same name created by Gerard Way, (lead vocalist of the band My Chemical Romance), the TV series has received much critical acclaim. It stars Elliot Page ("Juno") and Tom Hopper ("Terminator: Dark Fate") as two of the many Hargreeves siblings. They are former child heroes who must reunite as adults to save the world.

Alas, Steve Blackman, who created the series, has been accused of leading a toxic working environment. According to Rolling Stone, 12 former writers and support staff claim that their boss would "diminish the roles of, or outright fire, staffers who pushed back against his ideas." Another charge is

that he would "implement his writers' ideas without giving them appropriate credit or promoting them." \*\*\*

**Q:** Is "The Traitors" reality show filmed in a real castle? Or do they show the outside of one, then film in a studio? Can tourists visit it? -- *B.P.*

**A:** Both the U.S. and U.K. versions of the hit reality show "The Traitors" is filmed inside the Ardross Castle in Scotland. According to Entertainment Weekly, the castle sits on over 100 acres of parkland space on the banks of the nearby River Alness. The original owner was the Duke of Sutherland from the late 1700s until 1845. A family by the last name McTaggart has owned the castle and its land since the 1980s.

The castle is reserved for weddings and business meetings -- but at a premium cost. (Visit [ArdrossCastle.co.uk/](http://ArdrossCastle.co.uk/) Contact-Us if you're interested). No tour buses or Airbnb reservations are allowed.

No other series or movie has filmed at the castle or its grounds. You can watch all versions of "The Traitors" on the streaming platform Peacock. Look for the third season of the U.S. version in

early 2025.

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**Q:** Who is the guy with the long white hair in "House of the Dragon"? I know I've seen him on another show or movie. -- *J.S.*

**A:** There are many characters with long platinum locks in the "Games of Thrones" spin-off "House of the Dragon," but I'm going to guess you're asking about Prince Daemon, played by Matt Smith. He's most recognizable as one of the actors to inhabit the role of the titular character in "Doctor Who," but you also may have seen him as Prince Philip in "The Crown" on Netflix.

Other recent projects the British actor has done recently are the horror film "Starve Acre," the panned Marvel movie "Morbius" with Jared Leto, and the film "The Forgiven" with Jessica Chastain. Next up for Smith is another series called "The Death of Bunny Munro," which is based on the novel of the same name by musician/writer Nick Cave.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** -- Oscar winner Jared Leto is producing and starring in an untitled film written by Andy Belling ("Lovelace"). Belling adapted the screenplay from the article "The Talented Dr. Gray," which was about a retired professor who allegedly stole \$1 million in valuables from affluent homes in five states.

Leto starred in eight episodes of Apple TV+'s 2022 series "WeCrashed" as WeWork co-founder Adam Neumann, and he stars in Disney's upcoming sci-fi film "Tron: Ares," with Jeff Bridges, due on October 2025. Leto's a rare actor who totally immerses himself in the characters he creates.

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It must have shocked Tom Cruise (back in 2012) when Katie Holmes filed for divorce because she didn't want their daughter, Suri, raised in Scientology. In 2001, when Cruise and Nicole Kidman divorced, their two adopted children were not allowed to speak to her because of Scientology. The flip side is that since Cruise's divorce from Holmes, he hasn't been close to Suri.

Now 18, Suri appeared in

her school production of the 2018 jukebox Broadway musical "Head Over Heels" (featuring The Go-Go's songs). But she dropped her father's name and was billed in the program as Suri Noelle, adopting Holmes' middle name as her last name. Karma is a witch! \*\*\*

Will Smith's comeback in "Bad Boys: Ride or Die" has catapulted him back to the top of the heap. The original "Bad Boy" with a wicked slap is set to star in Sony's sci-fi thriller "Resistor." \*\*\*

Ben Affleck is recovering from his J.Lo problems by producing and starring with best friend Matt Damon in the thriller "RIP." RIP Bennifer! \*\*\*

Brad Pitt's producing and starring in an untitled Formula 1 film with Javier Bardem. Pitt plays a former driver who returns to the track to mentor a hot, young driver on a fictional Formula 1 team. The film's headed for IMAX screens in June 2025. \*\*\*

Mel Brooks may have turned 98 on June 28, but he's not resting on his laurels. He's producing Josh Gad's

