

City prepares for street work

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA - The Mendota City Council took steps toward the summer street maintenance program and sidewalk work at its July 15 regular meeting.

During Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick's report, the council approved an engineering agreement with Chamlin & Associates for the 2024 Motor Fuel Tax/Rebuild Illinois street program. Specific streets and alleys to be redone are yet to be determined.

The council also approved an engineering agreement with Chamlin & Associates for the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity downtown sidewalk grant program. The work will include the 700 block of Main Street to be conducted in 2025.

In other action from Fitzpatrick's report, the council announced bid letting for engineering services for the Safe Routes to School grant that was awarded to the city in May. Work will include replacement of sidewalks around Lincoln School.

Fitzpatrick presented two requests for

the council's consideration, both of which were approved.

Expressions Salon LLC was given permission to close off three parking spaces in front of its business at 709 Illinois Ave. to hold its annual free haircut event on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also, the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual drive to support persons with intellectual disabilities at the intersection of Main and Meriden streets on Friday, Sept. 20 and Saturday, Sept. 21.

OTHER ITEMS

Mayor David Boelk presented the annual appropriations ordinance, which was approved by the council, in the amount of \$16,605,412.95.

A representative from Surf Internet informed the council that construction issues that the company has been dealing with in Mendota should be resolved by the end of August.

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

Corn acres planted are down, soybean acres up in Illinois

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

BLOOMINGTON - A challenging planting season apparently didn't stop U.S. farmers from seeding a hefty amount of corn and soybeans, according to USDA's much-anticipated June acreage report released on June 28.

Despite wild weather fluctuations in recent months, USDA pegged planted acreage at 91.5 million acres of corn and 86.1 million acres of soybeans. The corn estimate is down 3% from last year



but more than a million acres above the average trade guess while the soybeans estimate is up 3% from a year ago.

In Illinois, USDA estimates farmers planted 10.9 million acres of corn this season, down 300,000 acres from last year, and 10.7 million acres of beans, up 350,000 from 2023.

"Planted acreage surprised the corn trade," Karl Setzer, market analyst with Consus Ag Consulting, told FarmWeek. "The big question is how much of those acres may or may not have been lost to flooding."

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Rolling with fellow veterans

❑ Mendota men travel east to visit military sites with VetsRoll.org

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA - When Bill Giberson applied, he didn't know if or when he would get to go when he put his name on the list in 2020.

When VetsRoll.org notified Giberson and son-in-law John Myers they were accepted and had a seat alongside other United States of America veterans on a Charter Bus leaving Beloit, Wis., to tour the Air Force Base Air Museum in Ohio, and the World War II Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., they quickly and excitedly packed their bags for the trip May 19-22.

"It was the longest bus ride I've ever been on. I had an excellent time. If they'd let me, I'd take the trip every year," Giberson said. "It meant a lot to me. I was surprised by what took place on the trip. They treated us like kings. We didn't want for nothing. It's well planned. You knew where you had to be and when you had to be there. It was like being in the service."

VetsRoll.org began in 2010 after an RV salesman had a discussion with family and friends about how more veterans need to see the memorials before it's too late.

After a few rides from Beloit to Washington, D.C. in RVs, the half-country roll began taking Charter Buses because of the number of veterans and staff aboard.

Giberson, who was de-



John Myers, left, and Bill Giberson were on a bus trip of a lifetime May 19-22 as part of VetsRoll.org's annual Charter Bus tour to war museums and memorials. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

played through the U.S. Army to Germany from 1962-65, and Myers were in one of 11 buses, 10 with people and one for equipment, transporting 220 veterans and 200 support passengers, which were all identified in color-coded polo shirts.

Veterans wore blue, medical staff wore orange, bus leaders were in red, and the veteran assistants such as Myers sported green.

"They take the bus trip so the veterans can talk to each other. They share stories and experiences, and they get to have their closure of the wars they were in. Especially, Vietnam veterans who didn't have any type of

homecoming at all because society at the time was anti-war and against the efforts in Vietnam," Myers said, who is a retired Mendota Police Department Sgt. and an Illinois National Guard veteran. "On our bus we had a guy from World War II. He actually went over to Normandy for the ceremonies they held there. We had guys from the Korean War. We had a Vietnam helicopter pilot who was shot down three times and survived them all."

"Once they started talking and sharing their stories, I was speechless with what

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Contestants practicing for SCF Queen Pageant

❑ Singer-guitarist Andrew Bloomquist to provide pre-pageant entertainment

MENDOTA - Fourteen young women are busily preparing for this year's Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant, which will be held on Friday, Aug. 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The pageant will take place on the First State Bank stage on Washington Street in downtown Mendota.

Queen Pageant practices continue for the 14 candidates, getting everything and everyone relaxed and ready for the big night. Getting used to what it will be like on stage, being comfortable with those hosting, and taking cues will help things go smoothly that evening.

Singer-guitarist Andrew Bloomquist will provide pre-pageant entertainment beginning at 6:45 p.m., and will return to the stage while the judges are deciding who will wear the crown for 2024.

Let's introduce three more contestants in this year's pageant.

Vanessa Gomez has been chosen to represent the Mendota Garden Club in

the 2024 pageant. She is the daughter of Claudia Lisbet Rico Gonzalez and Gerardo Gomez. She has brown hair and brown eyes and stands five feet, two inches tall.

A 2024 graduate of Mendota High School, Gomez was involved in tennis and was in the Key Club her freshman and sophomore year. She was a member of the Spanish Honor Society her junior year.

This summer you can find Gomez working at McDonald's taking orders and payments plus making you a delicious ice cream cone or an ice-cold beverage. Some of her hobbies include hiking, baking, journaling and traveling. She plans to travel to Mexico to visit her family.

In the fall, Gomez plans on attending IVCC to get an associate's degree in dental assisting then attend the dental hygienist program. She would like to then transfer to a university to continue her education.

She has learned to invest time in caring for herself

mentally and physically. She does like to challenge herself and wants to be more spontaneous. Gomez feels she is very attentive and loves helping other people out.

Kimberly Cedillo is being sponsored by the Mendota Museum & Historical Society in the queen pageant. She is the daughter of Omar Cedillo and Cristina Guzman. Standing five feet, three inches tall, she has brown hair and green eyes.

Cedillo is a 2024 graduate of Mendota High School. She was on the soccer team and did ACC for CAD.

This summer you will find her working at McDonald's taking orders, serving food and providing great customer service. She also likes to play volleyball and soccer with her friends. She loves to take dancing classes and going to the gym to better help herself. In her spare time, she likes to build things and help her dad remodel their house.

In the fall she plans on attending IVCC to get an associate's degree then pursue

an architectural degree.

A goal of Cedillo's is to design and build a new house for her parents and get her grandparents to move to the United States to be closer to them. She would like to help remodel and rebuild homes and buildings in Mendota to help build attractions in the town.

Nellie Kerchner has been selected to represent the Mendota Community Theatre in this year's event. She is the daughter of Destiny Kerchner and Jesus Rodriguez. She stands five feet, eight inches tall with brown eyes and brown hair.

Kerchner is a 2024 graduate of Mendota High school. She was a member of band, jazz band, Madrigals and choir. She was on the band leadership team, Three Rivers Area Conference choir, Three Rivers Area Conference band and Illinois Music Education Association District band. She was also

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Candidates for the title of 2024 Sweet Corn Festival Queen, left to right, are Vanessa Gomez, Nellie Kerchner and Kimberly Cedillo. (Photo contributed)



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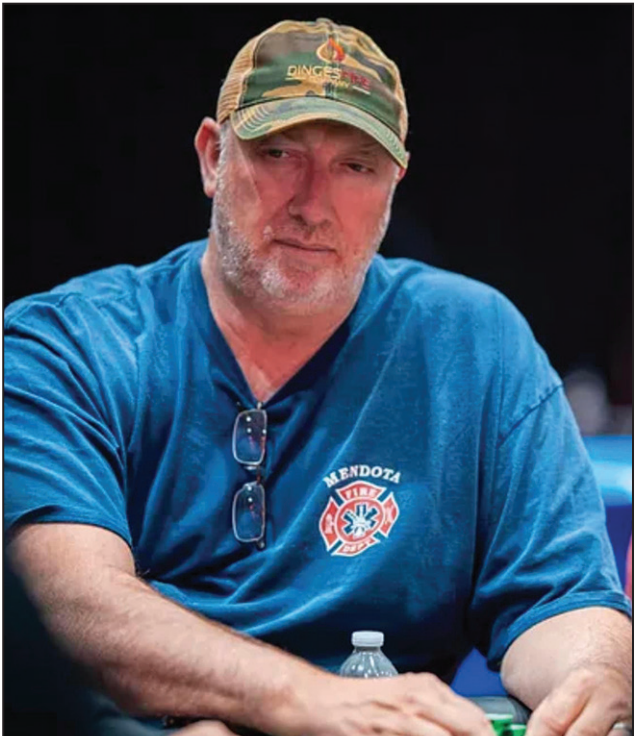
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LOCAL AND AREA



In the money

Mendota fireman, Lonny Eisenberg, wins \$60,000 at World Series of Poker in Las Vegas

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

LAS VEGAS – Lonny Eisenberg wasn't expecting his family to purchase him a seat at the 2024 World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. He didn't think he would make it past Day 1.

