

Helping at harvest

□ Earlville farm community comes together for the Sampsons

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

EARLVILLE – In August, Gloria Sampson’s world flipped upside down. Her husband Tom Sampson lost his battle with cancer and she was left to figure out how their over 200-acres of farmland would be harvested.

To the amazement of her and her son Cole, 25, neighbors and the local farming community banded together to help the Sampson family as 25 people and eight combines harvested approximately 165 acres of soybeans on Oct. 10.

“The community helped us out. It’s a wonderful group of people. They’re the best neighbors and the best friends,” said Gloria, who was married to Tom for 27 years, and the family has lived in the farm house for the last six after Tom’s parents left it to him. “They took it upon themselves to go out to the fields and do it themselves, so we didn’t have to worry about it. I can’t thank them enough.

“It means the world to us. When you lose half of yourself, you don’t know how to take care of everything. All of the neighbors have stopped by to say, ‘If you need anything, just give us a call.’ So many people have stopped by and brought us



After her husband, Tom Sampson, passed away in August, Gloria Sampson wasn’t quite sure how harvest was going to be completed on the family’s 200-plus acres of land in Earlville. R.E. Larkin chose Oct. 10 for the community to harvest the Sampson soybeans after he was contacted by many neighbors. (Photo contributed)

food during this time.

“They were just an enormous comfort and support. People are still coming by to help us prepare for winter. If there is anything we need – snow plowing, help with the animals, hay – we’ve been told to give them a call. Everyone has been a tremendous support system for us.”

The people who came to the Sampson farm to volunteer their hearts and farm hands were: Tim Cantlin, Mark Govednik, John Kennedy drove Steve Pillion’s

truck, Jim Lane, Jake Lane, Kyle Lane, Landon Larkin, Grant Lewis, Bob Lonie, Steve McConville drove Jim Brady’s truck, Dick McConville, Joe McConville, Marty McConville, Jim McLachlan, Don McLachlan, Paul McLachlan, Michael McLachlan, Glenn Mendell, Bob Merriman, Steve Nashold, Jim Nurnberg, Rosie Rosales drove Roger Jameson’s truck, Drew Tordal, Steve Tordal, Jay Vollmer and R.E. Larkin.

“I’ve been friends with Tom basically my entire

lifetime. We went to school together. He was three years ahead of me in school and we were friends the whole way through school,” said Larkin, who has been farming since 1978. “As farmers, we helped each other once in a while if one of us needed it.

“He was sick two years ago and a bunch of the neighbors got together and we harvested his fields. When he passed, I didn’t really do anything. They came to me and asked, ‘When are we getting together to help them?’ I said, ‘I’ll figure out a day and we’ll do it.’ I made a few phone calls, chose the day, and we went and did it. That’s just the way the farm community is. Everyone is ready to step up. And they did.

“How the community comes together when they’re down and out, or stressed is amazing. I know there were things on social media giving me all of the praise, but it’s the other 25 people that made everything work. I just had to be the weather man and pick a day.”

The group will reconvene to assist the Sampsons once again during the last week or two of October or at the beginning of November for corn harvest.

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Social Security announces 8.7% benefit increase

□ Average hike will be over \$140 month

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 8.7 percent in 2023, the Social Security Administration announced Oct. 13. On average, Social Security benefits will increase by more than \$140 per month starting in January.

The 8.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 65 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2023. Increased payments to more than 7 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 30, 2022. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“Medicare premiums are going down and Social Security benefits are going up in 2023, which will give seniors more peace of mind and breathing room. This year’s substantial Social Security cost-of-living adjustment is the first time in over a decade that Medicare premiums are not rising and shows that we can provide more support to older Americans who count on the benefits they have earned,” Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi said.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on



that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$160,200 from \$147,000.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. The fastest way to find out their new benefit amount is to access their personal my Social Security account to view the COLA notice online. It’s secure, easy, and people find out before the mail arrives. People can also opt to receive a text or email alert when there is a new message from Social Security – such as their COLA notice – waiting for them, rather than receiving a letter in the mail. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2023 is available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, their new higher 2023 benefit amount will be available in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security’s Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.ssa.gov/cola.

New firefighter/paramedic joins Mendota Fire Dept.

By **KIP CHEEK**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council met the newest member of the Mendota Fire Department at its Oct. 17 regular council meeting.

Jennifer Coppes was sworn in by Dave McNally of the Mendota Police & Fire Commission as a full-time firefighter/paramedic. Coppes, 35, of Earlville, has been a member of the Earlville Fire Department for 15 years. She is also a member of the MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 25 Technical Rescue Team. Her hiring brings the fire department up to its full staffing level.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Jay Miller presented a request from Galaxy Restaurant LLC to obtain a Class G liquor license and a video gaming license. The request was approved by the council. The restaurant is located in the 700 block of Main Street.

Also, Miller said the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission has



Dave McNally of the Mendota Police & Fire Commission administers the oath of office to Jennifer Coppes, a new firefighter/paramedic with the Mendota Fire Department. (Reporter photo)

requested that residents display green light bulbs outside their homes from Nov. 7-13 to honor veterans. Veterans Day is Friday, Nov. 11.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick reported that the Mendota

Area Chamber of Commerce has requested to close parts of Indiana and Illinois avenues beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 through 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 for “A Mendota Christmas” event.

The council agreed to the request.

The city’s leaf vacuum program will begin on

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Mendota Chamber dinner/award night scheduled for November 4

MENDOTA – The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & Award Night is set for Friday, Nov. 4 at the Mendota Civic Center. Hors d’oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and awards at 7 p.m.

This year’s theme is “Cheers to 75 Years of Corn.” Attendees are asked to wear their favorite vintage Sweet Corn Festival shirt.

Awards to be given are the Tom Merwin Gold Star Employee, the Beautification Award, the Horace Hume Outstanding Service Award and the Sweet Corn Festival Volunteer of the Year.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 815-539-6507.



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LEASE preschool screenings set Oct. 28 at Methodist church

MENDOTA – L.E.A.S.E. will be holding free preschool screenings for Mendota District #289 at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota, on Friday, Oct. 28. You may make an appointment by calling Jean at 815-433-6433. The screenings are for children who are 3 or 4 years old. L.E.A.S.E. will screen key developmental areas such as motor development, speech, language, vision, hearing and general readiness. It is asked that only one parent/caregiver bring the child.



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SPOOKY FUN AT GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY

MENDOTA—Join us if you dare for a Halloween Party at Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota. All ages are invited to attend on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

There will be spooky fun for the whole family, including story time, games, crafts, and prizes. Costumes are encouraged.

Those planning to attend are asked to register by visiting the library or calling 815-538-5142.



National Bison Day celebration at LaSalle Public Library Nov. 1

LaSALLE—Christina Henderson, Prairie Supervisor at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in Wilmington, will be virtually presenting a program for the LaSalle Public Library to celebrate National Bison Day, on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m.

There was once so much prairie in Illinois that it became known as “The Prairie State.” Now, less than one-tenth of one percent remains. At Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, located at the site of the Joliet Arsenal, volunteers, partners, and employees are working with over 275 species of native Illinois prairie plants to increase and improve this natural habitat for pollinators and other

important species. As part of the restoration project, a small herd of bison was introduced in 2015. Ms. Henderson will discuss how bison are helping to restore the prairie, and where the best locations are to see them at Midewin.

National Bison Day honors the ecological and cultural contributions of the United States National Mammal. It is celebrated on the first Saturday in November. This program is free, open to the public, and will be presented via Zoom. Registration is required. Register – <https://bit.ly/3MIC2vX>. For more information, please contact the LaSalle Public Library at 815-223-2341.

MHS Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for Oct. 24-25

MENDOTA – Mendota High School will be holding its Fall Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences on Monday, Oct. 24 and Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 4-7 p.m. each day.

The purpose of Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences is to improve upon home-school connection. MHS offers on-line information through Parent Connect concerning grades, attendance and discipline. However, there is no electronic communication that can replace the effectiveness of a face-to-face meeting.

MHS is looking forward to the opportunity to meet with parents to discuss their student’s performance. Parents should go to the gymnasium foyer to pick up their student’s report cards.

Faculty and administration will be available

in the gymnasium to discuss students’ academic progress. MHS uses an open house format and encourages you to stop by the high school anytime between the designated hours. Parents are encouraged to bring their student with them to conference.

There will be free FAFSA-filing assistance available to all seniors and senior families, in English and Spanish, both nights of conferences, from 4-6:30 p.m. on a walk-in basis. FAFSA assistance will be in the Media Center. The student and the parent(s) with whom the student lives should be there together to apply. The student should bring their Chromebook, and the family should bring all of the tax and financial information needed to complete the FAFSA.

All senior students were given a packet with detailed information about that and further information about filing the FAFSA.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, Regional Office of Education #35 will help host a Parent/Caregiver Night to parents. Join Mendota High School and the ROE #35 for a night focused on what parents & caregivers need to know. Learn about the signs & symptoms of mental health issues and how to help young people navigate stress. The cafeteria will be filled with over a dozen agency tables from 5:30-7 p.m. The parent/adult presentation will be from 6-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, with additional time available for questions.

For more information, contact the Principal’s Office at 815-539-7446.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

At Blackstone School, we have a kindness program and our motto is “Kindness Begins With Me.” We are constantly talking to our students about being kind kids. That means being kind to their friends, to their teachers and also to their families. At the end of every month, each classroom teacher will pick one student who has gone above and

beyond to show kindness to others. All of our September winners were just announced. Congratulations to Joe Clark, Parker Krager, Noah Garcia, Jonas Landeros, Merakim Riniker, Antonio Vergara, Aisaiah Arteaga, Raegan Evans, Valeria Gomez, Ellie Sester, Olivia Mathieu and Kale Smith.



As part of our kindness program, we are reaching

out to do kind deeds for others in our community. Mrs. Klein’s first grade students recently recognized the Mendota Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week for all they do for our community. The students made the fire department a book and they made a treat basket that got dropped off at the station. Thank you MFD for all of your hard work. We appreciate you!



Our students and staff completed a safety drill this past week. We held a Run, Hide, Fight drill where we talked about school safety and how we are prepared to keep our students and staff safe. Thank you to the Mendota Police Department for their assistance with this drill. Our students and staff did a phenomenal job!



The students nominated

for the principal award this past week included Cian Sheppard, Addyson Fahr, Kipp Stewart, Abby Ocampo, Renata Falcon, Ellie Sester, Lauren Wujek and Liam Benenhaley. The winners were Abram Fenwick, Emiliano Valdez, Ed Kofoid and Aubrianna Muro. Congratulations to all of you!



Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up

for District #289. Conferences will be held on Monday, Oct. 24 and Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 3:30-7 p.m. If parents have not signed up for a conference time yet, please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Our goal is to meet with 100% of our parents. This is a great opportunity to discuss each child’s academic and social progress thus far in the school year.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Gary K. Anderson

LaMOILLE — Gary K. Anderson, 81, of LaMoille, passed away on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. Tom Babler officiating. Burial will be private at Union Cemetery, LaMoille at a later date. Visitation was held Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022 from 4-7 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Gary was born on Feb. 13, 1941, in Hickory Hill Township, Ill., to Russell and Edna (Thomason) Anderson.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 60 years, Dixie (Swanlund) Anderson; two sisters, Mary Erbes and Phyllis Hitchins, both of Mendota; son Kevin Anderson and his wife Tina of LaMoille; daughter Renee Kozeal and her husband Bill of Van Orin; five grandchildren, Ian Anderson, Garrett Anderson, Katie Anderson, Griffin Kozeal and Max Kozeal; and several nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Edna Anderson, sister Wilma Richards, and brothers Robert Anderson, Morris Anderson, and Donald Anderson.

He graduated from LaMoille High School in 1959. Gary and his wife, Dixie (Swanlund) built their life together on a family farm north of LaMoille. He served as the Clarion Township Supervisor for several years and then as Clarion Township Road Commissioner for several more. He also served on the Union Cemetery Board and was a long-time member of the LaMoille Lions Club. Over the years, Gary enjoyed golfing, camping, family trips, the Green Bay Packers, and most recently, following son Kevin's local band, Greenfield Station.