"Spaceballs" sequel, which will star Gad and be directed by Josh Greenbaum for Amazon MGM Studios. The original 1987 film starred Brooks, Rick Moranis, Joan Rivers, Bill Pullman and Dick Van Patton, and it grossed \$38.1 million. \*\*\*

"Les Miserables" Oscar winner actress Anne Hathaway recently starred in Amazon Prime Video's "The Idea of You," with Nicholas Galitzine, and she is now filming the sci-fi film "Flower Valley Street," opposite Ewan McGregor. The film is scheduled for a May 2025 release, in addition to her upcoming melodrama "Mother Mary." \*\*\*

Austin Butler, on screens now in "The Bikeriders" (which was delayed by the two Hollywood strikes), also has "Masters of the Air" available on Apple TV+. He could possibly fill the void left by Johnny Depp in the two upcoming reboots of "Pirates of the Caribbean." Will Elvis ride a motorcycle onto the Black Pearl without a "Dune" in sight?!

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## Couch Theater

"Sausage Party: Foodtopia" (TV-MA) -- This new adult animated series is a follow-up to the 2016 movie "Sausage Party," starring Seth Rogen ("Kung Fu Panda 4"), Kristen Wiig ("Palm Royale"), and Michael Cera ("Barbie"). These voice actors are reprising their roles from the film, where they portrayed a variety of food items that come to life and try to keep themselves from being eaten. Picking up right where the movie left off, Frank the sausage (Rogen) and his friends have created a Foodtopia where all foods can live happily in harmony -- that is, until a storm comes in and wastes away their perfect utopia. Now at a loss on how to survive, Frank and his friends attempt to team up with humans to learn how to navigate their world. The series will consist of eight episodes and drops on July 11 for your viewing pleasure! (Amazon Prime Video) "Am I OK?" (R) -- Led by Dakota Johnson (who

hopefully appreciated this project more than her recent flop "Madame Web"), this comedy-drama follows a 32-year-old woman in Los Angeles named Lucy (Johnson). Lucy struggles greatly in her romantic life, fending off advances from her male friend, Ben, and refusing to go on dates. Upset that she still hasn't figured out who she's really attracted to, Lucy accepts help from her best friend, Jane (Sonoya Mizuno), who gently pressures her to explore her sexuality. As Lucy begins discovering this different side of herself, she experiences a later-in-life coming-of-age than we normally see depicted in film and television. Kiersey Clemons ("The Flash"), Jermaine Fowler ("Ricky Stanicky"), and Odessa A'zion ("Sitting in Bars with Cake") play supporting roles in this film, out now! (Max)

In Case You Missed It "Triangle of Sadness" (R) - This satirical black comedy directed by Ruben

Ostlund won the legendary Palme d'Or when it first premiered at the 75th Cannes Film Festival back in 2022. It stars Harris Dickinson ("The Iron Claw") and Charlbi Dean ("Black Lightning") as a model couple Carl and Yaya, who get invited to a luxury cruise thanks to Yaya's work as a social media influencer. The pair hold a deep resentment for each other, which only gets broadcasted on this cruise as they mingle with other out-of-touch, wealthy individuals. But when their ship gets attacked by pirates, Carl and Yaya are stranded on an island with a handful of other survivors from the ship, putting their relationship to its most challenging test yet. Expect the unexpected in this film full of twists and turns, the unrelenting rich, and the oppressed who are desperate to feel valued. This was also Dean's last film role, having passed away at only 32 years old shortly before the movie was released internationally. Out now. (Hulu)

## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* If you emptied a glass of water into the ocean and waited long enough to ensure that it was thoroughly mixed and distributed throughout the world's seas, then each glass of water taken from the ocean would contain around 250 molecules from that original glass.

\* Euclid is the most successful textbook writer of all time. His "Elements," written around 300 B.C., has gone through more than 1,000 editions since the invention of printing.

\* The Romans used poisonous lead as a sweetening agent.

\* People who have had strokes in the left frontal lobes of their brains resulting in severe language loss are better able to detect lies than people without brain damage.