The bursting of the money bubble caused an explosion of emotion.

The Mendota fire fighter and Amboy native shook his head in disbelief when he lasted until Day 5, finishing in 221st place with \$60,000.

"I had a blast. I think these were the best five days of my life," Eisenberg said. «We have a poker league in Mendota. It starts in April and goes until the following March. The two top point leaders and the guy who wins the final tournament, we send to the World Series of Poker to represent our poker league. I got lucky and won our first tournament and I told my family about it. They wanted to know how it works and I explained it to them.

"My sister, Lori Dees, who owns a home health agency in northern Illinois, asked 'Why do you have to wait a whole year?' I told her, 'That's how you have to win your spot.' I think she talked to some of our other family members, and they surprised me by buying me a seat into the World Series of Poker.

"I was flabbergasted, I couldn't believe this was happening."

The seat cost Eisenberg's family \$10,000. Although he considered it sort of a birthday gift since they told him about the purchase around his birthday, May 8, he didn't want to let his family down or make them think they wasted \$10,000.

Instead, he played poker like a veteran

against some of the best players in the world.

Eisenberg flew to Las Vegas on July 4 and sat at his first table on Friday, July 5, but he hardly played a hand because of nerves.

After having Saturday, July 6 off, he was back at the tables on Sunday, July 7, which is when his WSOP run really started as his chip stack began to rise.

Monday, July 8 was another off day before he made it to Tuesday, July 9. Once he made it to Tuesday, there were no more days off.

"I couldn't believe I made it to Day 3. My chips stacks really took off on Tuesday. I got my chips up to \$1.9 million," Eisenberg said. "I stayed around there for a little while. On Wednesday, Day 4, we were waiting for the money bubble to burst. They have a number of people, which I think was 15 percent. Once there was only 15 percent of players left of the entire field, everyone remaining is in the money. They took the top 1,500 to be in the money, out of 10,000-plus players. It was exciting.

"My sister called me when the bubble burst. It was unbelievable. I was happy at that point. They could have sent me home and I would have felt accomplished. It just kept going. I made it through Wednesday and made Day 5, Thursday."

Then right before dinner break on Thursday, Eisenberg ran into some trouble.

The first unfavorable big hand.

"I had a huge hand; I had an ace and a king. I made a big raise," Eisenberg said. "This kid from Austria had about the same amount of chips I had called my raise. When they turned the flop, I flopped a straight. they call it "Broadway," 10 through ace. I made a

big bet, and the kid called me again. A seven came up and it didn't mean anything, at least I thought, to either one of us.

"I looked at the board and there were two clubs. I was thinking to myself, 'This kid is waiting for another club to come so he can get his flush.' Being the amateur I am, I shoved all my chips on the table in the middle to make him really think about the risk of him getting knocked out of the tournament for fishing after a club.

"That wasn't the case. He had pocket 10s and there was a 10 on the board to give him three 10s. He called my big bet. The next card was another seven. We turned our cards over and he had a full boat with 10s over sevens to knock out my straight. That loss took me from 2.1 million chips down to 300,000 chips."

If Eisenberg would have won the hand, he would have been the tournament leader because he would have had over five million chips when the current leader had 3.9 million.

The fire fighter got his stack back around the one million mark, but the pricey blinds caused him to hemorrhage roughly 100,000 in chips every time the blind made his way.

On his very last hand, he went all in with an ace and a jack. Another player called him with an ace and a king. Eisenberg received a jack on the flop, but a queen on the river gave his opponent a straight to eliminate Eisenberg.

"The support I got online and the ones filming the clips featuring me were fantastic. At one point, I got picked for a feature table," Eisenberg said. "The only reason it happened was because we had two well-known pros at the table. The table was live streamed, and people back home got to watch. That's really exciting.

"I heard my hometown bar, The Depot in Amboy, had it on the big screen and everyone was going crazy. My phone and my Facebook blew up for five days. it's been wonderful. The support I got from everyone back home was really overwhelming. It was awesome."

There were quite a few take aways and high points of his World Series of Poker trip.

Obviously, he won \$60,000, met some poker professionals he watched on TV over the years, and was celebrated in two towns he calls home, Amboy and Mendota.

He also took away why playing the game he loves in those towns was important to the success he had in Vegas.

"The one thing I learned about the whole process is poker really is nothing more than luck. a lot of these pros, so called pros, are no different than the guys I play with in the poker league downstairs in the Moose Lodge in Mendota," Eisenberg said. "They've won it once or twice and have enough money to keep coming back and trying it. They got some name recognition along the way by being toward the top of the leaderboard a few times. But the game itself is all luck.

"My dad, Larry Eisenberg, taught me how to play poker at an early age. I was probably six or seven years old. I remember my childhood best friends and I going to Jack's Gun Shop in Amboy and the old guys would let us play penny poker with them. The love for poker started there. I've always loved it.

"In rural America, there isn't a lot to do. Growing up as kids, someone would have a party and all of a sudden all of the quarters are coming out and everybody is playing poker."

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One of Randy & Judy Phillips’ last wishes

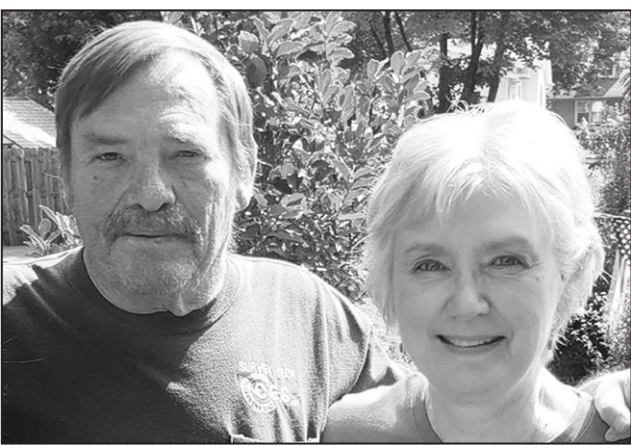
Former Hospice volunteers wanted to help rejuvenate program

Writer’s note: Randy Phillips and I spoke April 17 for this story. While waiting for information to finalize the story, Phillips passed away June 28. I received the rest of what I needed July 1. Although “Flip” is no longer with us, I feel he’d read this story from above, so I stuck with the article and the Phillips’ mission to recharge Hospice volunteer programs. Rest in peace to Randy and Judy Phillips.