Memorials may be directed to LaMoille Lions Club or Union Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Betty Shoemaker Harris

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Betty Shoemaker Harris passed away in Lexington Ky.

There will be a family-only service only.

She was born to Ralph and Ruth Shoemaker in Mendota.

Betty is survived by five children and a multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Arthur, husband Jerry and son Steven.



OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute receives national recognition

PEORIA — OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute has been named one of the top health systems in the U.S. for providing top quality care to heart patients in 2022. OSF received this recognition from the American College of Cardiology (ACC) in the "Best Hospitals" issue of U.S. News & World Report, and is one of only 89 health systems nationwide to be included.

The U.S. News & World Report issue recognizes OSF's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart patients. OSF has consistently reached aggressive goals outlined by the ACC, including patient care and quality improvement metrics and benchmarks.

"OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular In-

stitute has a long-standing commitment to excellent care for heart patients. We are honored to be recognized nationally for the care our specialists and care teams give our patients every day," said Christopher Sparrow, M.D., an OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute heart failure specialist.

"As an ACC quality programs participant, the OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute has established itself as a leader in setting the national standard for improving quality of care in patients with cardiovascular disease," said ACC president Edward Fry, M.D., FACC. "OSF has demonstrated a commitment to providing reliable, comprehensive treatment for heart patients based on current clinical guideline recommenda-

tions and standardized National Clinical Data Registry (NCDR) benchmarking. The ACC is proud to include OSF as one of the Best Hospitals of 2022."

ACC Accreditation Services provides hospitals with practical resources and support to minimize gaps in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Facilities achieving an ACC accreditation are committed to establishing a method for sustainable quality improvement.

"I am proud of every single OSF Mission Partner who made this happen, consistently putting in the hard work it takes to be among the best heart care experts," said Darrel Gumm, M.D., vice president of OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute.

State continues effort to adjust COVID-19 requirements

CHICAGO — As part of an ongoing effort to carefully roll back Illinois's COVID-19 executive orders, Governor JB Pritzker updated masking and testing requirements for healthcare facilities and long-term care centers. These new guidelines, which went into effect Oct. 17, are in line with updated Center for Disease Control recommendations. Federal requirements remain in effect for those facilities.

"Thanks to the tremendous efforts of our health care workers and residents, Illinois has done better at keeping our people safe with vaccines, boosters, and masking, which puts us in a position to continue to scale back health care requirements in line with the CDC," said Pritzker. "COVID-19 is on its way to becoming endemic, like the flu, but it still poses a real threat to our immunocompromised and disabled communities. Here in Illinois, we look out for one another—it's what defines us as Illinoisans. Let us continue to live up to those ideals by masking up and

testing when we have symptoms and getting COVID-19 booster shots—as I recently did—so that we can protect our neighbors."

"As we continue to learn how to live with COVID-19, it is important for the State of Illinois to adapt our policies to better align with federal guidelines," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "The Department continues to monitor COVID-19 closely. And we are working with our health care and long-term care partners to promote staying up-to-date with vaccinations, make treatments available, and protect our health care workforce. The updated Executive Order demonstrates our state's ability to effectively combat COVID-19 with the many advanced tools at our disposal that can both prevent and treat this disease. I continue to encourage of all our residents, but especially those most at-risk of severe outcomes, to take advantage of the vaccinations and treatments available to protect themselves and their families."

The updated executive order removes the weekly testing requirements for unvaccinated healthcare and LTC workers. The order will also trigger an update of IDPH policy on face coverings. Face coverings are no longer required in all healthcare facilities but are still recommended in healthcare facilities in areas of high community transmission, consistent with CDC guidance. Finally, the amended order removes the state-issued vaccine mandate for LTC and healthcare employees, consistent with the CDC's guidance.

Although the vaccine mandate has been removed on the state level, a federal rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requiring vaccination for workers at Medicare/Medicaid-certified facilities remains in effect. The state's amended executive order does not impact that requirement and many Illinois healthcare and LTC sites will continue to have a COVID-19 vaccine man-

date under this federal rule. As always, employers are encouraged to put appropriate testing, vaccination, and masking regulations in place if they so choose.

The amended executive order does not impact vaccination and testing requirements for state employees at state-owned congregate facilities.

The CDC, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Governor Pritzker continue to stress the importance of vaccination, including regular booster shots for those eligible. The state will also continue to enforce federal requirements in Medicaid/Medicare certified facilities in the state. Vaccines continue to be the strongest protection against COVID-19 for all ages. Healthcare and LTC workers are all strongly encouraged to stay up to date on vaccines and boosters to prevent serious illness and even death. Information on finding vaccines and booster shots can be found at www.vaccines.gov.

DEATH NOTICES

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

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Workshop planned Nov. 15th in Utica regarding healthy houseplants, succulents

UTICA — The University of Illinois Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Master Gardener program will be offering a workshop on Healthy Houseplants and Succulents at the Utica Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 5 p.m. Participants will learn about the proper selection care, propagation and maintenance of a variety of houseplants and succulents as well as how they enhance our environment and promote healthy well-being.


Plan to attend this workshop and learn new tips and tricks on how to care for some of the easiest and most difficult plants. Take home a baby succulent made from renewable materials. Please contact the Utica Public Library, located at 224 Mill St., Utica, at (815) 667-4509 to ensure your space and materials. There is no cost to attend.

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Currently, the corn is too wet to harvest, but without a doubt, the Sampsons will have another day with helping hands on their farmland. After the corn harvest, Gloria and Cole will invite everyone to their home for a thank you gathering to show them how much their help truly means.

The Sampsons are going to keep memories of Tom's hard work and his pride of the family farm close to them as they're remaining on the land.

Gloria has absolutely no intention of leaving.

"I'm going to be staying at the farm because in addition to the farming, we also raise alpacas, which was more my end of the business. I take care of them," Gloria said. "Between my sister-in-law, Sheila Sampson, and I, we will more than likely cash rent the farm land."

"It's a good source of income and we want to make sure the land is used, kept up, and it stays in good condition. That's the best thing for us at this point."

Firefighter

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Monday, Oct. 24. Leaves are picked up by ward – Monday for the First Ward, Tuesday for the Second Ward, Wednesday for the Third Ward and Thursday for the Fourth Ward. Friday is used as a catch-up day for city workers. Residents are asked to place their leaves at the curb, not in the street, and the leaves must not contain sticks, twigs or tree branches.

Halloween trick-or-treat time in Mendota will be Monday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. Residents interested in handing out candy should put their porch light on.

City clerk Emily McConville announced that a public meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the City Council Chambers, 607 Eighth Ave., to discuss an EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant proposal. The city is applying for the grant for activities associated with remediation of the former Campbell and Orozco sites, located at 805 and 807 Illinois Ave., Mendota. Starting Nov. 7, a draft proposal and the draft analysis of Brownfield Cleanup and Alternatives for the sites will be available for public review with the city clerk at the Mendota City Building, 800 Washington St. The draft documents will also be available for public review on the city's website, www.mendota.il.us.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

IVCC offering students incentives to register early

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College is incentivizing students to register early for the spring semester that begins Jan. 9, board members learned Oct. 13.

Incentives include:

- \$100 gift card for the bookstore, food service or local vendors for students who pay tuition (or make payment arrangements) by Dec. 15;
- Students registering for at least 15 hours will have tuition waived for any additional hours; and
- HEERF reimbursement checks will be mailed around Nov. 15.

"Releasing HEERF in mid-November will allow students to use that money for spring enrollment," said Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski. (The amount a student receives in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds will depend on several factors.)

"In a time of fierce competition for students, we are rewarding those who have chosen IVCC and urging them to recommit well before spring classes begin," Grzybowski said.

As of Oct. 12, fall enrollment was up 4.2 percent in credit hours and 3.3 percent in head count.

In other business, trustee learned a recent five-year agreement with LaSalle Power Station will result in nearly \$1.2 million in new revenue for the college.

The influx is the result of LaSalle Station's equalized assessed valuation increasing 15 percent over the five years, said IVCC Vice President for Business Services and Finance Matt Seaton.

IVCC, one of 11 taxing districts in the agreement, will receive an additional \$235,549 each year. LaSalle Station is owned by Constellation Generation Company, formerly Exelon.

In other business, trustees approved:

- Protection, Health and Safety (PHS) projects including campus-wide lighting upgrades for \$676,698; 16 parking lot cameras for \$362,462; and Medical Assisting lab upgrades for \$183,650. Improvements include more LED lighting across campus, security cameras in lot areas not previously covered and moving Medical Assisting into the area formerly occupied by Dental Assisting.

- Deferred maintenance projects for 2023 include resealing and recoating lots 7 and 8 and removal of lot 3 for \$1.17 million; replacement of all parking lot lights for \$520,000; and removal and replacement of the salt shed south of campus for \$250,000.

- IVCC President Jerry Corcoran will begin preparing the 2022 tax levy for presentation Nov. 10 and approval Dec. 8.

- College calendars for fall 2023 through summer 2025.

- High-deductible health savings account (HSA) contributions for full-time employees. In January, IVCC will contribute \$2,500 for individual coverage and \$5,000 for "employee plus one" and family coverage.

- Hiring Lyndsey Beetz as interim dental hygiene instructor effective Oct. 17. Pending Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approval, dental hygiene will admit students next fall and begin second-year hygiene courses in fall 2024.

- The proposal of McCoy and Sons LLC to complete phase 1 of the farm tiling project for \$100,000 or less.

- Student Retention Alert consultation and implementation by Ellucian for \$29,456.

- Textbook and online course material management by eCampus.com Higher Ed for a minimum of five years at no cost to the college.

- Reimbursement of \$310 to trustee Jane Goetz for attending the Sept. 9-10 ICCTA meeting.

- Elimination of the 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. custodial shift, a move formalized through an MOU with the Service Employees International Union Local 138. The new third shift from 3 to 11:30 p.m. begins Monday, Oct. 24. "This will improve efficiency and make more employees available during 'occupied' hours of operation," Seaton said.

- Promotion of Gerilynn Schultz to facilities supervisor effective Sunday, Oct. 23. She was formerly facilities administrative assistant. Her new role will support custodial shift changes and increase supervisor visibility.

- Closed session minutes from Sept. 8.

Trustees learned:

- State Sen. Win Stoller (R-Peoria) toured campus Sept. 28. "It was a great opportunity for Sen. Stoller to get to know us and the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the college," Corcoran said in his report.

- Seventy-three Ottawa High School seniors recently visited the college. "This was the first time we arranged for bussing students to campus for a half-day of activities," Corcoran said.

- More than 70 people attended the Sept. 23 Crop Research Field Day. The ag department partnered with University of Illinois Extension on the event. Corcoran noted that ag has grown from two courses in 2016 to 21 today.

- The college learned recently it would receive \$3.5 million in U.S. Department of Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding to construct a new agriculture education facility. The grant will cover 80 percent of the cost of an ag classroom and lab building south of campus. Corcoran credited Seaton and special assistant to the president Reed Wilson for helping secure the grant.

- The IVCC Foundation will award \$420,000 in scholarships to 266 students in 2022-23. In a campus update, Executive Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley said the scholarship reception in September drew a record 441 recipients, donors and parents.

- Trustees were introduced to the college's new "Brand Identity & Graphic Guidelines" including core colors and fonts, logos and other college marks by Samantha Manahan, administrative assistant in Community Relations.

- Student athletic catastrophic insurance renewal through Gerber Life Insurance Company for \$3,250.

- Danielle Jackson has been hired as administrative assistant for the Division of Natural Sciences and Business, Tina Lowande as Assessment Center specialist and Hunter Elias as staff accountant.

- Network/computer systems specialist Ryan Schenck resigned Oct. 7.

IVCC plans career expo for area high schoolers

OGLESBY – Up to 250 district high school students are expected to participate in the Discover Manufacturing Career Expo at Illinois Valley Community College Tuesday, Oct. 25.