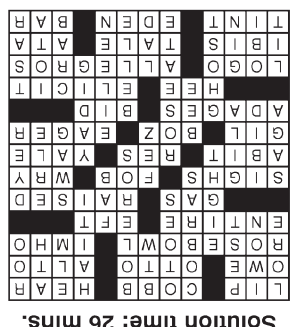
\* Generally, centipedes do not have 100 legs. For that matter, millipedes don't have 1,000 legs. Different species of centipedes have between 30 and 346 legs, while different species of millipedes have between 40 and 750 legs.

\* The east coast of Canada is closer to London, England, than the west coast of Canada.

\* Sorry, Chicago, you so-called "Windy City" -- you're not the windiest city in America, or even close: That honor goes to Great Falls, Montana, with an average hourly wind speed of 13.4 miles.

\* The last United States president to be born in a log cabin was James Garfield, on Nov. 19, 1831.

\* What's in a name, indeed! A 1964 piece by avant-garde American composer La Monte Young is titled "The Tortoise Recalling the Drone of the Holy Numbers as They Were Revealed in the Dreams of the Whirlwind and the Obsidian Gang, Illustrated by the Sawmill, the Green Sawtooth Ocelot, and the High-tension Line Stepdown Transformer."



Solution time: 26 mins. Answers

## Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest peak in Europe?
2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in the Netflix series "Stranger Things"?
3. LITERATURE: What is the title of the book about a little girl who lives at The Plaza Hotel in New York City?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional stone associated with the July birth month?
5. MYTHOLOGY: Which mythical creature has snakes for hair?
6. MOVIES: Who voices the character Joy in the animated movie "Inside Out"?
7. ANATOMY: What is the outermost layer of skin called?
8. INVENTIONS: Which blue medication, originally developed

to lower blood pressure, had an unexpected effect on male patients and later was used to treat erectile dysfunction?

9. HISTORY: Who was crowned as Emperor of the Romans in 800 A.D.?

10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which state has produced the most presidents by birthplace?

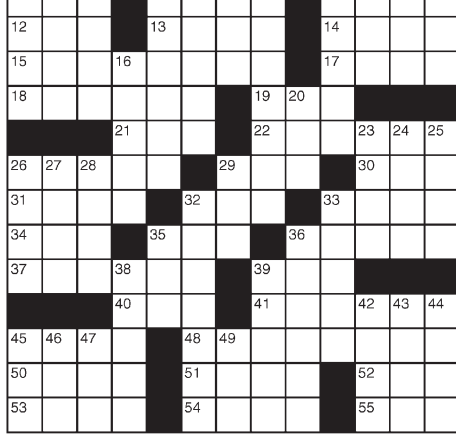
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1. Mount Elbrus.
  2. Hawkins, Indiana.
  3. "Eloise."
  4. Ruby.
  5. Medusa.
  6. Amy Poehler.
  7. Epidermis.
  8. Viagra.
  9. Charlemagne.
  10. Virginia, with eight.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

1. Balm target
4. Baseball's Ty
8. Get wind of
12. Have bills
13. "Beetle Bailey" dog
14. Sax range
15. Pasadena arena
17. Texter's "As I see it"
18. Complete
19. Newt
21. Ozone, for one
22. Elevated
26. Weary sounds
29. Watch chain
30. Sardonic
31. Slightly
32. In medias --
33. Harvard rival
34. Baseball's Hodges
35. Singer Scaggs
36. Avid
37. Proverbs
39. eBay offer
40. Haw precursor
41. Draw forth
45. Corporate symbol
48. Brisk tempos
50. Sacred bird of Egypt
51. Yarn
52. -- loss
53. Shade



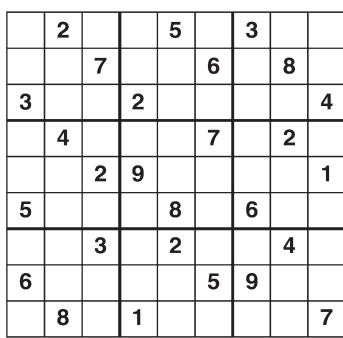
### DOWN

1. Traditional tales
2. Victor's cry
3. Nuisance
4. Hooded snakes
5. Some Oklahoma natives
6. Texter's "Incidentally"
7. Waist-length jackets
8. Part of Hispaniola
9. Stately tree
10. Sports fig.
11. Aussie hopper
16. Octet count
20. "Terrific"
23. Booty
24. Perry's creator
25. Color worker
26. Long story
27. Footnote abbr.
28. Arizona river
29. Shriner's chapau
32. Optimistic
33. "Get what I'm sayin'?"
35. Garden buzzer
36. Actress Brennan
38. Specter
39. Ball VIP
42. Grouch
43. Speck
44. Russian ruler
45. Ignited
46. Kimono sash
47. Martini liquor
49. Young bloke