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Randy Phillips is a storyteller. He can tell you how his mother, Eileen Biers, set him and Judy up on a blind date in 1992. They were married a year later and remained attached to everything the other did until Judy passed on March 29 at 68. Phillips, known around Mendota as “Flip”, can tell you stories about every family member he’s related to and every friend he’s ever had. He can also tell you about patients he met while volunteering for Hospice. “My very first patient was an elder lady who held a newspaper in front of her face. You never knew what she looked like, and she didn’t know what you looked like,” Phillips said. “Judy and I talked to her and talked to her and let her know we were

with Hospice and why we were there. “We went week after week. After some time, she finally started to pull down the newspaper. And then it was further down the next week. She could finally see us, and we could see her. We got to know her. Judy and I loved her, and she began to love us.” While Flip tells a story about digging drum sticks out of his basement, he tears and smiles at the same time. “A man in his 80s was rolling down the retirement home hallways in his wheelchair beating those drumsticks on everything. And, oh man, was he good,” Phillips said. “He used to be a drummer for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He was sad and depressed. We started talking about music and he said he could drum. “I knew I had some drumsticks at home I had from a friend of mine. I dug them up and gave them to him. He took off and drummed on everything. People were cheering him in the hallway. I felt like I was in church. He was glowing. I was glowing. He was happy.” Randy and Judy volunteered as a couple for the Illinois Valley Community Hospital, and later St. Margaret’s Health, from 2004 until COVID-19 in 2020. Not only did the Phillips’



16-years of volunteer service stop, but Hospice volunteer programs around the country stopped or diminished significantly. “There is a volunteer program in place through OSF HealthCare. Unfortunately, we only have one active volunteer,” said Colleen Hoelzer, the OSF Hospice manager of the region who has been with the hospital for the last 14 years. “Our agency, our Hospice Program, in the I-80 (Interstate 80) corridor of OSF has grown significantly in the last couple of years as far as the number of community members we are serving. With the closure of the hospitals in Peru and Spring Valley, we’ve really been pulled more into our local area of Peru, LaSalle, Mendota, Spring Valley, and Princeton. We’re starting to see more and more patients. “Many of them now have

a strong desire to be able to utilize volunteer services. Mostly it’s for their caregivers that are taking care of them, who need a little bit of time away. They need a break whether it be to do something for themselves or run a few errands. “That’s where these volunteers really become beneficial. They’re a respite for the caregivers to give them a chance to take time away from their caregiving responsibilities and do something for themselves.” Judy and Randy were intent on helping OSF rejuvenate the OSF Hospice Volunteer Program. They’ve been there, done that, and seen how it influenced all involved. “The hardest thing about being a volunteer is you have to put an invisible bubble up that you can’t go through because the person you’re

volunteering for is going to die,” said Flip, who proudly claims he was the only male volunteer in northern Illinois for most of his 16 years. “It will impact your life, but you have to move on and get through it. My wife believed that no one should ever have to die alone. I believe it with all my heart just like she did. She wanted to change it. She worked in the emergency room, the ICU and had 42 years of nursing experience. She seen a lot of people die alone. It ate her up inside. “If someone has six months left to live, I know it’s not easy, but that’s six months more of breathing, laughing, loving, living. A Hospice volunteer makes an impact by helping people enjoy the time they have left. That one-hour commitment can change a whole lot of people. “Hospice and the volunteers make the process of dying easy for everybody.” Before Judy passed away, she was on Hospice. Randy, who is currently battling health problems, is on Hospice. They’re searching for the next line of volunteers to be friends with those who all they need is a companion during their last days. All a volunteer needs to do to be part of the OSF Hospice Volunteer Program is spend one-hour a week with a patient, pass a background check, and

attend a training and orientation course, which is state required because volunteers will be in patient’s homes. “I think it’s very important for the caregivers of the patients and the patients,” Hoelzer said. “The volunteers can read to our patients, listen to music, play cards, sit and socialize, or pray with them if that’s what they desire. “It’s not hands-on caregiving. It’s the socialization with the patients and giving the caregivers a relief from caregiving needs. It’s very, very important. It really is. When there is a patient on Hospice services for a lengthy period of time and a volunteer visits them once a week, they become like a family member because they get the time to develop the report with the patients and the family. It can be very rewarding for a volunteer.” Hoelzer added volunteering can be both direct and/or indirect. Direct volunteering means spending one-on-one time with the patient, while indirect care can include going to the OSF office in Peru to help staff print admission books and assist with other clerical needs for the Hospice patients and the program. To become a volunteer, there is a giving and volunteering option on the Hospice page at OSFhealthcare.org or call 800-673-5288.

Mendota, IHDA holding training to improve neighborhoods

MENDOTA—The public is invited to help make Mendota neighborhoods better at a training 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 29th at the Mendota Civic Center, 1901 Tom Merwin Drive, Mendota. This process may result in increased affordable housing by helping communities to minimize barriers of access to housing development tools. This data could lead to future state and federal housing grants in Mendota. Residents of all ages are invited to attend the training about how to collect housing data. The event is hosted by the City of Mendota and Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA).

Possible outcomes from this work include more affordable housing, more home and apartment options for residents and identifying Mendota’s housing needs and goals. Sub sandwiches and refreshments will be available. Register to attend: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Mendotahousing> Learn more about the IHDA program by visiting <https://www.ihda.org/developers/market-research/community-revitalization/> For questions, email Mendota’s Grant Manager Ali Braboy at abraboy@mendotacity.com or call her at City Hall at 815-539-7459.

Barry Cloyd presents The American Songbag

MENDOTA – Barry Cloyd is returning to the Graves-Hume Public Library at 6 p.m. Friday, July 26 to perform songs during “The American Songbag: A Tour of American History through Folk Music.” Cloyd combines his original songs with traditional songs, well-known, and no so well-known covers. An Americana artist, Barry sticks a musical toe in all types of Folk/Roots music waters such as bluegrass and mountain music on a five-string banjo, the Delta Slid of Riverboat music on dobro, all manners of acoustic guitars (four-string, six-string, 12-string, high strung), altered tuned instruments, and mandolin.

In addition, Cloyd is a talented vocalist and prolific songwriter who has earned a living by touring, song writing and performing original education programs for the last 24 years. From Colonial times to the Great Depression, this medley of song and story can present either an overarching journey through time or a focus on a single period of American history, such as the Civil War, sod-busting pioneer days, the steamboat era, the westward migration, or many others. Please bring chairs or blankets to enjoy the music on Graves-Hume Public Library’s back lawn. Ice cream will be provided. Thank you to Mendota Nightengales for sponsoring.

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Del Bonnell

SUBLETTE – Del Bonnell returned home to Heaven on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the Phoenix VA in Arizona. Del was surrounded in his last hours by his daughters Nadene Larson and DeeAnn Smith, and his niece Janece Hanks.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette with Rev. Randy Froncek officiating. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. until the time of the service afterward on Saturday, Aug. 10. Burial of cremains with Military Honors will follow the Mass at St. Mary Cemetery in Sublette. A luncheon will follow at the church hall.

Del is survived by daughters, Nadene Larson and DeeAnn Smith; sisters, Jeanne Shanyfelt and St. Martinelle Bonnell; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan (Jones) Bonnell; grandsons, Matthew and Tyler Larson; brother, Bruce Bonnell; nephew, Martin Bonnell; niece, Kathy (Shanyfelt) Balik; and parents, V.O. and Nellie Bonnell.

Del worked in the family business with Bruce (V.O. Bonnell & Sons Inc.) until he retired.

He also served in the Army from 1954 to 1956.

Del loved playing golf and working part time at Shady Oaks Golf Course with many of his friends.

Bonnell spent summers between Illinois and Minnesota to stay cool. Then he spent his winters in Phoenix, Ariz., to keep warm.

In lieu of flowers, please send any donations to Sublette Fire Department in Del's memory. Sublette Fire Department, 201 N. Richmond, P.O. 136, Sublette, IL, 61367.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, IL. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Marlene J. Kent

MENDOTA – Marlene Jane Kent, 72, of Mendota, passed away peacefully in her home on July 6, 2024.

A Celebration of Life was held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday July 14, 2024, at The Cliff Event Center, 1105 E. Peru St., Princeton. Merritt Funeral Home Mendota assisted the family.

She was born Marlene Jane Skaggs on Nov. 2, 1951, in Pekin, the daughter of Ralph Skaggs and Elaine Schmutz.

She is survived by her husband, Ricky Kent of Mendota, her three sons, Jamey, Jason and Jeremy Shofner; two stepchildren, Teri Williams and Keith Kent; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marlene was passionate about fishing, hunting, and camping with her husband Rick throughout the Illinois area and abroad. She was a hard worker and enjoyed the simple things in life like watching crime shows, tending to her garden, and collecting angel figurines. She cherished her time with her dogs, friends and family.

Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



John J. Gehant

WEST BROOKLYN – John J. Gehant, 94, of West Brooklyn, passed away July 11, 2024, at Liberty Village in Rochelle.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, West Brooklyn, with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, West Brooklyn, with military honors by American Legion Post 657. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until time of Mass. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

John was born on Dec. 26, 1929, in West Brooklyn, where he proudly resided almost his entire life.