IVCC is partnering on the event with North Central Regional Betterment Coalition, Starved Rock Associates Vocational & Technical Education and several local sponsors and supporters.

The Manufacturing Expo invites all area high school students to explore endless possibilities in manufacturing.

"Manufacturing is a diverse and exciting industry with opportunities for students on many career paths including science, engineering, mechanics, finance, sales, communications and beyond," said IVCC Director of Continuing Education and Business Services Jennifer Scheri.

Students visit local manufacturers in the morning for a tour and presentations showcasing functions of each business. Sites include Black Brothers Co., Canam Steel Corporation, Carus LLC, Ep-silyte, HCC, Inc.; Machinery Maintenance, Inc.; On Site Repair Services, Inc.; Valley Fabrication, Inc.; SABIC; and Vactor Manufacturing.

"We are thrilled to re-launch the Expo and IVCC is proud to provide a direct connection between students and local manufacturers," said Scheri. "This year is especially exciting because it marks our first post-pandemic expo."

After the tour, students will travel to IVCC for lunch and a keynote address by Peruvian native and IVCC alum Brian Krzyaniak, Vice-President of Strategic Development at Oertel Metal in Davenport.

The afternoon also includes breakout sessions

led by IVCC faculty and company representatives focusing on various career tracks such as technology, business, manufacturing, and maintenance.

The Expo coincides with state and national manufacturing events. The first Friday in October is national Manufacturing Day. Illinois celebrates Manufacturing Month in October with events like Career Expo.

Manufacturing supports \$580 billion of Illinois' economic output, the largest share of its economy, according to the Illinois Manufacturers Association. In La Salle County, more than 11,000 manufacturing jobs generate over \$3.8 billion.

Students interested in attending the Expo should register through their high school guidance counselor. For Expo information, contact Scheri at (815) 224-0390.



IVCC welding program coordinator Tony Sondgeroth, right, assists a student operating a virtual welder at the 2019 Discover Manufacturing Career Expo. (Photo contributed)

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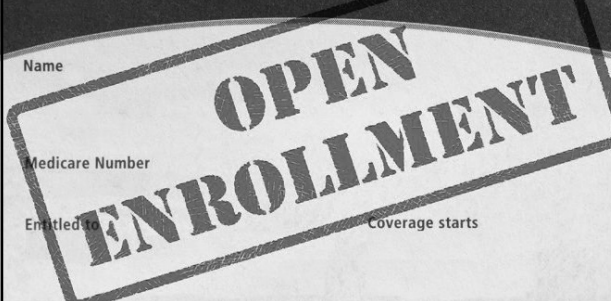
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Men can wear pink

By Scott Reeder
“Boys don’t cry.”

That was the oft repeated refrain my father said to my brother and me growing up. If one of us fell and skinned our knees, it was, “Knock it off, boys don’t cry.”

It didn’t matter if we were 4 or 5. Crying was a sign of weakness and of questionable masculinity.

When I was 8, our dog Princess died on Christmas Day after licking up some pesticide stored in a shed. It was a stiff upper lip for me. No crying was allowed. Dad was watching.

The rules for manhood were well defined for him. When our pastor showed up for a church cookout wearing a pair of pink golf trousers, we heard about it all the way home: “It’s inappropriate for a man to dress that way.”

Neither my brother nor I wore pink growing up. Ever. A strange thing happened as my dad aged...he learned to cry. The first time I saw it, it was disconcerting like witnessing a dam break or feeling the earth shift off its axis.

It was just strange. The tears raced down his cheeks. My brother was ill and he couldn’t do anything to save him.

“Incurable” was a word that didn’t compute with my father. He was a fixer, a magician with his hands. Whether it was getting a seized auger to rotate, repairing a malfunctioning fuel pump or getting a downed cow with milk fever to stand: He fixed the situation.

But when my brother Danny was afflicted with a rare and incurable liver disease, tears flowed. Didn’t he remember what he taught us? Boys don’t cry.

Despite the tears, Danny died at age 48.

When I moved into adulthood, I occasionally would wear a pink dress shirt with a teal tie. I didn’t feel emasculated.

But in Las Vegas, my editor, Mike O’Callaghan, a one-legged Marine, Korean War veteran and former governor of Nevada would loudly condemn any man wearing pink in his presence.

I was unaware of this until I showed up for work one day wearing one of my favorite dress shirts. His voice roared across the newsroom, “Hey, Reeder. What are you doing wearing pink?” Some sort of homophobic comment followed.

The other men in the newsroom whispered, “Never wear pink around Mike.”

Was it something about that generation? I don’t know. But he grew up half a continent away from my father and they had the same ideas.

Not long after I returned to Illinois, my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Dad became the caregiver for his partner of 59 years.

I remember him gripping her right hand while I held her left at her bedside.

As she breathed slowly, shallowly, my dad cried out, “Save a place for me in heaven.” Tears fell down the face of my sister, who sat at the foot of the bed. We watched 79 years of life and an 11-year battle with breast cancer come to an end.

Our mother was gone.

The pictures on the bedroom wall spoke to what was important to Mom: family.

Photos of each of her three children and their partners on their wedding days stood like sentinels overlooking her bed. The faces of her seven grandkids peered out from picture frames.

A devoted husband looked on adoringly. Happy memories.

For me, June 2, 2013, always will be a day of sadness. But for my dad it marked a tragedy from which he never recovered.

We thought it was a good idea to occasionally get him away from the home he had shared with mom. So, my wife and I would have him visit our family in Springfield.

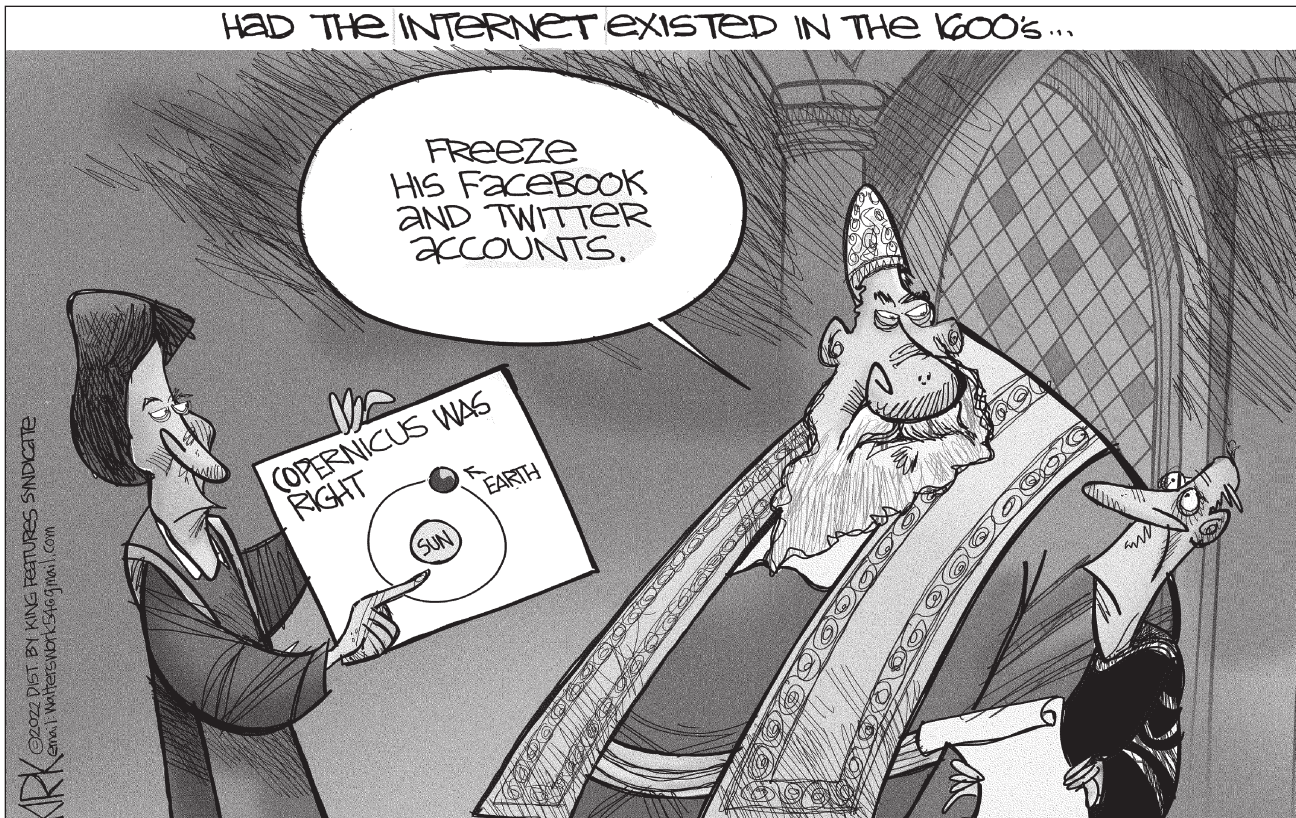
After church one Sunday, we decided to visit the State Fair. I slipped on a pair of sandals and a T-shirt. The shirt was bright, almost florescent, pink.

“You’re going to wear that?” my father growled. I pointed to the lettering on the front that said, “Susan Komen for the Cure” and said, “I wear this to honor mom.”

Tears welled in his eyes, he swallowed hard and nodded his head.

Yes, it’s OK for men to cry. And men can wear pink. Breast cancer and the women we love, make us do both.

(Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.)



New bowling alleys at Elks – 1945

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Oct. 18, 1995.)

By Jessica Nashold

Fifty years ago, one of Mendota’s more destructive floods ruined the bowling alleys in the Elks basement. It was decided to purchase new alleys and install them in the Elks auditorium, beyond the reach of floods.

Six Brunswick Deluxe Streamlined Bowling Alleys were purchased and it was expected league play could begin on Nov. 12. Meanwhile, bowlers were not obliged to wait. In October came the word that alleys would soon be ready.

It will be a matter of only a few days to get the room cleaned and fixed up and bowling can get started.

Because the fluorescent lights that were on order had not arrived, larger bulbs would replace the old ones as a temporary measure.

An ad for pinsetters began running in The Reporter:

**Six Pinsetters Wanted
New Bowling Alleys
6-month job
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Work to organize leagues began in earnest. It was reported that 40 had signed up for Monday, 60 for Tuesday and 60 for Wednesday. The ladies would bowl on Thursday and 100 had signed up to play in the mixed league.

On Oct. 18, 1945, the Mendota Elks celebrated its 35th anniversary. The club had been organized Oct. 19, 1910, with 61 members. Harry Kettleborough was Exalted Ruler.

Although the war had ended, an Eighth War Fund campaign was launched with the slogan –

This is the last – let’s make it fast.

LaSalle County’s quota was \$77,410. Money would go to European countries devastated by years of conflict.

Unless we help them now, there can be little hope of stable government in any country overrun by war and little hope for lasting peace.

The local Red Cross ceased making surgical dressings and issued materials for boys’ shirts and for kits containing personal necessities. Women who had

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been working on surgical dressings were notified that they could pick up the headdresses they had worn for this project in the Red Cross rooms any Saturday evening.

The Battleship Missouri on which the Japanese surrender had been signed, arrived in New York Harbor on Oct. 23, 1945, in time to take part in the Navy Day observance on Oct. 27. The Missouri, because of rain and fog, was six hours late arriving. Radio, radar and blinking signals had been used to effect the landing. One of the radio technicians was Mendotan John E. Schmitt.

There were 150 officers and 2,500 enlisted men on board.

Navy Mothers across the country conducted a tag day on Oct. 27. In Mendota, the members prepared 1,800 “Little Blue Sailor” tags and funds raised would be used in behalf of the men in hospitals.

Let us be generous, as the war is not over for many of our boys.
On a happier note, it was remarked –
Navy Day 1945 dawns on a world a peace. There’s hope that mankind has learned a lesson.

Jack Westerman, recently discharged after nearly five years in the Navy, accepted a position with advertising agency Kenneth B. Butler & Associates. His duties would begin Nov. 1, 1945.