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

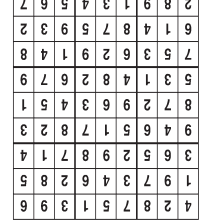


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## Enjoying life God’s way

I have this burden to see people enjoy the life that Jesus died to give them—and I want to see people not just talk about it but walk in it. John 10:10 (AMPC) says, “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).” The thief, in these particular verses is Satan. But John 10 tells us that while the thief comes only in order to steal, and kill, and destroy. Jesus came, that we may have and enjoy life and have it in abundance, to the full, until it overflows. What a scripture! Not only are we alive, but we should enjoy being alive.

When Jesus came to give us life, He didn’t come just to give us breath—we were already breathing! Instead, he came to give

us life as God has it, life as God knows it! But not only does He want us to have and enjoy life, but He gets radical and says: In abundance, to the full, until it overflows.

God wants us to enjoy life just for the sheer sake of enjoying life! But He also wants us to enjoy it because we are His ambassadors. The Bible says in Corinthians 5:20 that God is making His appeal to the world through us. If you are a born-again believer, you are a direct representative of Almighty God. You and I are showing the world what God is like. We’re advertisements for having a personal relationship with Jesus.

With this in mind, it’s no wonder Satan wants to keep so many people in the body of Christ sad, and mad, and operating in all kinds

of wrong fruit: Judgment, criticism, gossip, back-biting! He wants to keep people depressed and angry and stressed out and full of strife. He doesn’t want us to have any joy because it might make others want to know God!

It’s also important to enjoy your life, because you don’t want it to pass you by and leave you with regrets. I know this sounds awful, but when I was raising my children, I loved them and I was a responsible parent, but I look back now, and I did not enjoy my children the way that I could have. And do you know why? Because I was a workaholic. And I was so busy keeping everything neat and tidy and clean—but that dirt will be there tomorrow. And that doesn’t mean you just live a sloppy life, and you never clean up things and take care of things, but I can remember my kids wanting me to stop working and play with them. And I always said something like, “I can’t do that, I’ve got work to do.” Well, you know what? You’re always going to have work to do, so, you need some balance in your life because some things are passing you by. And you don’t want to come to the end of your life and look back with regrets.

The only way you can keep from having regrets is to do something about making better choices right now. And the truth of the matter is, you may not really be enjoying the journey. If we are letting the devil steal from us, we need to



make a decision. We need to put our foot down and say, “That’s it, devil. You have stolen my joy long enough. I’m determined that I’m going to learn how to enjoy my life.”

When I say, “enjoy your life,” I’m not just talking about vacations, Friday night when the work week is over, and payday. I’m talking about enjoying everyday life. That’s why I called my program “Enjoying Everyday Life.” Because most of life is not some big hilarious event. It’s Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. And we have years of that.

Most of life is very ordinary. It’s about going to work, and driving in traffic, and taking out the trash, and dealing with the grouchy neighbor.

But thank God, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to help us deal with things that ordinary people cannot deal with. We are supernaturally anointed to live ordinary life in a supernatural way. You can be happy in situations where nobody else could be happy if they didn’t have Jesus in their life. Why? Because it’s not

our situations, it’s the joy of the Lord that is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

And I believe that’s the first place we have to start is by saying: “God really does want me to enjoy my life!” Somehow Satan has sold us the lie we shouldn’t enjoy it. But John 17:13 (AMPC) tells us, “And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full and complete and perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have My gladness within them, filling their hearts].”

We need to lighten up and stop being so deadly serious about everything, including our own faults. We are no surprise to God. He told Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you and I approved of you as My chosen instrument” (Jeremiah 1:5). Stop being against yourself and picking on yourself and examining all your faults all the time, and just say: “You know what? I am what I am and I love God and I want to change,

and I’m changing all the time, and He’s changing me every day from glory to glory, but this is what you got today and I’m going to enjoy myself because God loves me.”