John is survived by his children, Lisa (Richard) Studebaker, Cynthia Gair, Jennifer (Adrian) Lyord, John (Mary Jo) Gehant, Jr., and Maria (James) McEachen and his stepson, Timothy (Lisa) Boone as well as 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, his parents, Albert and Hazel (Lally), and his siblings Robert, Eugene, Sylvan, Joan (Sister Yvonne), Edward and Roy.

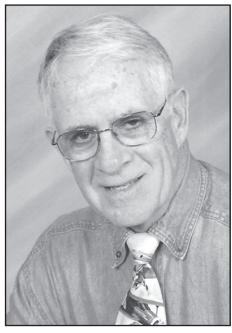
Growing up during the Great Depression, times were not easy, but John and his siblings enjoyed West Brooklyn during its golden years. There were households full of kids on every corner to play pick-up games of baseball, basketball and football. At the time, West Brooklyn was bustling, with a bank, a post office, a bowling alley, a cheese factory, a train station, a lumber yard, a grocery store, a grain elevator, two churches, a Catholic grade school, a three-year high school, two taverns, and various other businesses.

John spent over 40 years working at H.F. Gehant Banking Co., which was founded by his grandfather in 1897. It was truly a family business, where John worked alongside his father, uncles, brother, sister-in-law, wife, cousins, nieces, nephews and children through the years. The bank was one of only a handful of banks in Lee County to survive the Great Depression. John often recalled his dad telling him that he and his brothers worked at the bank without pay for nearly three years, during the leanest times. His family survived by milking their three cows, raising chickens and growing a garden that took up the majority of their backyard.

Besides his love of family, John truly loved West Brooklyn. He had a strong sense of duty, and he thought it was important to serve the community, where he served over 50 years on the Village Board, and over 30 years on the West Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Dept. Serving their country was important to John's family. John's dad served in the Army during World War I, and three of his brothers served during World II. After graduating from Mendota High School, John enlisted in the Air Force and Edward enlisted in the Army. During the Korean War, John served as a radio operator on an amphibious SA-16.

John's other involvement included time on the Lee County Merit Commission, the West Brooklyn Community Club and memberships in the American Legion (69 years), the Mendota Elks (Life member), St. Mary's Church and the Experimental Aircraft Association (Life Member). If he wasn't attending a meeting for one of the various organizations, John's other passions were deer hunting, flying his Piper J-3 Cub, or watching Cubs and Bears games. Always on the ready with a story of his many adventures, John never met a stranger, and he will be missed by many.

Memorials can be made to American Legion Post 657 or the West Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Vernon E. Setchell Jr.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – Vernon Eugene Setchell Jr., 82, affectionately known as Vern, passed away June 7, 2024, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

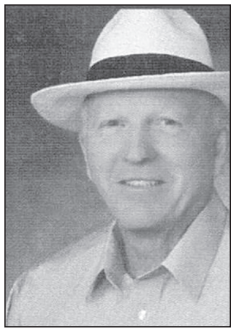
He was born on May 12, 1942, in Mendota, to Vernon Setchell and Dorothy Spitz.

Vern is survived by his loving partner, Paula Indriso; his children, Linda and Brent; four grandchildren; two stepsons; his sister, Sandy Boettcher; and many friends and extended family members who will miss his stories and adventurous spirit.

Growing up on a farm instilled in Vern a strong work ethic and a love for the outdoors. After graduating high school in Chetek, Wis., he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, spending three years in Germany where he developed his love for travel. He traveled to all 50 states and five continents, a journey he shared with his cherished partner, Paula. Together they created countless memories, exploring the diverse landscapes and cultures that make up the fabric of our world.

After retiring, Vern channeled his experiences into writing. Under the pen name of Sam Black, he authored seven books that captivated and inspired readers with wisdom he gained along the way. In addition to his travels and writing, Vern also dedicated his time to volunteering at the Palladium Theater.

He was a beloved partner, father, stepfather, grandfather and friend, leaving behind a legacy of love, service and exploration.



Mickey Lamkin

TROY GROVE – Mickey "Slink" Lamkin, 69, of Troy Grove, passed away unexpectedly on July 14, 2024, in OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Peru.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 17 from 4-7 p.m. with services immediately following, all at Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota.

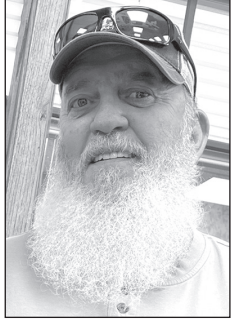
Mick was born Sept. 5, 1954, in Spring Valley, to Alton and Doris (Haywood) Lamkin. He graduated from LaMoille High School in 1972. Mickey married Rebecca Gehant on Oct. 23, 1993, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, West Brooklyn.

Mickey will be forever missed by his wife, Becky; son, Tom (Victoria) Lamkin and their daughter Olive Josephine; two daughters, Heather and Trina Witek; three grandsons, Greyson, Chase and Deegan; brother, Ricki Lamkin; and four sisters, Nora (Mark) Geuther, Jolyn Whitfield, Joan (Frank) Bartkus, and Adel Thompson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Tommy, Robert and William; and four sisters, Joyce Kohr, Carol Anderson, Janet Weber and Sue Allen.

Slink had a long career as a Union Boilermaker for Local #60.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



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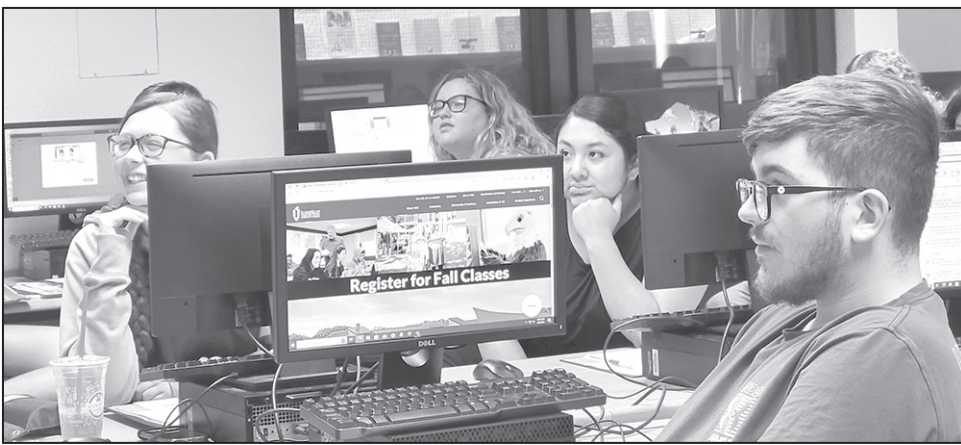
IVCC's 'Get Set' program starts July 29

OGLESBY—Enrollment is underway now for an Illinois Valley Community College program that delivers a short burst of college knowledge to new or returning students before fall classes start.

The Get Set college readiness program begins July 29. The course is open to newly minted high school grads or adults turning or returning to college, and it's free to participants.

Students practice test-taking, note-taking and time management strategies, make sense of textbooks, class formats, and college environment, and learn how to develop good habits and harness diverse learning styles to succeed academically and socially. Students also get logged in and practice campus technology platforms -- Brightspace teaching/learning hub and ECampus textbook hub-- before most of their peers do.

The weeklong Get Set fall session runs July 29 to Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In-person attendance



Get Set helps take the guesswork out of college for students who might be nervous about taking this important next step. Graduates feel ready and confident to start the semester. The program's support continues after the classroom segment when students are assigned mentors for the semester. (Photo contributed)

is required at all five class sessions. The class will meet on Friday, Aug. 2, though the college is not in session that day. Further information and a sign-up form are available at ivcc.edu/readyssetgo.

Coordinator Tina Hardy said the program helps students feel ready and confident to start the semester when they might find college socially and academically overwhelming. Some

students don't realize that expectations are different in college. For perhaps the first time, they're expected to be independent learners, manage their time, and initiate and complete tasks. Technology and support networks are different, and they must discover new resources, she said.

In all, 57 students from throughout the district have participated since the program began. Once the

classroom portion ends, they're assigned to mentors who guide and encourage them for the rest of the semester. Some of those mentors are Get Set graduates. Creating relationships and connections is key to boosting students' confidence and encouraging involvement on campus, Hardy said.

Contact Hardy at tina_hardy@ivcc.edu for more information on the program.