With materials for civilians once more available, excavation was being completed for the foundation of a 5,000-square foot, two-story addition to the rear of Wayside Press.

Ralph Bierwirth had a foundation laid for a large garage building on his lots on First Avenue, opposite the south gate at the fairgrounds.

C.J. Haynes announced that Tower’s was employing a number of men with “proven executive ability” to assist in expanded production.

It will only be a short time before Tower’s Inc. are in heavy production of farm machinery.

At a Blackstone PTA meeting, members heard a fire marshal’s report regarding the danger of using the third floor of the school. Member Charles Hendrick, attorney, stated a new building was wanted – “a good building, and NOW.” Member Ralph Jacob, who was also civic chairman with the Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber would strongly support a new building. Mrs. Irving Karger, PTA president, appointed a committee to investigate “how to secure a new school, working with the grade school board.”

The PTA members were joined by Supt. M.E. Steele and board members. Steele said the school district had been re-evaluated and a larger bond issue could be floated to finance a new school that had previously been possible.

Five years later, a bond issue was finally approved and the new Blackstone was built in 1950.

The No. 6 Church of God, north of Troy Grove, was sold at auction for \$760. Purchaser was Lester Anderson of Mendota.

Most likely he will bring the lumber to this city and possibly erect a house out of the same.

The land on which the church stood went to Ray Mann for \$60. The property adjoined his farm.

Jacob Croisant was auctioneer and he worked hard to get the high dollar.

Night police John Biers attended a law enforcement conference in Ottawa, sponsored by the FBI. There were 65 policemen and sheriff’s officers in attendance.

Demonstrations included use of tear gas, how to construct road blocks and how to apprehend fleeing cars that might contain armed criminals.

An ordinance was passed limiting the number of taverns in Mendota to nine instead of 10.

One tavern owner has closed business and here was an opportunity to reduce the number.

High-speed rail is a progressive fantasy

By Rich Lowry

California progressives tried to build a European-style high-speed rail network and alienated the French in the process.

A big New York Times piece on the rail project reports that the French, who wanted to work with California, decided the state was simply too dysfunctional and departed to help complete a high-speed line in Morocco instead.

The ongoing unraveling of California’s rail plan is an object lesson in how infrastructure as eschatology is a bad idea. If transportation is conceived as a way to save the planet and fulfill a deep-seated, quasi-religious fixation rather than a means to move people around more efficiently, it is bound to fail. Throw on top California’s politicized decision-making and regulatory and legal obstacles to building, and it’s a formula for a boondoggle for the ages.

No matter how high California has estimated the cost of the project, it hasn’t been enough, even as almost nothing has been built. It started out at \$33 billion in 2008. Now, it’s \$113 billion, with no one knowing where the funding is going to come from.

Not that the California experience will diminish the progressive ardor for high-speed rail. As far as its enthusiasts are concerned, it is like socialism -- never failed, just never truly tried.

President Barack Obama proposed an 8,600-mile high-speed rail system, and Transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg wants the U.S. to be the “global leader” in high-speed rail. Progressives think of bullet trains like windmills on rails, a symbol of enlightenment and modernity, a way to free ourselves from the selfish, small-minded tyranny of the automobile and adopt a sleeker, greener, more virtuous future.

Then, the wheel meets the rail. In California, it might have sounded appealing to build a high-speed rail link between Los Angeles and San Francisco -- if you abstracted the project from all the topographical and other difficulties. For political reasons, a less direct, less economical route between the cities

was selected. And the decision was made to start building between the two megalopolises, in the Central Valley, creating the possibility that California may end up with a bullet train to and from nowhere.

Of course, we already have cheap, high-speed transport between population centers. It is called air travel.

As Randal O’Toole of the Cato Institute points out, planes cruise at roughly 500 miles per hour. The Amtrak Acela, on the other hand, has a top speed of 150 miles per hour. Yes, airplanes need infrastructure, but not expensive, complex new infrastructure all along their routes.

O’Toole notes that Japan’s high-speed trains seemed like the future in the 1960’s, when air travel was more expensive than rail. Also, Japan’s high-speed trains had a ready-made customer base in the substantial proportion of the country’s population that already traveled by train.

In the U.S. today, in contrast, the average cost per mile of traveling by air is cheaper than traveling by rail, and a minuscule 0.1% of all passenger travel is via Amtrak.

If we built the Interstate Highway System, why can’t we build a comparable high-speed network? As O’Toole observes, the highway system basically paid for itself and accounts for a substantial 20% of the country’s passenger-miles and a roughly comparable proportion of freight ton-miles.

High-speed rail could never be a match. Even if you put aside the endemic cost overruns, the inevitable construction delays, and the considerable maintainable costs, it can only carry passengers, not freight.

While progressives swoon over high-speed rail as the shiny future, some other genuinely futuristic technology is likely to emerge. If the age of self-driving cars ever arrives, people will be able to experience a car more like a personal train, except unlimited by rails.

California hasn’t created a railroad to the future but a warning to the rest of the country to avoid its delusion and folly. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I saw that there's going to be a holiday special about the Waltons family. Are any of the cast members from the original series starring in it? -- *M.C.*

A: "The Waltons" was a classic series that aired for nine seasons beginning in 1972 set in rural Virginia during the Great Depression and World War II. It was told through the eyes of John-Boy, the eldest son, played by Richard Thomas. Ralph Waite and Michael Learned played the patriarch and matriarch, respectively, of the large Walton family, which included six additional children besides John-Boy.

Last fall, the CW network revived the franchise with "The Waltons' Homecoming," a TV movie featuring an all-new cast set during the winter of 1933. Thomas returned to narrate the story and will do the same for the upcoming "The Waltons' Thanksgiving." Logan Shroyer ("This Is Us") will play John-Boy, and Teddy Sears ("Chicago Fire") will star as John Walton Sr.

According to Deadline.com, the latest special is set in 1934 "as the Walton family eagerly prepares for the annual Harvest Festival Fair

in town ... and a young boy arrives that will dramatically change the Waltons' lives in ways that they could have never imagined."

"The Waltons' Thanksgiving" will air on the CW on Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. ET. ***

Q: Is "9-1-1: Lone Star" ever returning? I thought it was a big hit because of its ratings, so I was surprised that it didn't premiere with the other network dramas this fall. -- *M.M.*

A: More than 14 million viewers tuned in to the season one premiere of "9-1-1: Lone Star," but the show has hovered around a still-impressive 8 million viewers in subsequent seasons. Despite being a hit, its fourth season has been pushed back to a mid-season debut, with a target date of Jan. 2, 2023, for the first of its new episodes.

According to the "9-1-1" fandom website, "TK and Carlos' wedding will be shown," and "a storyline involving an extremist group planning an attack" will be investigated by a new character, special agent Rose Casey,

played by Amanda Schull ("Suits"). Also, look for Neal McDonough ("Yellowstone") and D.B. Woodside ("Lucifer") as additional new cast members.

"9-1-1: Lone Star" is in good company with its late start. Other scripted dramas not premiering until, at least, January include "The Blacklist," "The Flash," "Nancy Drew" and "Fantasy Island." "Magnum P.I." was canceled by CBS, then saved by NBC, and started filming new episodes this past September. ***

Q: I was sad to hear about Loretta Lynn's passing, but what an amazing, long life she had. Who was the actress who played her in a movie decades ago? Also, who did the vocals for the movie? -- *Y.I.*

A: Country music legend Loretta Lynn passed away at age 90 at her ranch, Hurricane Mills, on Oct. 4. Sissy Spacek won an Oscar for her performance and used her own vocals in the 1980 film "Coal Miner's Daughter" about Lynn's rise to fame. The movie's soundtrack also won a CMA Award for Album of the Year. Beverly D'Angelo, who played Patsy Cline in the film, also performed her own vocals.



A. Schull

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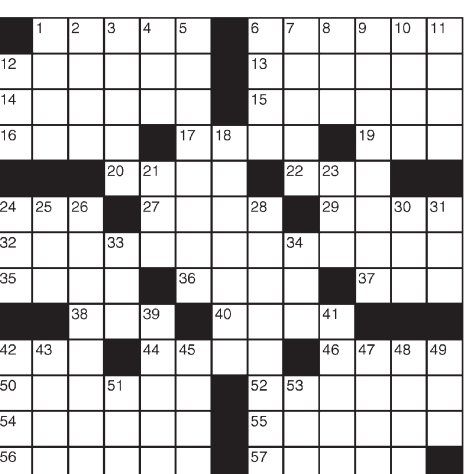
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- 55 Veteran sailor



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by Linda Thistle

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By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- "Star Trek" fans were disappointed that "Star Trek 4" has been postponed indefinitely. When "WandaVision" director Matt Shakman dropped out, Paramount Pictures relinquished their release date for "Star Trek." But, fear not, Trekkies, Chris Pine will return as Capt. James T. Kirk. There's no way Paramount would allow the fatted calf, with grosses of almost \$2 billion, to go unproduced ... they'll find a new director, and pronto! ***

Who hasn't had problems with trolls on social media? Certainly not a superstar such as Robert Redford. But, Redford took to Facebook to deal with "his" problem with social media. Redford stated: "I want you to have every right to post your opinions, regardless if we agree or disagree. My point is, you can come and post the same tired narratives, and I won't delete you or get angry. If I do decide to address your comments, then don't get your feelings hurt and run.



Redford

What I won't allow on my page, my property, is for someone to come and try to get a rise or reaction out of me.

"My old age (86) has brought me wisdom and patience. When a comment starts with 'I am not trying to start anything ...,' then I call it 'BS.' Yes, you are, but the 'BS' falls on you. I will ignore your comments and move on. Why? Because 99.9% of the division in this country has been brought on by social media and opinion news. The days of news delivered by true journalists are gone. What's frightening is I don't think we will ever go back to 'agree to disagree' and remain responsible respectful opposites."

I've known Robert Redford more than 50 years, and we've had many conversations. He's always been a thoughtful, intelligent gentleman. That he should have

this kind of trouble on social media shows how people try to get their 15 minutes of fame by being disrespectful. If Redford, who's earned the respect and admiration of his peers, has this problem, what chance do the rest of us have posting on social media? ***

Hugh Jackman has posted a closing notice for Broadway's "The Music Man" dated for Jan. 1, 2023. He already completed filming on "The Son," with Oscar winners Laura Dern and Anthony Hopkins (due Nov. 11), and is free to do a new film. Enter Ryan Reynolds, who contacted Jackman on Instagram and asked, "Hey, Hugh, you want to play Wolverine one more time?" "Wolverine" (the trilogy that grossed more than \$1 billion versus the \$1.5 billion grossed by the first two "Deadpool" films) made Jackman a star, and his answer was, "Yeah, sure, Ryan!" "Deadpool 3" is set to release on Sept. 6, 2024. Being "The Music Man" gave Jackman a lot of practice howling at the moon!

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"The Curse of Bridge Hollow" (TV-14) -- Howard (Marlon Wayans) and Emily (Kelly Rowland) decide to move their family from Brooklyn to the Halloween-obsessed suburban town of Bridge Hollow, much to their teenage daughter Sydney's reluctance. Once in Bridge Hollow, Sydney (Priah Ferguson) learns about the town tale of Stingy Jack, who had died in the very house her family just moved into. While sleuthing around the house, Sydney gets tricked into lighting Stingy Jack's lantern, unknowingly unleashing a spirit that makes all the Halloween decorations around town come to life. It's up to Sydney, her family and the eccentric folks of Bridge Hollow to break the curse and save the town from getting taken over. Out now. (Netflix)

"Torn Hearts" (NR) -- Country music duo Leigh (Alexxis Lemire) and Jordan (Abby Quinn) have been trying to break into the music industry but have grown frustrated playing for small crowds in Nashville.