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By William Arthur Ward

If I can write one verse of truth today  
Or give my fellow man a song to sing;  
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If I can lend someone a helping hand  
Or warm a place where friendship  
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If I can build a bridge where  
fences stand  
And light a lamp that other men  
might see;  
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I know the heavy burdens that  
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If I can guide a pilgrim on his way  
Or pause to bid him stay for food  
and rest;  
If I can do these, Father, this I pray:  
"O let me do them with my very best."

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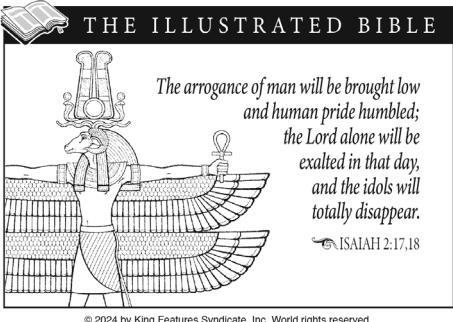
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July 14 - 9 a.m. Second Sunday  
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#### BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Pharisee (KJV)  
in the Old or New Testament or  
neither?
  2. In Matthew 21, to what type  
of tree did Jesus say, "Let no  
fruit grow on thee henceforward  
forever"? Cedar, Oak, Apple, Fig
  3. From 2 Corinthians 6, what did  
Paul warn Christians about being  
"yoked" with? Debt, Unbelievers,  
Shame, Abundance
  4. In biblical times, what was a  
tambourine or small hand drum  
called? Timbrel, Cornet, Tartu,  
Cymbal
  5. Jonah was in the belly of the  
great fish how many days and  
nights? 2, 3, 5, 8
  6. Who was the father of Michal?  
David, Titus, Saul, Stephen
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Fig, 3)  
Unbelievers, 4) Timbrel, 5) Three,  
6) Saul

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NOTICE OF SALE OF

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OR ESTATES UNDER

SECTION 10 OF THE

TIMESHARE LIEN

AND SECURITY

INTEREST ACT

By virtue of the time-share instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and Section 5 of the Timeshare Lien and Security Interest Act establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, LaSalle County, Illinois, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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

LINDA ALEXANDER and DAVID ALEXANDER, 111 QUARRY CREST CIR, SAN MARCOS, TX 78666, according to the Deed dated 11/29/2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 00620, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/13/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0412, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 7 WILLIAM L ALEXANDER, 6238 FULTON RD UNIT 3, NEW BERLIN, IL 62670, according to the Deed dated 8/27/2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-19299, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/19/2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0098E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 2 SHERMAN BEN and SENORA BEN, 9146 S MARSHFIELD AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated 5/4/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-10815, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/21/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0174, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1 SHERMAN BEN and SENORA BEN, 7774 S KARLOV AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60652, according to the Deed dated 5/4/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-10815, in the Office of

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GUALANDI, 137 CLEVELAND CIR, GRANVILLE, IL 61326, according to the Deed dated 2/22/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 04321, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3/11/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1 TREENA HARDWELL, 1237 BATES AVE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40219, according to the Deed dated 10/27/2021 and recorded under File No. 2021-08024, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10/27/2021, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0141 Frequency: Odd, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2 PHENNIES A MOORE, 8857 S BEVERLY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated 7/18/2014 and recorded under File No. 2023 02256, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/30/2024, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01170, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2 EARNEST JOHNSON and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES, MARGARET JOHNSON and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEESS and SHARON JOHNSON, 5002 GEETHA DR, COLUMBIA, MO 65202, according to the Deed dated 11/29/1998 and recorded under File No. 1999-01923, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/22/1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00530, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1 EARNEST JOHNSON and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEESS and SHARON JOHNSON, 231 GRAFTON PL, MATTESON, IL 60443, according to the Deed dated 11/29/1998 and recorded under File No. 1999-01923, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/22/1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00530, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1 EARNEST JOHNSON and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEESS and SHARON JOHNSON, 4906 KIRK HILL RD, COLUMBIA, MO 65201, according to the Deed dated 11/29/1998 and recorded under File No. 1999-01923, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/22/1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00530, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1 JOHN C. KELVER and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND F MULERO ENTERPRISES, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 219 LINGER LN, SUN CITY CENTER, FL 33573, according to the Deed dated 8/3/2001 and recorded under File No. 2018 8739, in the

Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/24/2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 JOHN C. KELVER AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND F MULERO ENTERPRISES, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 1443 ORLANDO CT, KISSIMMEE, FL 34759, according to the Deed dated 8/3/2001 and recorded under File No. 2018 8739, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/24/2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 Dakota L. Kirby and Berenice Perea-Rodriguez, 732 MYRTLE CT, SANDWICH, IL 60548, according to the Deed dated 6/21/2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-07009, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6/20/2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0135 Frequency: Odd, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 2 GEORGE K KLINGER and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES and DEBORAH L KLINGER, 1355 MENOMA TRL, ALGONQUIN, IL 60102, according to the Deed dated 3/13/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-05698, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4/1/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0025, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 1 GEORGE K KLINGER and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES and DEBORAH L KLINGER, 626 HILLCREST LN, CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014, according to the Deed dated 3/13/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-05698, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4/1/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00460, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1 ARTHUR K. LANE and PAULETTE LANE, 5201 S CORNELL AVE APT 7C, CHICAGO, IL 60615, according to the Deed dated 7/19/2001 and recorded under File No. 2001 24332, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8/15/2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 GEORGE LEWIS III and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES and CHERYL A LEWIS, 2077 KATE DR, MONTGOMERY, IL 60538, according to the Deed dated

1/12/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-01949, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/29/2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0369, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 3 BRYAN E LITTLE and KAREN R RUSSELL-LITTLE, 17600 FAIRWAY DR, DETROIT, MI 48221, according to the Deed dated 12/22/2002 and recorded under File No. 2003 1750, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/15/2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1 BRYAN E LITTLE and KAREN R RUSSELL-LITTLE, 31500 TELEGRAPH RD STE 240, BINGHAM FARMS, MI 48025, according to the Deed dated 12/22/2002 and recorded under File No. 2003 1750, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/15/2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1 JOSEPH A MANEY, 5125 W LAKE SHORE DR, WONDER LAKE, IL 60097, according to the Deed dated 8/16/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-16744, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/1/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 7 JOSEPH A MANEY, 5125 W LAKE SHORE DR, WONDER LAKE, IL 60097, according to the Deed dated 8/16/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-16744, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/1/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 7 DALE MARES and JENNIFER MARES, 440 RIVER BLUFF DR, DIXON, IL 61021, according to the Deed dated 3/15/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06090, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4/2/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00460, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1 CAROL MATHIS and KERRI RUETHER, 2002 PRINCESS CT, LOCKPORT, IL 60441, according to the Deed dated 4/26/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09096, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/14/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01130, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2 CAROL MATHIS and KERRI RUETHER, 16548 DORCHES-TER PL, LOCKPORT, IL 60441, according to the Deed dated 4/26/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09096, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5/14/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit

No. 01130, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2 RONNIE MCDANIEL and CASEY MCDANIEL, 208 E 5TH ST, BAIRD, TX 79504, according to the Deed dated 5/13/2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-14557, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7/7/2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1 RONNIE MCDANIEL and CASEY MCDANIEL, 16820 POLLARD AVE, ODESSA, TX 79766, according to the Deed dated 5/13/2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-14557, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7/7/2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1 DERRICA C MERRIWEATHER, 3860 W WASHINGTON BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60624, according to the Deed dated 12/28/2012 and recorded under File No. 2013-01267, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1/18/2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0386, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1 EFRAIN NUNEZ and EMA ARCE PEREZ, 6152 W GRAND AVE STE 1, CHICAGO, IL 60639, according to the Deed dated 7/23/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 18090, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/22/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00300, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1 STACY L. JOHNSON and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND TYLER PENOVICH, 6528 S NAVAJO DR, PEORIA, IL 61607, according to the Deed dated 4/26/1998 and recorded under File No. 1998 23807, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11/13/1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00150, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1 VICTOR POPE and CRYSTAL CRAWFORD, 1250 EL CAJON BLVD APT 26, EL CAJON, CA 92020, according to the Deed dated 12/28/2013 and recorded under File No. 2014 02679, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2/13/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0286, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 4 ALMA A PRESTON and ETTA M BRISCO, 8263 COOK RD, MERIDIAN, MS 39305, according to the Deed dated 9/7/2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-