Get out your favorite sweet corn recipes

MENDOTA – It is time to get out your favorite sweet corn recipes.

The very popular Sweet Corn Festival Food Contest, sponsored by Nightengales Thrift Shop of Mendota, will take place Saturday, Aug. 10 of Sweet Corn Festival weekend.

The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for some creative cooks to serve up special dishes using sweet corn as the main ingredient.

Chairpersons of the Food Contest, Audrey Becker-Moreno and Kathy Barnard, have begun preparations for this special event.

"There will be a Grand Prize winner chosen by the judges," announced Becker. "Prizes will also be awarded for Queen's Choice, Grand Marshal's

Choice, Most Creative and Best Presentation.

Criteria for entering is as follows:

- Contestants must prepare the food ahead of time.
- All categories are open to all types of food dishes, as long as the main ingredient is sweet corn.
- Multiple entries from one contestant will be accepted, but only one award per contestant.
- All entries must be taken to the Mendota Elks Lodge, 707 Indiana Ave. Mendota. They can be dropped off between 1:15 and 1:45 p.m. Judging starts promptly at 2 p.m.
- All entries must bring a recipe card for the judges.
- There are no entry fees to participate

in the SCF Food Contest.

• Times may vary due to the number of participants.

The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$250 in Mendota Gift Certificates, which can be used for services or merchandise in over 50 Mendota businesses. The other awards will be \$50 Mendota Gift Certificates.

Applications for the SCF Food Contest are available at the Mendota Chamber Office, and at www.sweetcornfest.com website or by calling (815) 539-6507.

Nightengales Thrift Shop of Mendota and the Mendota Chamber ask all creative cooks to come forward and prepare some fantastic dishes for this year's event.

Planting

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Prevent plant acres are not accounted for in the June acreage estimates. Setzer and fellow analyst Joe Camp, of CommStock Investments, feel the numbers could be revised in subsequent reports.

"It (the unexpectedly high corn acreage estimate) goes in the face of what we think about how the planting season went," Camp told the RFD Radio Network. "It's a reminder, though, of in past years these acreage numbers really are moving from here and potentially coming down."

USDA also released its quarterly stocks report recently with some bearish undertones. That report pegged stocks at 4.9 billion bushels of corn, 970 million bushels of bean and 702 million bushels of wheat. All three estimates were up considerably from last year and above trade expectations.

Camp also sees recent weather extremes as a key player in the market moving forward.

"There is a real back-and-forth between the speculators trying to push the market lower and the fundamentals wanting to maybe say let's wait and see," Camp added. "You have a weather story that speculators may see as bearish, because of rains moving across the eastern Corn Belt after a hot dry spell, ignoring if you will what's going on in the western Corn Belt with all of that flooding and the lost acreage."

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

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on the math team, Athletics, academic challenge and scholastic bowl.

This summer she plans on dedicating time toward increasing her musical and artistic skills. She enjoys playing music, singing, art, sewing, baking, hiking, swimming and hanging out with family and friends.

In the fall Kerchner will be attending Mount Mercy University to get a bachelor's degree in music while studying music education. After school she would like to become a high school band director and a marching arts tech.

Vets

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they were saying. The guys were saying that they had never told anyone some of the stories they were telling in the buses. That's what VetsRoll.org is all about. If they haven't been able to share, this is the opportunity for closure, to vent, and release stories they've been holding on to for decades."

The bus trip is completely free for the veterans.

Medical staff and assistants pay their way so there are more funds to take more veterans.

Myers had no problem paying for an experience he will never forget.

"It was unbelievable. The reception the veterans received everywhere they went was crazy. When we returned to Beloit, there was literally thousands of people lining the streets," Myers said. "They had three firework displays going on. They treated the veterans like gold. They ran it like a clock. The logistics of the meals and the schedule was precise."

"You hear how the younger generation is disrespectful and doesn't care about our past. It amazed me how kids were toward the veterans. Everywhere we went, kids were lined up and thanked the veterans as they went by. All ages and every person."

"We went into the World War II Memorial. There had to be hundreds of kids who were on school field trips. Every one of them lined up and paid respects to the veterans going in. It was amazing to see."

Giberson would have always remembered the trip.

But having his son-in-law with him made it more comfortable and enjoyable.

Plus, they have the experience to share together.

"Having John with me made a big difference," Giberson said. "When we first talked about going, somehow, I got the idea John wasn't going to be able to be with me because we know each other, and they want you to mingle with the other veterans. It didn't turn out that way."

"We both had a great time. I'm very grateful I had the opportunity to take the trip."

VetsRoll.org is the official website, which explains the trip and has applications for the future journeys.

There is a QR Code on the website for donations through Venmo.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Mendotans on UW-Milwaukee Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has named its Dean's List students for the Spring 2024 semester.

Students achieving the honor are Aaron Brandner of Mendota, an engineering and computer science undergraduate, and Emma Guelde of Mendota, an education undergraduate.

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 22,900 undergraduate and graduate students.

Earlville student on Millikin U. Dean's List

DECATUR – Quinn Perez of Earlville has made the Dean's List for Spring 2024 at Millikin University.

Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

Millikin University is a private, comprehensive university with a diverse student population of approximately 1,900 undergraduate and graduate students.

LaMoille student earns college degree

GENEVA, N.Y. – Elaina J. Wamhoff of La Moille received a B.A. degree in Computer Science Summa Cum Laude during the 2024 Commencement Ceremonies of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y., on May 19. Wamhoff is the child of Matthew Wamhoff and Jennifer Wenzel-Wamhoff.

Peace Corps Director Carol Spahn delivered the Commencement Address. She told the Class of 2024 that building connections can be some of the most important parts of people's lives. "My call to all of you Statesmen and Herons of the Class of 2024 is to fiercely nourish and seek out connection," said Spahn. "Do not stay in your bubble or pod; I am talking about the kinds of deeply personal, curious, human connections made across difference that have the potential to alter the course of human history following a period of deep uncertainty and isolation."

Area students on Aurora U. Dean's List

AURORA – Aurora University has named its Dean's List students for the spring 2024 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher.

Among the students achieving the honor are Samuel Dixon

(Criminal Justice) and Jamie Truitt (Psychology), both of Earlville; Madison Eads (Elementary Education) of Leland; Camryn Collins (Social Work and Criminal Justice), Alayna Nosalik (Marketing and Communication) and Leslie Rivera (Human-Animal Studies), all of Mendota.

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution located on a 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois. The university serves approximately 4,100 undergraduate students across more than 60 academic programs.

Rothfusz named to St. Olaf Dean's List

NORTHFIELD, Minn. – St. Olaf College has named its Dean's List students for the Spring 2024 semester. Achieving the honor was Anna Rothfusz, a biology major from Mendota.

The Dean's List is a scholarly award for students who demonstrate academic excellence, have earned a GPA of 3.75 or above, and completed at least three credits for that semester.

Located on 300 acres in Northfield, Minn., St. Olaf College is a residential liberal arts institution with an enrollment of more than 3,000 students offering over 85 undergraduate majors, concentrations, and pre-professional tracks.

M. Hoelzer graduates from UW-Platteville

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 700 undergraduate students for the spring of 2024.

Among the graduates is Madeline Hoelzer of Mendota, Professional Studies.

Area students on Augustana Dean's List

ROCK ISLAND – Augustana College announced more than 1,100 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2023-2024 spring semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Among the students achieving the honor are Alexis Finley, a Biochemistry major, of Mendota, and Diego Vazquez, a Biology major, of Earlville.

Augustana College is a vibrant, welcoming liberal arts college located on a 115-acre campus in the Quad Cities (pop. 400,000) along the Mississippi River. Augustana, a residential campus, has 100 majors and programs, 160 student organizations and 28 varsity athletic teams.

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SOCIAL/TRI-COUNTY NEWS



M. Hitchins to celebrate 98th birthday on July 30

PERU – Myrtle Hitchins of Peru, formerly of rural Mendota and Bloomington, will be celebrating her 98th birthday on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Myrtle Harriett Setchell was born July 30, 1926, in Mendota to her parents, Clifford and Ethel Setchell.

Myrtle married Joseph Wayne Hitchins of Mendota on April 2, 1949. They raised four children, Nancy Luke of Hoopeston; Stanley (Leslie) Hitchins of Bloomington; Joseph (Debbie) Hitchins of Eureka; and Gary (Cathy) Hitchins of Peru. She has 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Please share a birthday wish with Myrtle while her family is celebrating her 98th birthday in 2024.