So, when Jordan meets a guy who once worked with one of their idols, Harper Dutch from the The Duchess Sisters, Jordan finesses Harper's address out of him, and the aspiring musicians decide to pay her a visit. Harper (Katey Sagal), the only living Duchess Sister, oddly welcomes the two ecstatic girls in and even agrees to make a song with them. With Leigh and Jordan blinded by excitement, they don't realize that Harper may have hidden motives of her own. From Blumhouse Productions, out on Oct. 20. (Prime Video)

"Rosaline" (PG-13) -- We all know William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," but does anyone recall the name Rosaline, the first girl who Romeo started raving about? If you've ever wondered what happened to her, Rosaline finally gets to tell her side of the story in this new romantic comedy out now. After accidentally catching Romeo giving his signature monologue to Juliet, Rosaline is willing to go to any lengths to break up

the star-crossed lovers and win Romeo back. Kaitlyn Dever ("Booksmart") and Isabela Merced ("Dora and the Lost City of Gold") star in this fun spin on a classic play. (Hulu)

"Raymond and Ray" -- AppleTV+'s latest releases have been very introspective, character-driven films and series that highlight more human struggles, and "Raymond and Ray" releasing Oct. 21 is a film that fits perfectly into that same category. Produced by Alfonso Cuaron ("Roma"), Ewan McGregor and Ethan Hawke play two estranged half-brothers who reunite after their father's passing, his last wish being that the two brothers dig his grave. Neither brother had a good relationship with their father, but they work together to oblige his wishes. In turn, these two brothers have each other to walk down the rocky path of mourning a parent and hope that, eventually, it will all lead to forgiveness. (AppleTV+)

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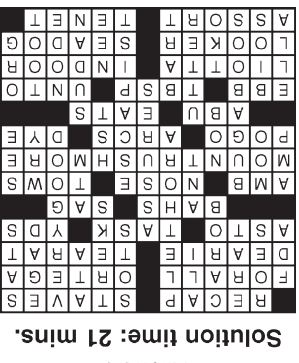
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Paw Paw Village Board hears from internet company reps

PAW PAW – Representatives of Rise Broadband have presented information for a faster, more reliable Internet Broadband, now available to the surrounding area through a grant provided by the government's "Affordable Connectivity Program." Subsidized funding is provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Rise Broadband uses a fiber-optic underground cable system. Residents may write a letter or email to the company to explain why they need better services. This correspondence may be emailed or dropped off at the Village Clerk's office, clerk@pawpawil.org, and will be forwarded to Rise Broadband. Letters must be submitted by Oct. 28.

Amanda Moorehead and Aubrey Marks are heading the new Community Club, titled "Tribe 61353." They intend to serve and celebrate the businesses and residents

of Paw Paw while honoring the Village's roots. Similar to the former Chamber of Commerce, they will sponsor various events and activities throughout the year for our area.

November 5 will be the craft show, now known as "The Paw Paw Holiday Market." They are looking for vendors with a variety of homemade items, crafts, baked goods and products. December 10 they will be sponsoring the annual Christmas Walk, with Santa visiting at 4.

For questions, contact Amanda at TRIBE61353@gmail.com or 619-339-6747. For more information, check out their Facebook posts at [TRIBE61353](https://www.facebook.com/TRIBE61353).

Trunk-or-Treat will be Sunday, Oct. 30 from 3-5 p.m. at the Methodist Church. During trunk-or-treat, adults decorate the back of their cars for Halloween, and load up

on candy for kids to "trick or treat" from car-to-car. Come sit in the Methodist parking lot. It's a good opportunity for parents and kids out in the country to have fun trick-or-treating in town too. Families get to see all the cute and scary costumes of their neighbors.

Village Halloween trick-or-treat hours will be Monday, Oct. 31, 4-7 p.m.

LaSalle County Health Department will be at the Community Center on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 9-11 a.m. for administration of the flu vaccine. For questions, call 815-284-3371 ext. 2100.

A structural inspector has examined the inside and outside of the old bank, 311 Chicago Road. He will submit a report to the Village Board.

A new pick-up truck has been purchased by the Village to replace the old one.

Compton plans numerous Halloween events Oct. 30-31

COMPTON – The village of Compton will celebrate Halloween with activities on Sunday, Oct. 30 and Monday, Oct. 31.

On Oct. 30, there will be a costume contest and parade. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Compton Fire Department. Judging of costumes will take place at 1 p.m. and a parade to Compton Park will kick off at 1:30 p.m.

Immediately following the parade at the park, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available.

Costume categories include boys 0-4, girls 0-4, boys 5-8, girls 5-8, boys 9-12, girls 9-12 and 13 to adult. First-, second- and third-place winners will be chosen. Also, prizes will be awarded to the Family Group, Most Halloween, Most Scary, Most Original and Pet.

Another event on Oct. 30 will be a

pumpkin decorating contest from noon-1 p.m. Decorated pumpkins can be entered at the Compton Park. One prize will be awarded in the following groups: kindergarten to second grade, third grade to fifth grade, sixth grade to eighth grade and high school to adult.

If there is inclement weather, all activities will be held at the Compton Fire Department building.

Village Trick or Treat will take place on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is planned at the park on Oct. 31. Set-up starts at 4:30 p.m. Hot chocolate will be served and there will be a bonfire until 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Christina Barnickel at 815-497-3862 or Hazel Sims at 815-497-2045.

Truck driver training program flourishes at IVCC

OGLESBY – When Alec Sramek of Streator passed his final driving test with the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles recently, he became the 2,000th graduate of Illinois Valley Community College's Truck Driver Training program.

Sramek is already working for U.S. Foods and will now be driving for them.

IVCC's program was created in 2000 and was led for its first two decades by Bruce Hartman. In the late 2000s, a standalone building was constructed for the program on east campus.

The 160-hour program combines classroom work and hands-on experience leading to a class A commercial driver's license (CDL). Four-week day and six-week evening sections are offered.

Along with behind-the-wheel training, students learn map-reading, backing, shifting and maneuvering skills – competencies for entry-level employment. The program has a 99 percent job placement rate.

"The beauty of the program is everybody goes to work," Hartman said in an

earlier interview.

Participants must be at least 18; average student age is about 40. Veterans have taken advantage of the IVG (Illinois Veterans Grant) that pays for all but \$237 of the program's roughly \$4,000 in costs.

This fall, Illinois' MAP grant is being expanded to cover short-term career and technical certificate programs such as Truck Driver Training.

"This change will be a tremendous benefit for our students," said IVCC Financial Aid Director Eric Johnson.

For information, call program coordinator Tom Nestler or administrative assistant Audrey Moreno at (815) 224-0266.



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Mr. and Mrs. Ken McLaughlin

McLaughlins celebrate 50th anniversary Oct. 14

MENDOTA – Ken and Pat McLaughlin of rural Mendota celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 14, 2022. They were married Oct. 14, 1972 at Troy Grove Methodist Church. They are parents of two

children, Diane Renee Harrison and Kenneth L. McLaughlin, both of Troy Grove. They also have two grandchildren, Sara E. Strike and Lily F. Harrison. The omission of gifts is requested.

Bureau Co. Genealogical Society to hear from Mendota speaker

PRINCETON – The Bureau County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in its library at 629 S. Main St., Princeton. The public is invited to this meeting and there is no charge.

Mark Cerveney from the Union Depot Railroad Museum in Mendota will present a program entitled “Iron Rails and Prairie Tales.” Cerveney will provide a history of how railroads helped set up the Bureau County and LaSalle County areas. The railroads were extremely important to the history of the Illinois

Valley and contributed to the prosperity of the area not only by providing the logistical support for other industries. They were particularly important for the coal mining industry since the railroads owned many of the mines that produced coal to operate the railroads.

Cerveney is a board member of the Mendota Museum and Historical Society.

For more information, contact BCGS at 815-879-3133 during regular hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or the first Saturday of the month.

Author of “The Traveling Mermaids of Starved Rock” to be part of Utica Fall Festival Oct. 22

UTICA – Jill Duchnowski, author of the children’s book, “The Traveling Mermaids of Starved Rock,” will be reading from her book at the Starved Rock Country Welcome Center, 248 Canal St., Utica, as part of Utica’s Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Duchnowski’s book tells the story of Cassidy as she discovers the mermaids in Ottawa Canyon while she is worrying about starting at a new school. The mermaids help change her outlook about meeting new people, maintaining her old friends, and doing her part to make newcomers feel welcome. The beautifully illustrated book is intended for 4-10 year-olds.

This is the second book in Duchnowski’s series, “Cassidy’s Illinois Adven-

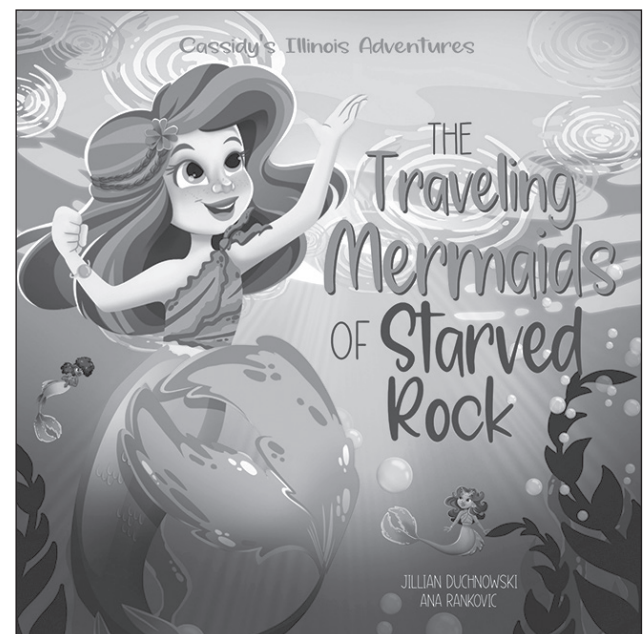
tures Children’s Books.” The book series focuses on Cassidy as she learns life lessons through meeting mythical creatures at some of Illinois’s most historic landmarks.

Duchnowski, a Bloomington resident, will be reading from her book at 1 p.m. and again at 2 p.m. in the Community Room at the New Village Hall in Utica. After each reading, the attending children will receive mermaid-themed coloring pages and the author will be available to answer questions and sign her books. “The Traveling Mermaids of Starved Rock” will be available for purchase at the Starved Rock Country Welcome Center.

The Utica Fall Festival, to be held from 12:30-3 p.m., is intended for the entire

family and includes a fun day of fall activities including games, crafts, face-painting, s’more-making, bounce

houses and more. The activities will take on the grounds of the New Village Hall, 248 Canal St.



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JERRICK Kapraun joined First State Insurance, in Mendota, in June. Jerick is a graduate of St. Bede Academy in Peru, and he graduated from Illinois State University in May with a degree in agri-business. Jerick lives outside of LaMoille on the family farm.

One of Jerick’s main focuses will be on Crop and Hail Insurance, and he will also focus on Property and Casualty Insurance.

His favorite thing about working at First State Insurance is interacting with the customers and continuing to learn about the insurance business.

When he’s not assisting his clients with their insurance needs, Jerick can be found working on the family farm. He also likes to play tennis, and just started playing golf this year. Jerick is a Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bulls fan and likes to travel.





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Before the prep work can even begin, it's vital to purchase the proper supplies.

Four steps to prep your room for clean paint lines

(StatePoint) A home painting project can be overwhelming, especially if you're a beginner. However, if you do the right prep work, the painting process doesn't have to be so intimidating. By following these steps, you'll set yourself up for clean paint lines and amazing results, no matter your skill level.

1. Purchase Proper Supplies. Before the prep work can even begin, it's vital to purchase the proper supplies. Create your list by considering the steps you'll take to complete your project: cleaning the wall surface, taping off edges and then of course, applying paint. As you shop, remember that affordability doesn't have to mean sacrificing quality tools.

Use new sandpaper and sponges so the surface is smooth and clean to start. Fresh brushes and rollers will lead to professional-looking results, and a high-quality, cost-effective painter's tape will help with achieving clean paint lines.

Despite what many DIYers believe, using a primer is a necessary step, and

shouldn't be considered optional. Primer acts as a barrier and prevents old paint from showing through, so it really can make all the difference. In most cases, you'll only need one coat of new paint if the surface is properly primed. Once you've chosen your primer, don't forget the paint! Select the color and finish you prefer; then, purchase a sample and paint a small area to ensure it meets your expectations.