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are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 LAURA SILICEO-RO- MAN, JEFFREY WIL- LIAM SALLYARDS a/k/a JEFFREY SALLYARDS and ELIZABETH LYNN ROMAN a/k/a ELIZA- BETH L ROMAN, 530 N RUMPLE LN, ADDI- SON, IL 60101, accord- ing to the Deed dated 9/26/2001 and record- ed under File No. 2002- 25906, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Il- linois, on 9/29/2023, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 LAURA SILICEO-RO- MAN, JEFFREY WIL- LIAM SALLYARDS a/k/a JEFFREY SALLYARDS and ELIZABETH LYNN ROMAN a/k/a ELIZA- BETH L ROMAN, 2317 S PINE ST, YORK, PA 17402, according to the Deed dated 9/26/2001 and recorded under File No. 2002- 25906, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Il- linois, on 9/29/2023, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 MAURICE E SMITH and CLAUDIA M SMITH, 9839 S CHARLES ST, CHICA- GO, IL 60643, accord- ing to the Deed dated 6/14/2009 and record- ed under File No. 2009 17374, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7/2/2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0040, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1 ROBERT L THOMAS, 10019 S CHARLES ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated 5/14/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014- 10514, in the Office of the Re- corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6/5/2014, are the owners of the time- share estate to be fore- closed, more particu- larly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Num- ber(s) 20, Phase 7 ROBERT L THOMAS, 10019 S CHARLES ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated 5/14/2014 and recorded under File No. 2014- 10514, in the Of- fice of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle Coun- ty, Illinois, on 6/5/2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 7 SALACIA THOMAS AND KEAYA HARRIS, 2425 ATHENS RD, OLYMPIA FIELDS, IL 60461, according to the Deed dated 5/18/2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 12225, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle Coun- ty, Illinois, on 6/7/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0139E, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2 SALACIA THOMAS AND KEAYA HARRIS, 215 W 16TH ST, CHI- CAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411, according to the Deed dated 5/18/2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 12225, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle Coun- ty, Illinois, on 6/7/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0139E, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2 MANUEL TIPLER, 850 CRAWFORD PKWY

APT 4311, PORTS- MOUTH, VA 23704, according to the Deed dated 1/15/2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02166, in the Of- fice of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle Coun- ty, Illinois, on 2/5/2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 00150, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 1 LELA M. TOLES, TER- REL TOLES AND DON- YA BANNISTER, 999 PATRICIA LN, CRETE, IL 60417, according to the Deed dated 8/24/2000 and record- ed under File No. 2007 27932, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Il- linois, on 11/21/2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2 LELA M. TOLES, TER- REL TOLES AND DON- YA BANNISTER, 834 E STEGER RD, CRETE, IL 60417, according to the Deed dated 8/24/2000 and record- ed under File No. 2007 27932, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Il- linois, on 11/21/2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2 KEVIN THIEU TON and CYNTHIA MAI TRAN, 3620 W PETERSON AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60659, according to the Deed dated 1/28/2010 and recorded under File No. 2010 6353, in the Office of the Re- corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illi- nois, on 3/30/2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 00930, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 2 KEVIN THIEU TON and CYNTHIA MAI TRAN, 2606 SUMMERWOOD CT SW, CEDAR RAP- IDS, IA 52404, accord- ing to the Deed dated 1/28/2010 and record- ed under File No. 2010 6353, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Il- linois, on 3/30/2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 00930, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 2 Beatrice J. Turner, 406 MICHIGAN AVE, DOW- AGIAC, MI 49047, ac- cording to the Deed dated 9/26/2019 and recorded under File No. 2019- 10551, in the Office of the Re- corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9/19/2019, are the owners of the time- share estate to be fore- closed, more particu- larly described as Unit No. 0075 Frequency: Odd, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 1 JOHN VITTON, SR. AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGA- TEES, MARIANNE VITTON AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND SHARON JOHNSON, 1328 W HUBBARD ST APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60642, according to the Deed dated 5/12/2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-11601, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6/4/2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 0065, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1 DONALD WOODS JR and LATOYA WOODS, 1655 N NASHVILLE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60707, according to the Deed dated 3/27/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-12644,