Her mailing address is Myrtle Hitchins, Manor Court #105, 3230 Becker Drive, Peru, IL 61354.

Paw Paw to install solar speed sign on Chicago Road

PAW PAW – The Paw Paw Village Board met in regular session on July 10.

Concerned citizens brought up the issue of cars speeding as they come into town from the east on Chicago Road. The Village plans on installing a solar powered radar speed sign that will display the speed of the oncoming cars. Opinions were also voiced of the fact that many drivers are not coming to a complete stop at the village

stop signs.

Board meeting minutes are available upon request from the village clerk, after they have been approved at the following month's meeting.

The replacement of sidewalks around town is continuing, as time and weather permits. Residents are welcome to have the work done by their own contractor; upon receipt of a paid invoice, the Village will reimburse them at the rate of \$2.50 per square foot. For details, contact

the Village Clerk, at 815-627-2351 (please note new phone number).

Residents are reminded that they will be fined for derelict vehicles. Vehicles visible from the street must have a current license tag, and be moved every seven days.

New gutters, downspouts and snow guards will be installed on the Community Building and the Village maintenance building at 180 Wheeler St. ABC Roofing has been approved for the job.

Eighty-five percent of Paw Paw households have chosen to use MC Squared with the Village electric aggregation. The contract will run from August 2024-August 2026.

The Second Annual Paw Paw Community Poker Run will be held Saturday, July 27 from noon-2:30 p.m. Modes of transportation may include bicycle, stroller, rascal, feet, motor bike, tricycle, motorcycle, golf cart, lawn mower.

Surf Internet interested in Sublette

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

SUBLETTE – Northern Illinois has seen a new company within internet providers in the last four years – Surf Internet.

At the July 8 Village of Sublette City Council meeting, Jennifer Alvarez, Surf's regional market manager, presented what the fiber optic broadband internet company offers.

She answered questions from Sublette President John Stenzel and other members of the council in terms of what construction Surf would need to do, how far the fiber signal reaches, how long the price points last, the equipment Surf customers would use, speed rates of the internet, and more.

At the end of the presentation, Stenzel asked Alvarez to send him more information about the company and its services. There wasn't an exact date for a meeting or a return visit to put Surf Internet on an upcoming meeting agenda, but it seemed promising Surf Internet and Sublette will speak again to potentially offer Sublette residents another internet provider option.

Economic development coordinator Don Dinges spoke of the events in

Sublette that either already happened or are scheduled.

The truck show in June didn't bring in a big crowd, but they're hoping next year will expand as some of the attendees from Waterman, Compton, and Earlville loved the show and vowed to bring more people with them next June.

The farmer's market returns to Sublette on Tuesday, July 30. It will run from 4-7 p.m. on Main Street.

September 7-8 will be the annual events, Hops & Harmony and Pullin' in the Park at the Ellice Dinges Center and Centennial Park. Hops & Harmony offers beer tasting and features country music band Diamond Rio.

Also inked in the Sublette calendar is the Sublette Country Car Show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 alongside U.S. Route 52.

Dinges also made the council aware of signs being made for Emma Dinges, a 2024 Amboy High School graduate, who was voted in as the Illinois FFA secretary for the next fiscal year.

Also discussed at the meeting, on June 24 a camera was run through the tile under U.S. 52 to see the status of the foundation. The televising went

approximately 300 feet. After the Sublette board viewed the footage, it was unanimously decided it wasn't in the best shape and repairing may move up the priority list.

One of the two LED speed signs Sublette received via federal grant money is installed and the second one was planned to be implemented the week of July 15.

Stenzel addressed the state of the generator at the Ellice Dinges Center, which was purchased in 2001, and said he received a quote for \$200 to insure it.

Fire hydrants were replaced on East Virginia Street and North Wyoming Street on July 8. The damaged hydrants affected 11 homes in the village.

Concrete work was done outside of the Ellice Dinges Center and on sidewalks on Main Street. Stenzel said the repairs look "pretty good" and the board agreed.

Chris Leffelman, the chair of the park board, is purchasing two benches for Centennial Park. The village has agreed to buy the benches and the park board will reimburse. There will be one bench added to the east side of the park and one to the west side of the park.

Public invited to LaSalle Co. Democrats' Annual BBQ

OTTAWA – The La Salle County Democrats are hosting their annual BBQ from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Buffalo Rock State Park, 1300 N. 27th Road, Ottawa.

The public is invited to purchase tickets and attend. Event includes burgers, hot dogs, a cake walk, 50/50, kids' games and raffle baskets.

Proceeds to benefit Democratic candidates in La Salle County.

The picnic will include the following speakers: Illinois State Representative for District 76 Lance Yednock; President of the Illinois AFL-CIO Tim Drea; and 2024 La Salle County Candidates.

Tickets cost \$20/person and \$40/family.

Become a gold-level sponsor by donating \$1,000 (includes up to 40 tickets);

Become a silver-level sponsor by donating \$500 (includes up to 20 tickets);

Become a bronze-level sponsor by donating \$250 (includes up to 10 tickets);

Purchase tickets online or become a sponsor by visiting secure.act-blue.com/donate/2024-lcdannualbbq

Tickets can also be reserved by calling (773) 575-2337 and paid for at the event.

Rep. Fritts hosting school supply drive

DIXON – State Representative Brad Fritts (R-Dixon) announced that he will be hosting his second annual school supply drive for local students in need. The drive will be running from July 17 through July 31.

"Right now, families across Illinois are struggling to afford basic necessities like school supplies due to the increasing cost of living," said Rep. Fritts. "This is why I am hosting my second annual school supply drive for kids in need. Let's come together as a community to help our students succeed!"

All supplies can be dropped off at one of the following participating locations:

- Amboy Food and Liquor – 242 E. Main St., Amboy
- County Financial – 351 Chicago Road, Paw Paw
- Franklin Grove Public Library – 112 S. Elm St., Franklin Grove
- Mendota Chamber of Commerce – 800 Washington St., Mendota

For more information about the School Supply Drive, including a list of requested supplies, visit RepFritts.com.

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- Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

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POLICE BLOTTER

LEAVING SCENE OF CRASH

Garrett W. Carver, 37, of 401 Second St., Mendota, was charged with leaving the scene of a property damage crash at 7 a.m. July 11. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTECTION

Rigoberto DeLaCruz, 44, of 809 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with violation of an order of protection at 3:05 p.m. July 11. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

DUI

Fredy M. Balderas, 23, of 916 Main St., Apt. B, Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop at Wisconsin Avenue and Jefferson Street at 10:49 p.m. July 11. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Jill K. Johnson, 39, of 701 Meadowview Drive, Apt. 302, Mendota, was arrested at 10:17 p.m. July 12 on a LaSalle County failure to appear warrant for driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Monroe Street and 14th Avenue. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Ethan A. Brown, 28, of 1811 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 1, Mendota, was charged with criminal damage to property at 12:55 p.m. July 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Public Nuisance Ordinance

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

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

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

Burn Pit hours

MENDOTA – Incinerator (burn pit) hours for the city of Mendota are as follows:

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

Fortune Phrase winner lands Sullivan's gift card

MENDOTA – This year's Mendota Reporter Fortune Phrase game got off to a great start as nearly everyone that turned in an entry got the phrase right. After placing all of the correct entries into a box, the one submitted by Mitch Landgraf of Mendota was drawn out. He won a \$25 gift card to Sullivan's Foods in Mendota.

The correct phrase was: Guess The Phrase And A Great Prize May Be Coming Your Way.

The words were hidden in the following ads: Guess – ARS Auto Repair; The – Davis

Family Health; Phrase – El Zarape Mexican Restaurant; And – Mendota Chamber of Commerce (50/50 raffle); A – Mendota Farmers Market; Great – Prime Solutions; Prize – T2 Enterprises/Tony Troyer; May – Falcon's Landscape and Lawncare; Be – Sullivan's Foods; Coming – El Torito Mexican Grill; Your – Mendota Chamber of Commerce (Sweet Corn Festival); Way – The Mendota Reporter (garage sales).

Check out this week's Money Saver and Reporter for Week 2 of the Fortune Phrase game.

Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance

- The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the City of Mendota so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.
- Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers

are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

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SPORTS



Sign-up deadline near for Sweet Corn Festival 3-on-3 hoop tourney

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.sweetcornfestival.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.

Free boating safety course set for July 20 in Ottawa

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

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

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

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

Mendota all-stars thriving in Paris

Local squad mowing down opponents in state tournament

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

PARIS – The 8-9-10 Mendota baseball team is making some noise in the Illinois Little League State Tournament in Paris.

After claiming the District 20, the local champs advanced to the state tournament over the weekend where they defeated Rochelle 3-2 and Huntley 9-0 on Saturday, July 13 and beat Beardstown 7-5 in 10 innings on Sunday.

“This group of kids is amazing,” said Mendota manager Clay Coss of the team, which recorded nine straight victories with the win over Beardstown. “They are the most unique and focused group of kids I’ve ever coached. All 12 kids contribute to the team and all they want to do is win baseball games. It’s 12 kids with one heartbeat.”

With a 3-0 mark at state, Mendota received a No. 3 seeding for the single-game elimination Elite Eight bracket, featuring eight of



The Mendota 8-9-10 baseball team kicked off the Illinois Little League State Tournament with a 3-0 record. Mendota received a No. 3 seed entering Elite Eight, single-game elimination bracket play on Monday, July 15. Assistant managers Sean Fox, left, and Brad Piller, second from left, along with Manager Clay Coss, far right, are ecstatic about the team’s efforts and can’t wait to see what the rest of the tournament brings. (Photo contributed)

the 14 state qualifying teams, taking place at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 15 against No. 6 River Forrest.

If Mendota is successful, it will play a semifinal at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, followed by the championship

at 7:30 p.m. Assisting Coss with the team are coaches Sean Fox and Brad Piller.

IDNR gives schedule for waterfowl blind site drawings

SPRINGFIELD – Waterfowl hunters should mark their calendars for upcoming waterfowl blind drawings at several public hunting areas in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will host traditional blind drawings at various sites for this year. Participants are advised to follow any site-specific drawing procedures.

Waterfowl hunters must register in person for blind site drawings and must be present at the drawing held at each location designated below immediately after the registration period to claim their blind sites. Mail-in or pre-registrations are not accepted. Blind allocations for these sites are good for one year.

To participate in a drawing, all applicants must present a 2023 or 2024 regular Illinois hunting license; a 2023 or 2024 Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp at the time they register, unless exempted by law; and valid photo identification. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by the date of the drawing. No apprentice licenses and no youth licenses will be accepted unless the youth license holder also presents hunter safety certification.

Applicants needing to purchase licenses and stamps should do so prior to the drawing. Most blind drawing locations will not have license sales available. Licenses and stamps are available at any IDNR license and permit

vendor or through the IDNR website.

Registrants are no longer required to possess a valid Illinois Firearm Owner’s Identification (FOID) card from the Illinois State Police to participate in blind drawings. Also, to be an eligible applicant for the drawing, participants must not have their hunting privileges suspended or revoked by IDNR or any other jurisdiction at the time of the drawing. Out-of-state residents must have an annual 2023 or 2024 non-resident hunting license for Illinois and a 2023 or 2024 Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp. Five-day licenses will not be accepted.

Individuals with a disability precluding them from hunting from a waterfowl blind may be accommodated through the issuance of a Standing Vehicle Permit from IDNR. Go online for a Standing Vehicle Permit application.

The schedule for 2024 blind drawings follows:

- Saturday, July 27**
(Blinds allocated for one year)
- Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area, DeKalb County: Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the park office. Directions: Go 2½ miles south of Shabbona on Shabbona Road, turn east on Shabbona Grove Road and go ½ mile. Office is on left side of the road.
 - Sinnissippi Lake, Whiteside County: Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

Harry Oppold Marina, on Stouffer Road on the east edge of Sterling.

- Sunday, July 28**
(Blinds allocated for one year)
- Lake DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area, Bureau County: Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Park, ¾ mile west of DePue on Illinois 29.
 - Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area, including the Sparland Unit, Marshall County: Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the area check station, five miles south of Lacon on Illinois 26.
 - Starved Rock State Park, LaSalle County: Registration 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Buffalo Rock State Park (large picnic shelter area). Three miles west of Ottawa on Dee Bennett Road.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson
Q: Whatever happened to actress Shawnee Smith from the Ted Danson show “Becker?” Is she still acting?
-- M.M.
A: Yes, Shawnee Smith is still active in show business. She played the memorable ditzy office aide Linda on the sitcom “Becker” until 2004, but is known to horror fans for her role in the “Saw” movies. She also played Charlie Sheen’s ex-wife in the series “Anger Management.” Next up for Smith are two more projects that fall within the horror genre: “Slay” and “Psychopomp.”

Q: I saw a headline that Billie Eilish’s mom was once on “Friends.” Who did she play?
-- S.I.

A: Nine-time Grammy-Award-winning recording artist Billie Eilish grew up homeschooled with her aspiring actor parents and her future musical collaborator brother, Finneas. Her mom, Maggie Baird, and dad, Patrick O’Connell, both struggled as actors but made their kids their top priority. Baird performed and also taught improv comedy to future stars like Melissa

McCarthy. Eilish calls her dad “the best actor I’ve ever seen” and says that her mom “can do all these voices and characters.”

Despite their talent, Baird and O’Connell mostly guest-starred on various primetime series and movies. O’Connell played a reporter in Marvel’s “Iron Man” and a bartender on “The West Wing,” while Baird played a casting director to an auditioning Joey Tribbiani (Matt LeBlanc) in an episode of “Friends,” titled “The One Where Joey Loses His Insurance.” She’s also appeared on “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” “Bones,” and “Six Feet Under.”

Eilish still lived with her parents in their two-bedroom home in Los Angeles up until 2023. She actually bought a \$2.3-million home when she was 17, but didn’t officially move into it until she was 21.

The proud parents attended the Academy Awards ceremony this past year to see their kids not only perform and receive a standing ovation, but also win an Oscar for their song “What Was I Made For?” from the movie “Barbie.”

Q: When is the final

season of “Stranger Things” coming out? Also, how will they explain the actors being so much older since the last time they filmed? Is it set in the future?
-- L.J.

A: As far as a premiere date for the fifth and final season of the hit streaming series “Stranger Things,” it’s said to be out on Netflix sometime in 2025. The good news is that the show has been in production since January after it was delayed an extra seven months due to the writers’ and actors’ strikes.

Ross Duffer, one of the show’s creators, told TVLine that there will be a time jump in the story. In addition, the episodes will be lengthy, like “basically eight movies,” according to Maya Hawke, who plays Robin in the show. “Terminator” star Linda Hamilton has also joined the cast in an undisclosed role.

Producer Shawn Levy acknowledges the fast-growing cast, but says that along with the hair and makeup teams, “the ‘80s are also our friends in returning these young adult actors to their iconic Hawkins characters.”

• Trivia Test •

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in the sitcom “Parks and Recreation?”
2. GEOGRAPHY: The Earth’s equator runs through how many countries?
3. MOVIES: Who plays the character Morpheus in “The Matrix?”
4. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek hero was dipped in the River Styx as a baby and made almost invulnerable?
5. EXPLORERS: Which English explorer claimed Australia for Great Britain?
6. HISTORY: Which two Native American leaders fought Gen. George Custer’s troops at the Battle of Little Bighorn?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the two traditional flowers associated with the July birth month?
8. LITERATURE: Which poem begins with the line, “Once

- upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary?”
9. ANATOMY: Where is the smallest skeletal muscle in the human body located?
 10. INVENTIONS: What medication, originally used to treat eye muscle spasms, later became a success in reducing facial wrinkles?
- Answers
1. Pawnee, Indiana.
 2. 13.
 3. Laurence Fishburne.
 4. Achilles.
 5. James Cook.
 6. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.
 7. Larkspur and water lily.
 8. “The Raven” by Edgar Allan Poe.
 9. Middle ear -- the stapedius.
 10. Botox.
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29 Plunks (down)
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37 Water tester
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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo
HOLLYWOOD -- Eddie Murphy must be preparing an Olympic-style comeback. He started shooting “Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F” in August 2022 and wrapped in December 2022. In June 2024, he began voicing Donkey in the fifth “Shrek” film, along with Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz and Antonio Banderas, who are all reprising their roles in the franchise.