2. Declutter the Space. Once you've grabbed your supplies and decided on the paint color and finish, remove as much out of the room as possible to avoid any damage during painting. Small, easy-to-move furniture should be temporarily relocated to another space. Heavy, hard-to-move furniture can at least be pushed away from the wall and protected with covers. Switch plate covers, window treatments and light fixtures can be removed and stored until your paint has dried.

3. Make the Surface Smooth and Clean. For the perfect smooth finish, start by lightly sanding your walls to eliminate any existing im-

perfections. This will likely cause dust and debris to fall throughout the room, so vacuum and wipe down walls after you're finished sanding, as the paint will apply more evenly if the surface is clean. The walls can be wiped with a sponge and a mixture of dish soap and warm water.

4. Tape and Protect. The final step to prepare your room for paint is to tape the walls and protect the floors and any other areas you want to keep paint-free. When applying painter's tape, keep the pieces one to two feet in length for the easiest application and secure seal. For an extra-tight hold, use a tool such as a putty knife to smooth down the edges and help prevent paint bleed. As for the floor, cover the surface with an old sheet or protective film to catch any paint drips or spills, taping down the edges if needed to make sure no paint leaks through the edges.

Once you've followed these steps, you're set up for success and prepared to begin painting! Time to pick up your brush and start that room transformation.



As awe-inspiring as some home features can be, some more subtle components, such as authentic hardwood floors, also can do much to make a home more appealing to prospective buyers.

5 exterior home upgrades that deliver a return on investment

(StatePoint) Want to make some serious exterior home upgrades that improve your safety and comfort, add beauty to your home and deliver a return on your investment? Here are five projects that do just that:

1. Install storm doors: Storm doors give you the option of letting in more light and ventilation on fair weather days, while protecting your entry door from harsh conditions and weathering. There are many ways to customize this upgrade to meet your aesthetic and functional needs. Options include retractable screens at the top and bottom for more venting options, as well as stylish designs and colors for instant curb appeal. Families might want to consider storm doors featuring heavy-duty, non-removable stainless steel screens ideal for keeping children and pets safely inside.

2. Get outdoor-ready: Extend your home's outdoor living area—plus substantially increase your home value—with the addition of a deck, patio or porch. Whether you add a small hibachi grill or get as involved as installing a full outdoor kitchen, be sure to include an area to prepare and enjoy meals. A few key touches, like string lights and potted plants, along with cozy furniture, can make the space feel homey.

3. Replace patio doors: If your patio doors are drafty or get stuck easily, it may be time for an ENERGY STAR-certified replacement.

4. Lower bills: Did you know that you can lower your bills and add natural beauty and privacy to your property by planting trees strategically? In summer, the shade that trees create can help keep your home cool. In winter, they can help block wind and prevent drafts. The Utah State University Forest Extension recommends



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locating trees no closer than 2.5 times their mature height to the south of a building to avoid winter shading. They also suggest knowing the size and other characteristics of a particular species before planting to avoid future problems, such as hitting power lines.

5. Protect your home: If you live in an area prone to extreme weather -- heavy rain, hail, driving wind, frigid temperatures, or scorching heat -- your home needs protection against the elements. Insulated vinyl siding provides defense against these harsh conditions and improves energy efficiency as well. The insulation contributes to the rigidity of the panel, increases durability, and provides five times great-

er impact resistance over hollow siding, protecting against damage by hail, high winds, or contact with your child's fastball. Color and beauty are also huge factors in this home improvement decision. There are many options to customize the look with both neutral and bold colors and coordinated accessories. Many siding options are resistant to fading, chalking, cracking, peeling, and thermal expansion and contraction, making it a sound investment for years to come.

It's important to see a tangible return on larger home upgrades. The best projects to consider are those that increase your home value, save you money, and add beauty and comfort to your home.

Wood floor installation dos and don'ts

Jaw-dropping features can sell a home in a heartbeat. A penthouse apartment with floor-to-ceiling windows and a panoramic view of a city skyline likely won't prove a hard sell, nor will a home with an infinity pool overlooking a landscape of rolling hills. As awe-inspiring as such features can be, some more subtle components, such as authentic hardwood floors, also can do much to make a home more appealing to prospective buyers.

Hardwood flooring is a sought-after commodity. Data from the National Association of Realtors

indicates that 54 percent of home buyers are willing to pay more for hardwood floors. In fact, NAR figures indicate that 28 percent of buyers between the ages of 35 and 54 consider hardwood floors "very important" when looking for a home. Homeowners who are considering selling their homes, or those who simply want to upgrade their existing flooring, may want to consider installing hardwood flooring. Though it's a project best left to professionals, hardwood flooring can be installed by skilled DIYers. In such instances, homeowners may want to keep these dos and don'ts in mind.

DO hire a professional if you have limited or no DIY flooring experience. Hardwood flooring installation is not generally a project for novice DIYers. Hardwood flooring projects may present some common challenges, but no two homes are the same. So unless they have prior experience installing floors in multiple rooms or homes, homeowners may save themselves time, trouble and a significant amount of money hiring a professional to do the job.

DON'T ignore the subfloor. New hardwoods won't erase the problem of subfloors in poor condition.

According to the home renovation experts at Bob Vila.com, squeaky floors could be an indication that the subfloor has begun to warp or twist. Sinking floors are another indicator of deteriorating subfloors. Subfloors should be somewhat level before new hardwoods are installed, so DIYers should inspect and address subfloor issues before installing new flooring.

DO expose wood flooring to the elements in your home prior to installation. The home improvement resource BuildDirect recommends acclimating hardwoods to the space where they will be installed. Skipping this important step could result in gaps during the winter and cupping over the summer. To acclimate hardwoods, open the boxes and spread them out for about a week while running the air conditioner or heater at normal levels. When storing hardwoods prior to installation, avoid keeping them in potentially moist areas like a basement.

DON'T skimp on tools. A DIY hardwood flooring installation might be less expensive than hiring a professional, but homeowners should resist any temptation

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HOME IMPROVEMENT



Make sure that your smoke detectors are in working order.

5 fall home maintenance tips: What you don't do can cost you

(BPT) - While home maintenance may seem pricey, being proactive about home upkeep can save more money by preventing expensive repair or replacement costs in the future - not to mention safeguarding against damage to your home. The hard part is knowing how often and what type of maintenance to do, and where to start.

Fall is the perfect time to take care of many jobs, whether by yourself or by hiring professionals. Here are some top maintenance tasks to help protect the largest investment you have - your home.

1. Check your smoke detectors

According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 96% of homes are now installed with smoke detectors. However, nearly 20% of them have non-working smoke alarms. The NIST estimates that if every home had working smoke alarms, deaths from U.S. residential fires could drop 36%. Why aren't these smoke detectors working? Primarily missing or dead batteries. Smoke detector batteries need to be replaced at least annually, not just when they chirp. The average claim from a home fire according to a nationally-known insurance provider is \$57,000. So, buy some batteries, and replace those old ones.

2. Trim your trees

Little known fact, you're responsible for the damage if a tree on your property falls on a neighbor's house. Or if a dead branch damages your home, it can result in a homeowner's insurance claim, meaning you have to pay the deductible. For peace of mind, trim the trees on your property every fall. You may also consider hiring a professional if you are uncomfortable doing the job yourself.

3. Check washing machine hoses

Did you know a washing machine hose holds 70 pounds of pressure? If it fails, it can spray 650 gallons of water per hour into your home. So, if you're away for the weekend and a hose bursts, you may open the door to the equivalent of a 20-foot by 40-foot in-ground pool's worth of water, which can damage floors, drywall and personal items. Hose maintenance is easy: Inspect the hot and cold washing ma-

chine supply lines monthly, looking for blisters, worn tubing, cracks or loose connections. It's best to replace supply hoses every 3-5 years.

4. Conduct a generator safety check

A portable generator is handy equipment for when the power goes out, and regular maintenance will ensure that it works when you need it. First, always unplug and turn off all power to the generator. Examine the AC wiring and alternator to clear dirt and debris. Inspect the air intake system and replace the air filter. Oil in your generator needs to be changed every 25 hours of running, or one year unused. When you're ready to use the generator, take it outside to a well-ventilated area before starting up. Generators produce carbon monoxide from the exhaust and can cause serious injury or death if used indoors, in a garage (including with open doors) or even on a porch.

5. Maintain your HVAC

One of the most critical items to maintain is your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. Regular maintenance helps keep the system in working order, extending the life of the system and saving on energy costs. According to HomeAdvisor, replacing an HVAC system costs from \$5,000 to \$10,000. To save money and extend the life of your system:

- Change air filters regularly. Set a reminder every few months to replace filters. Dirty filters can impede airflow and make the HVAC system work harder, decreasing efficiency and increasing energy costs.

- Schedule regular maintenance checks (spring/fall) from your local HVAC professional. Some HVAC companies and local utilities have service programs where you pay a monthly or annual fee and they will conduct semi-annual maintenance checks. Pros will check the thermostat, clean or replace filters, lubricate moving parts, check refrigerant levels, inspect the condenser and coils and investigate unusual noises. Reach out to your local State Farm agent for a list of reliable HVAC pros.

Take care of your home, so your home can shelter you and your family. These regular maintenance tasks will help reduce the likelihood of unpleasant surprises - and costs - to help give you peace of mind.

Fireplace inserts are affordable, boost efficiency

(BPT) - As weather cools and daylight hours shorten, many people naturally spend more time indoors and there's no place more inviting than the fireplace. The problem is that while a traditional, open wood fireplace offers the ambiance and nostalgia homeowners cherish, they are often dirty, drafty and boast outdated styles.

One simple, affordable way to upgrade and elevate your space is with a fireplace insert. Any wood fireplace is an option for a fireplace insert, a self-contained appliance designed to fit into an existing space. The most popular options are either fueled by gas or electricity, depending on the homeowner's preference. Many people are looking to eliminate ash and soot, therefore gas and electric inserts are the most popular.

Plus, because fireplace inserts are far more efficient than many older wood fireplaces, they can help you save money while warming a space when temperatures dip.

The Environmental Protection Agency explains the inefficiency of wood fireplaces: "Fireplace drafts pull the warm air up the chimney, causing other rooms to be cooler. If you use central heat

while burning in a fireplace, your heater will work harder to maintain constant temperatures throughout the house."

This is why, for instance, installing a gas fireplace insert within an existing fireplace opening significantly improves the heating power and efficiency. The gas fireplace insert is designed to contain and radiate heat back into the room, rather than sending the majority of that heat up a chimney flue.

"Any fireplace insert will improve the efficiency since there is no longer an open chimney to the outside of the home. With a gas fireplace insert for example, you can boost heating efficiency from 15% with wood to around 70%. This means more fuel is converted into useable heat and you stay warmer," said Randy Wendolek, hearth expert with a leading fireplace manufacturer.

He also points out that if a homeowner's current chimney does not meet requirements for burning wood, it's simple to install an insert with venting liners, and therefore they would no longer need to fix the chimney, which can be costly.

In addition to improved heating efficiency and re-



duced cost, a gas insert enhances ambiance by updating the space while reducing clutter and increasing wellness, as there's no heavy wood to haul or stack.

How does it work? In its simplest form, a gas fireplace insert fits inside your wood-burning fireplace opening, and is fueled via a gas line, bringing instant warmth into your home at the touch of a button. For homeowners without natural gas service, a liquid propane (LP) tank can be installed and used to fuel the fireplace. Vented fireplace inserts utilize a flexible, aluminum flue liner through the existing chimney, and many gas inserts have a blower that helps direct the hot air into the room through the insert's front vents.

While gas inserts are a popular choice, electric inserts are another option for renovating traditional wood fireplaces that are typically the easiest to incorporate. With electric fireplace inserts, instead of a live flame that you normally get with a gas insert, the flame effect is created by LED lighting to provide the fire appearance.