in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Il- linois, on 6/13/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 01120, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2 DONALD WOODS JR and LATOYA WOODS, 1400 S 11TH AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated 3/27/2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-12644, in the Office of the Re- corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illi- nois, on 6/13/2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic- ularly described as Unit No. 01120, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2 TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the time- share estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individ- ual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the manag- ing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the manag- ing 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 an- nounced at the public auction. Managing entity lien holder: Holiday Inn Club Vac- ations Incorporated, A Delaware Corporation By: Julie Sabon-Van Dyke, Assistant Secre- tary No. 0701 (July 3, 10 and 17, 2024)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
CIRCUIT COURT,  
LASALLE COUNTY  
Request of Melissa Sue Sallee  
Case Number 24MR53  
Filed June 14, 2024  
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Melissa Sue Sallee to the new name of Melis- sa Sue Stephens  
The court date will be held on Aug. 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. remotely in courtroom #305.  
No. 0621  
(June 26, July 3 and 10, 2024)

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
No. 2024-JD-50  
TO: Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:  
Take notice that on the 2nd day of July, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Jalaya Berry- Robinson, a minor', and that in the Criminal Jus- tice Center Courtroom 110 at Ottawa, Illinois on the 6th day of Aug- ust, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adju- dicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court un- der that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the mi- nor. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the peti- tion, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment en- tered.

Dated July 2, 2024  
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk  
No. 0703  
(July 10, 2024)

**NOTICE**  
TO:  
OCCUPANT,  
JAMIE CHRISTMAN,  
MICHELLE A. WRIGHT,  
LOUIS E. OLIVERO &  
ASSOCIATES,  
TABITHA FOX,  
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Sold for Special As-  
sessment of (Municipal-  
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stallment No.: N/A  
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at the tax sale or his or  
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subsequently accruing  
taxes or special assess-  
ments to redeem the  
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sales. Check with the  
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session of this property if  
redemption is not made  
on or before 10/24/2024.  
This matter is set for  
hearing in the Circuit  
Court of this County in  
OTTAWA, Illinois, on  
11/27/2024 in the LaSalle  
County Courthouse, 119  
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TAWA, IL 61350, Court-  
room 300 Or VIA ZOOM  
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this hearing but your  
right to redeem will al-  
ready have expired at  
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Illinois at the Office of the  
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WA, Illinois.  
For further informa-  
tion contact the County  
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OTTAWA, IL 61350  
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No. 0704  
(July 10, 17 and 24,  
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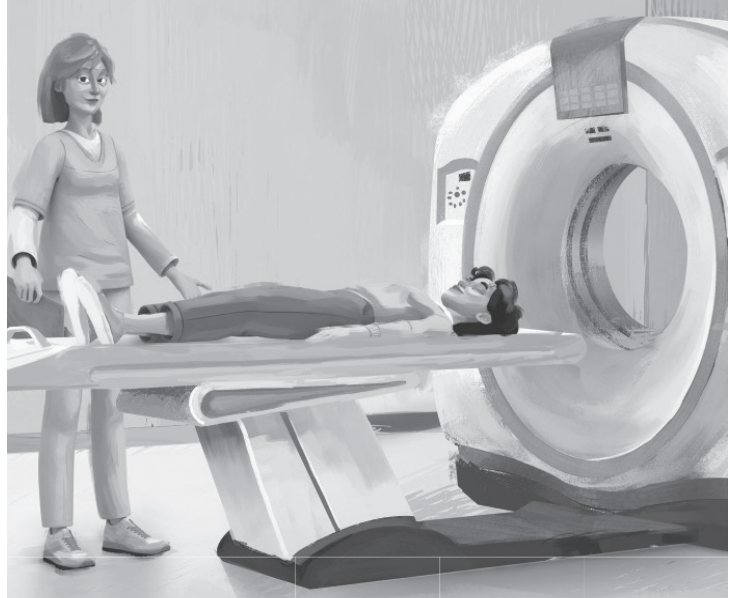
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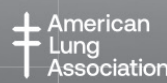


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