In April, Murphy shot “The Pickup” with Pete Davidson, Keke Palmer, Andrew Dice Clay and Eva Longoria for Amazon MGM Studios, and he’s currently working on an album, titled “9.” Where does he find the time to deal with his 10 children, spanning from ages 6 to 34?

As promised back in April, Oscar winner Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan have started shooting “Freaky Friday 2,” with Chad Michael Murray and Mark Harmon reprising their roles from their earlier film. In 1971, long before “NCIS,” I met Mark when he had one line in Chad Everett’s TV series “Medical Center.” Talk on set was that his fa-

ther was the all-American, Heisman-Trophy-winning football player Tom Harmon, and because he was great-looking, he couldn’t miss. They were right!

What does it say about today’s movies that the top-five-grossing films so far this year have been the animated feature “Inside Out 2” (\$1.2 billion); the sci-fi film “Dune: Part Two” (\$711.8 million); “Godzilla x King” (\$569.7 million); “Kung Fu Panda 4” (\$545.5 million); and “Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes” (\$394.7 million)? It says that it’s tough to be an actor or be able to see movies of beauty, romance and substance!

This may be why Scarlett Johansson was Black Widow in “Iron Man 2” (2010), “The Avengers” franchise, “Captain Marvel,” and her own film “Black Widow.” She’s been in other films such as “The Horse Whisperer” (1998), “My Brother the Pig” (1999), “Ghost World” (2001), “Eight Legged

Freaks” (2002) and “The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie” (2004). But now Johansson really wants to join the “Jurassic Park” franchise in the worst way.

“I’m such an enormous fan of the franchise,” she admitted. “It’s one of the first films I remember seeing in a movie theater. It was life-changing. ... I’ve been trying to get into this franchise in any possible way for over 10 years. ... I’ll do anything for it.” Her prayers have been answered, and she’ll headline the upcoming seventh film with Jonathan Bailey and Mahershala Ali, due on July 2025.

Filmmaker Robert Eggers (“The Lighthouse”) has already picked out our Christmas present! He’s giving us “Nosferatu,” a gothic tale of obsession between Lily-Rose Depp and a vampire (Bill Skarsgard) who is infatuated with her, causing untold horror in its wake. Sounds like a merry time for all of us! How did the Hallmark Channel miss this one?
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Couch Theater

“The Bikeriders” (R) -- After this film was delayed by the writers’ and actors’ strikers, then some wishy-washiness with its original distributor, it finally released this past June and is now available to rent on streaming platforms. Jodie Comer stars as (“Killing Eve”) Kathy Bauer, a regular woman in 1960s Chicago who happens upon the Vandals Motorcycle Club at a bar. Kathy becomes immediately entranced with one of the club members, Benny (Austin Butler), and marries him a whopping five weeks later. Through Benny, Kathy gets to know the club and its members intimately, learning what it takes to become a Vandal and the rewards and consequences that come with it. In a sort of documentary style, viewers get to watch in flashback form as Kathy recounts tales about its members one by one to photographer Danny Lyon (Mike Faist). This film is full of comedy, romance, action, pure grit, and top-notch performances. What more could

you ask for? (VUDU)
“Lady in the Lake” (TV-MA) -- Natalie Portman is back in another achingly beautiful role for this thriller miniseries premiering July 19. She plays Maddie Schwartz, a housewife in 1960s Baltimore, who reaches her breaking point with the role she plays in her home. Deciding to reinvent her life as an investigative journalist to the dismay of her husband, Milton (Brett Gelman), Maddie starts digging into two murders that occurred in the city, which included an 11-year-old named Tessie Fine and a bartender named Cleo Sherwood (Moses Ingram). As she gets closer to unraveling their mysteries, especially Cleo’s, Maddie faces immense pressure from all ends to tell Cleo’s story in a manner that recognizes Cleo’s efforts in Baltimore’s Black progressive agenda. Look out for more episodes of this limited series every Friday. (Apple TV+)
“Reunion” (R) -- The cast is quite an interesting bunch in this comedy-mystery film

out now! Starring Lil Rel Howery (“Get Out”), Billy Magnussen (“Game Night”), Jillian Bell (“The Night Before”), Nina Dobrev (“The Out-Laws”), and Chace Crawford (“Gossip Girl”), this film follows a handful of alumni from Ridgeview High School during their 20-year reunion. Hosted by Matthew (Crawford), a popular student turned wealthy hedge fund manager, the reunion kicks off and leaves a good few too drunk to leave the party. They elect to stay at Matthew’s house but are horrified to find Matthew’s dead body in the morning. Realizing the killer has to be one of them, the group turns into amateur detectives to figure out who became a cold-blooded murderer in the still of the night. However, once they find out that they all have motives due to their terrible high school experiences with Matthew, it makes finding the killer more difficult than they thought. (Amazon Prime Video)
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* Groups of geese on the ground are called a gaggle, but in the air they’re referred to as a skein.

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The world can't give it to you

People search for happiness in a lot of places. They look to things like relationships, money, vacations, houses, clothes, and even open doors of opportunity. Yet, while these things can bring a degree of excitement for a period of time, happiness is based on what is happening “in the moment.”

I was a Christian for several years before I understood that enjoying true peace, joy and fulfillment is the most important thing in life. It's something that goes

far beyond happiness to a deeper joy, regardless of our circumstances. And no matter what we own, where we go, or what we do, only one thing can give us this true satisfaction—God.

Simply put, without God, we will never truly be able to have everyday joy.

Psalm 27:4 has become one of the foundational scriptures of my life. It says, “One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, and [insistently] require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His

presence] all the days of my life, to behold and gaze upon the beauty [the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the Lord and to meditate, consider, and inquire in His temple.”

Seek is a strong word. It means “to crave, pursue, and go after something with all of your might.” Many people want a greater relationship with God—and they want to have the immense joy and fulfillment that comes with it—but they don't crave and pursue Him or lay aside other things in order to have it.”

I love Psalm 16:11. It says, “You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

The Lord desires for us to live with His joy—to be permanently, consistently satisfied. This all comes from spending quality time with God...from reading and studying His Word, talking to Him in prayer, or simply sitting quietly in His presence.

The truth is everything we need to live a joyful, successful life is waiting for us in His presence. Because of the sexual abuse I suffered as a child, I was forced to grow up quickly and worry about things a child should never have



to worry about. As a result, I never had the chance to be a kid—to enjoy life care-free and simply have fun. As far back as I could remember, I was always tremendously serious and intense.

Maybe you can relate. Maybe life has thrown you some curves and left you joy-less. Or maybe you are so caught up in the hurry and worry of everyday life that you've forgotten how to simply stop, have fun, and enjoy yourself. If so, I want you to look at Matthew 11:28. Jesus says, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls].”

Jesus offers us rest and relief. It's the rest we need to live in the world and deal with stressful situations without letting them upset us, ruin our health or steal our joy. It's a

supernatural rest we can only find through a personal relationship with Him—it's not something we can find in the world.

What is our part? We simply need to go to Him! Jesus never promised us we'd have a trouble-free life, but He said we can live above our circumstances. With His grace, wisdom, peace and strength, we can deal with stress and trouble and maintain a good attitude. His rest is a rest we can have in our souls—our mind, will and emotions.

Having this rest is like giving your soul a vacation. It means that no matter what's going on, you don't have to worry about it and try to figure everything out. It's a wonderful place to be, because when your soul is at rest in Christ, your emotions are stable and you have peace and joy.

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TO: Jeremiah Turner, Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that on the 10th day of June, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Monae Washington, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 210 at Ottawa on the 4th day of September, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child.

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TO: Jeremy Seroka, Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that on the 20th day of May, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Paisley Anastasia Seroka, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 210 at Ottawa on the 4th day of September, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority

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TO: Haleigh Handzus, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:

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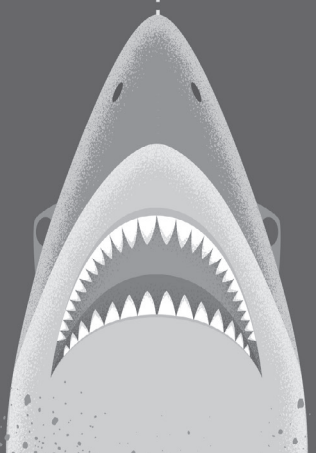
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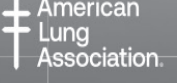
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