Unlike gas inserts, electric options do not require a gas line and ventilation. Plus, electric fireplace inserts are shallower, so if depth is constraining your ability to install a gas fireplace insert, they are a great alternative.

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Floor

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to increase those savings further by purchasing less costly tools or fewer tools than is necessary to complete the job. BuildDirect notes that DIYers will need at least a miter saw, table saw, cleat-nailer or stapler, finish nailer, compressor, jamb saw, chalk line, nail set, and tape measurer when

installing hardwood floors. Purchase all necessary tools and read product reviews to ensure each tool is up to the task.

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CARDS OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Schmidt of Mendota wishes to thank everyone as they were honored for their 70th wedding anniversary with a Mass on Oct. 2 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in rural Mendota. Clifford married the former Janet Brunner at this same church on Oct. 4, 1952. They are the parents of Debra McKain of Rector, Ark., Connie Krzmarzick of Stevens Point, Wis., and Donna Carr of Havana. Their family also includes eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

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POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST
 Ivan Lara, 33, of Burbank, was arrested at 5:36 p.m. Oct. 11 on a valid DuPage County warrant for failure to appear for speeding. The subject posted bond and was released with a DuPage County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
 Daniel E. Bigott, 27, of 525 Chestnut St., Earlville, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and First Avenue at 8:38 p.m. Oct. 12. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
 Vanasia M. Vaughn, 20, of 105 20th St., Apt. A4, Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at First Avenue and Sixth Street at 5:41 a.m. Oct. 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
 Mercedes E. Pokorny, 30, of 907 Fifth St., Mendota,

was arrested at 4:38 p.m. Oct. 14 on a valid DuPage County warrant for failure to appear/aggravated battery. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

WARRANT ARREST
 Jason M. Arnold, 32, of LaSalle, was arrested at 8:23 p.m. Oct. 14 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended and for failure to appear/resisting a peace officer. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

DUI, TRAFFIC OFFENSE
 Melanie S. Hartman, 41,

of 3894 E. Seventh Road, Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after police officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at First Avenue and Eighth Street at 11:28 p.m. Oct. 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
 Teresa M. Patterson, 43, of 1311 Guiles Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Plaza Drive and William Way at 10:40 p.m. Oct. 15. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.



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The Mendota Reporter would like to announce we are bringing back our popular "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" promotion.

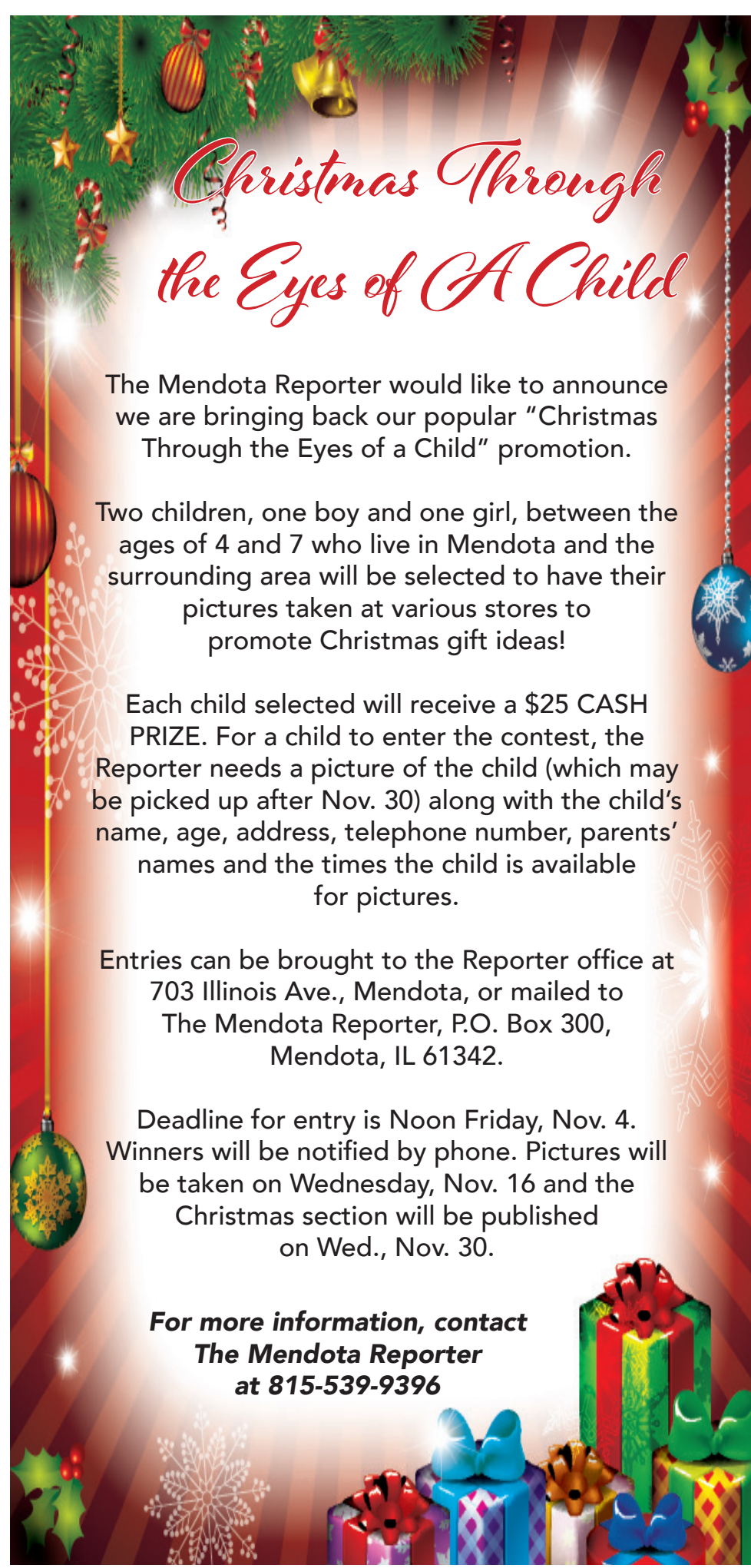
Two children, one boy and one girl, between the ages of 4 and 7 who live in Mendota and the surrounding area will be selected to have their pictures taken at various stores to promote Christmas gift ideas!

Each child selected will receive a \$25 CASH PRIZE. For a child to enter the contest, the Reporter needs a picture of the child (which may be picked up after Nov. 30) along with the child's name, age, address, telephone number, parents' names and the times the child is available for pictures.

Entries can be brought to the Reporter office at 703 Illinois Ave., Mendota, or mailed to The Mendota Reporter, P.O. Box 300, Mendota, IL 61342.

Deadline for entry is Noon Friday, Nov. 4. Winners will be notified by phone. Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Nov. 16 and the Christmas section will be published on Wed., Nov. 30.

For more information, contact
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SPORTS

Mendota claims 4th straight regional soccer championship

❑ Trojans rally late to down Rock Island Alleman, 3-1

ROCK ISLAND – It took a while, but Mendota finally got its offense in gear and was able to post a 3-1 come-from-behind victory over Rock Island Alleman in the championship game of the Alleman Class 1A Regional Soccer Tournament on Oct. 14 at the Alleman Sports Complex.

The Trojans have won four regional titles in a row and will take an 18-6 record into the Mendota Sectional on Wednesday, Oct. 19 where they will face Peoria Christian at 7 p.m. The other sectional contest will pit Quincy Notre Dame against Serena at 5 p.m. The two winners will meet for the sectional championship at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

It didn't take long for Alleman to get on the board as it found the back of the net just 50 seconds into the contest and

the score remained that way the rest of the half.

Twenty-one minutes elapsed in the second half before the Trojans finally knotted the score when Rafael Romero scored a header off of a corner kick from Johnathan Cortez to make it 1-1.

Minutes later, Jasiel Watson gave Mendota the lead with an assist from Johan Cortez to make it 2-1.

The Trojans padded their lead when Johan Cortez drilled a shot between the pipes off an assist from Watson.

Mendota opened regional play with a dominating 9-0 verdict over Port Byron Riverdale on Oct. 11.

Johnathan Cortez led the attack with three goals, while Watson and Sebastian Carlos each sent in a pair of goals. Eli Arjes and Ricky Orozco completed the scoring chart with a goal apiece.



Watson



Mendota's Grace Wasmer, left, and Indian Creek's Alex Edwards have a battle at the net during the Mendota Varsity Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 15. (Reporter photo)

MHS netters close season in sectional

OTTAWA – The Mendota Lady Trojans had their tennis season come to a close at the Ottawa Class 1A Sectional on Oct. 14.

In singles play, Mendota's Ella Lewis dropped a 6-4, 6-2 match to Alejandra Cornego and Natalia Salinas was defeated by Morgan Nawa of St. Bede, 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles play, Meghan Bzdill and Shreya Patel of Morris teamed up to down Mendota's Alexis Finley and Talya Schwaegerman, 6-4, 6-3.

Isabelle Escatel and Cassie Gonzalez also played doubles for the Lady Trojans and they were toppled by Payge Heffelfinger and

Jule Branz of Pontiac, 6-3, 6-4.

Carlie Miller of LaSalle-Peru took first place in the singles bracket, while Ottawa's doubles team of Jenna Smithmeyer and Rylee O'Fallon claimed the top spot.

Ottawa won the team title with 30 points.

Spikers begin regional play October 24th at Rock Falls

ROCK FALLS – The Mendota Spikers will participate in the Rock Falls Class 2A Regional Volleyball Tournament to be held Oct. 24, 25, 27.

Action will begin with two matches on Monday, Oct. 24. Sandwich and Stillman Valley will play at 7 p.m. followed by the Spikers battling Prophetstown at 8 p.m. The winner of the first match will meet top-seeded Rock Falls in the first of two matches on Tuesday, Oct. 25, while the Mendota-Prophetstown winner will face Oregon at 8 p.m.

The championship is slated for Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

The winner of the Rock Falls Regional will advance to the Winnebago Sectional

to take on the champion of the Woodstock Marian Regional at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. The other sectional teams will come from the Aurora Rosary and Savanna West Carroll regionals.

Rock Falls Class 2A Volleyball Regional Monday, Oct. 24

1 – (8) Sandwich vs. (9) Stillman Valley – 7 p.m.
2 – (7) Prophetstown [Coop] vs. (10) Mendota – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

3 – (1) Rock Falls vs. Winner Match 1 – 7 p.m.
4 – (4) Oregon vs. Winner Match 2 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27

5 – Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4 – 7 p.m. (championship)

Spikers capture 3rd place in Mendota Varsity Tournament

❑ MHS comes back for three-set victory over Streator

The Mendota Spikers claimed third-place honors in the Mendota Varsity Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 15. There were eight teams in the field.

Mendota won two matches and tied another to take second place in pool play.

The Spikers started off with a 25-10, 25-14 decision over Indian Creek. Leading the attack were Reanna Brant with three kills, Katie Jenner with four aces and four assists, Emma Schultz with five digs and Madelyn Becker with four assists.

Mendota made it two wins in a row with a straight-set 25-16, 25-22 verdict over Peoria Christian. Lily Leifheit topped the team with four aces and 12 digs, while Brant

had four kills, Jenner served for four aces and Becker collected four assists.

Mendota and Streator tied in the final match of pool play, with each team winning 25-14. Schultz (seven kills), Leifheit (11 digs) and Becker (13 assists) paced the Spikers.

Streator finished first in the pool based on a tie-breaker.

In the afternoon session, Mendota opened with a 25-10, 25-20 setback to Forreston. Grace Wasmer and Brant supplied three kills apiece, while Jenner had seven assists and six digs.

In the third-place match, the Spikers needed three sets to defeat Streator, 19-25, 25-21, 25-21. Becker led the victory with six kills,

11 assists and three blocks. Brant picked up seven kills and Leifheit posted 22 digs.

In the championship match, Rockford Christian downed 25-15, 23-25, 25-14.

The Spikers have a 9-18-3 season record.

Mendota traveled to Keeweenaw for a Three Rivers Conference matchup on Oct. 11 and the home team rallied for a 20-25, 25-18, 25-20 win over the Spikers. Mendota is 4-7 in league play.

Brant had a big game at the net with nine kills and five blocks. Other highlights included Laylie Denault with seven kills, Wasmer with five blocks, Leifheit with 12 digs, Jenner with 13 assists and Becker with 12 assists.

Trojans fall short to Newman; playoff hopes dashed

❑ MHS rally attempts denied in 30-27 loss

STERLING – Mendota and Sterling Newman were playing for their playoff lives and it was clearly evident by the effort put forth by both teams. A Trojan triumph would keep their post-season aspirations intact for another week while a Comet victory would give them the magic five wins needed to virtually assure a trip to the playoffs.

Unfortunately for Mendota, it was the latter that played out when comeback try after comeback try continually fell short as Newman managed to stave off the Trojans for an action-packed 30-27 verdict in Three Rivers Conference action on Oct. 14 at the Sterling High School stadium.

The loss dropped the Trojans to 3-5 overall and 1-4 in league play, while Newman's records stand at 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the conference. The setback means Mendota will wrap up the season this week at home against St. Bede.

While Mendota's offense was able to move the ball rather freely against Newman's defense, one thing was missing that has been a constant all season – the Trojan running game. Mendota ball carriers were bottled up all night, gaining just 23 yards on 22 carries. Of the Trojans' 320 total yards, 297 came from the passing of quarterback Justin Randolph, who connected on 15 of 23 passes and three touchdowns. The Comets totaled 384 yards, accumulating 289 of those on the ground.

It was Newman that got on the board first when it took the opening kick and drove 45 yards down to the Trojan 8-yard line, where it settled for a 25-yard field goal by Dyland Garland.

Mendota quickly answered to take what would

Next for the Trojans
Opponent: Friday, Oct. 21 vs. St. Bede at MHS field. Kickoff at 7 p.m.
Last year: Mendota held a 15-14 halftime lead, but St. Bede tallied all 19 second-half points to claim a 33-15 win. The Trojans picked up 250 yards on offense, while the Bruins had 321, including 205 passing by quarterback John Brady.
Last week: St. Bede couldn't contain Hall's Mac Resetich, who rushed for six touchdowns in leading the Red Devils over the Bruins, 42-27.

be its only lead of the night. Starting its first offensive possession at its own 39, Mendota embarked on a seven-play, 61-yard drive that was capped off by a 3-yard touchdown run by Anthony Childs with 3:54 left in the first quarter. Angil Serrano's extra-point kick was good. The big play of the drive was a 44-yard pass completion from Randolph to Ryne Strouss down to the Newman 5.

The Comets regained the lead they would never relinquish on their ensuing offensive series. Starting at their own 37, a 26-yard run by Hunter Luyando on the first play advanced the ball into Trojan territory. Later in the drive, on a fourth-and-inches play, Newman's Logan Britt raced to the end zone from 28 yards out, followed by a Garland PAT kick for a 10-7 Newman lead late in the first frame. The Comets needed just five plays to cover 63 yards.

Mendota had excellent



Mendota's Ryne Strouss makes a catch but is barely out of bounds as Newman's Gabe Padilla defends on Oct. 14 at Sterling. (Reporter photo)

field position to start its next series at its own 49-yard line, but the drive went backwards and Braiden Freeman dropped back to punt. But the snap from center went directly to Childs who was only able to run to the Newman 48-yard line, well short of a first down.

When Newman took possession, a 32-yard pass connection between quarterback J.J. Castle and Mac Hanrahan moved the ball to the Mendota 20, then after a 1-yard gain on a running play, Castle found Jaesen Johns for a 19-yard touchdown strike. After the extra-point

kick failed, Newman owned a 16-7 lead.

The Trojan offense stalled again on its next series and punted the ball back to the Comets, but Newman was called for a 15-yard roughing-the-kicker penalty, which gave Mendota a first down at its 46. The Trojans drove the ball to Newman's 5, where on fourth down, they elected to try a 22-yard field goal, but the ball was bobbled by holder Garret Zinke and his desperation pass into the end zone fell incomplete.

Newman then ran out the clock and took a 16-7 lead to

the locker room.

Each team exchanged punts to start the second half, and then Mendota executed a trick play to perfection that went for a touchdown and cut the lead down to 16-14. From the Newman 41, Randolph passed 12 yards to Freeman, who then lateraled to a sprinting Isaac Smith, who raced 29 more yards to the end zone to complete a flawless hook and ladder. Serrano booted the PAT kick at the 7:51 mark of the third quarter.

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Two Trojan golfers earn Three Rivers Conf. honors

MENDOTA – Two Mendota Trojan golfers earned Three Rivers Athletic Conference all-conference honors for the 2022 season.

Senior Drake Dennis and junior Owen Aughenbaugh both made the 10-player second team. All-conference distinction is based on how a golfer scores in the conference meet. Dennis had a round of 82 and Aughenbaugh carded an 83 in the TRAC meet held at Highland Springs Golf Course in Rock Island on Sept. 20.

FIRST TEAM

Andrew Boland, Jr., Sherrard; Jake Delaney, Sr., St. Bede; Landen Plym, So., Hall; Mason Smyser, Fr., Riverdale; Logan Palmer, Jr., Newman; Jaden Eggers, Sr., Princeton; Blake Sutton, Fr., Riverdale; Kyle Wolfe, Sr., Newman; Ethan Kid-do, Sr., Riverdale; Brendan Pillion, Sr., St. Bede

SECOND TEAM

Drake Dennis, Sr., Mendota; Carson Palmer, Sr., Newman; Garett Wolfe, Fr., Newman; Cameron Rascher, Sr., Orion; Aidan Dorothy, So., Riverdale; Owen Aughenbaugh, Jr., Mendota; Braden Janicki, Fr., Riverdale; Caden West, Jr., Sherrard; Ty Fears, Jr., Sherrard

SPORTS

Football

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Newman, which countered Mendota scores the entire game, was able to stretch its lead back out to nine points when it went 57 yards in 13 plays, the finale being a 1-yard run by Luyando with eight seconds left in the quarter. Garland's kick made it 23-14.

But the Trojans kept coming back, and did so on their next possession, when they needed just two plays to traverse 64 yards. Childs ran for 8 yards on the first play, then Randolph delivered a perfect slant pass to Freeman who outran the Newman defense 56 yards to the end zone 48 seconds into the fourth period. Mendota's two-point pass attempt was incomplete.

The excitement continued over the remainder of the fourth quarter, with the game still up for grabs down to the final seconds.

Newman countered Mendota's TD with a five-play, 48-yard scoring drive. A Castle 25-yard pass to Ayden Batten and a Garland kick made it 30-20 with 8:37 left.

Both offenses turned the ball over on downs on their next possessions, with the Trojans stopping Newman at the Mendota 36 with 4:08 to go. When the Trojans went back on offense, Smith gathered in a 29-yard pass from Randolph that advanced the ball to the Comet 35, then Mendota capped off the 64-yard drive with a 5-yard TD pass from Randolph to Strouss. Serrano's kick made it 30-27 with 2:59 left.

Needing another stop on defense, Mendota could not hold down the Newman offense, which was able to move from its own 47 to the Trojan 5-yard line, where Castle took a knee

to run out the clock. It was a Castle quarterback-keeper that went for 14 yards on third-and-nine from near midfield that helped seal the Newman win.

Of Randolph's 297 yards passing, 140 went to Freeman on six catches. Smith had three receptions for 76 yards and Strouss reeled in five passes for 73 yards.

• Trojan Yardstick •

STERLING NEWMAN 30, MENDOTA 27					
Mendota	7	0	7	14	- 27
Sterling Newman	10	6	7	7	- 30

SCORING SUMMARY

SN - Garland 25 field goal, 7:38 1Q
ME - Childs 3 run (Serrano kick), 3:54 1Q
SN - Britt 28 run (Garland kick), 1:44 1Q
SN - Johns 19 pass from Castle (kick failed), 10:21 2Q
ME - Smith 29 lateral from Freeman after 12 pass from Randolph (Serrano kick), 7:51 3Q
SN - Luyando 1 run (Garland kick), :8.9 3Q
ME - Freeman 56 pass from Randolph (pass failed), 11:12 4Q
SN - Batten 25 pass from Castle (Garland kick), 8:37 4Q
ME - Strouss 4 pass from Randolph (Serrano kick), 2:59 4Q

	ME	SN
First Downs	14	22
Rushes-Yards	22-23	46-289
Passing Yards	297	95
Passes	15-24-0	6-11-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Punts-Avg	1-34	1-28
Penalties-Yards	3-25	4-40

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—MENDOTA—Childs 15-34, Heiting 1-3, Smith 2-1, Randolph 4-(minus 15); NEWMAN: Luyando 19-150, Castle 14-57, Britt 8-55, Grennan 4-26, Batten 1-1.
Passing—MENDOTA: Randolph 15-23-0-297, Zinke 0-1-0-0; NEWMAN: Castle 6-11-0-95.
Receiving—MENDOTA: Freeman 6-140, Smith 3-76, Strouss 5-73, Childs 1-8; NEWMAN: Hanrahan 1-32, Johns 2-31, Batten 1-25, Britt 2-7.

Three Rivers East Division Football Standings			Friday, Oct. 14	
	TR	OA	Newman 30, Mendota 27	
Princeton	6-0	8-0	Princeton 48, Bureau V. 0	
St. Bede	3-2	6-2	Rockridge 42, Kewanee 14	
Sterling Newman	3-2	5-3	Saturday, Oct. 15	
Hall	3-2	4-4	Hall 42, St. Bede 27	
Kewanee	2-3	3-5	Friday, Oct. 21	
Mendota	1-4	3-5	St. Bede at Mendota	
Bureau Valley	0-5	1-7	Newman at Kewanee	
			Bureau Valley at Hall	
			Princeton at Monmouth-R.	



Mendota's Emma Pierce tries to get a spike past the block attempt of Indian Creek's Alex Edwards during the Mendota Varsity Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 15. (Reporter photo)

Mendota harriers in Rock Falls Regional

ROCK FALLS — The Mendota girls' and boys' cross country teams have been assigned to the Rock Falls Class 1A Regional to be held Saturday, Oct. 22. The girls will race at 10 a.m. followed by the boys at 10:45 a.m.

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Oct. 10

- 1. Split Happens 11-9; 2. CM Farm 11-9; 3. Bad Kats 11-9; 4. Ramer Inc. 10-10; 5. Sports-N-Stuff 9-11; 6. Leagal Beagles 8-12
- High team game (scratch) – Leagal Beagles 780, Split Happens 699, Ramer Inc. 657
- High team game (hdcp) – Leagal Beagles 1024, Split Happens 999, Ramer Inc. 960
- High team series (scratch) – Leagal Beagles 2000, Split Happens 1993, Ramer Inc. 1929
- High team series (hdcp) – Split Happens 2893, Ramer Inc. 2838, Leagal Beagles 2732

- Men's high game (scratch) – Matt Ramer 256, Aaron Hollocker 247, Mike Smith 215
- Men's high game (hdcp) – Aaron Hollocker 293, Carl Reistad 270, Brendan Ramer 267

- Men's high series (scratch) – Ron Westphal 564, Mike Smith 521, Aaron Hollocker 512
- Men's high series (hdcp) – Carl Reistad 742, Bob Thomas 713, Brendan Ramer 694

- Women's high game (scratch) – Dria Kuntz 200, Emily Thomas 190, Gail Sessler 188
- Women's high game (hdcp) – Dria Kuntz 272, Stephanie Ramer 269, Emily Thomas 266

- Women's high series (scratch) – Emily Thomas 543, Dria Kuntz 524, Jessica Robinson 503
- Women's high series (hdcp) – Emily Thomas 771, Hannah Westphal 745, Dria Kuntz 740

Tuesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Oct. 11

- 1. JJ&L Carpentry 14-10; 2.

- Black Bros. 12-12; 3. Team 2 11-13; 4. Age Old Organics 11-13

- High team game (scratch) – JJ&L Carpentry 993, Team 2 975, Black Bros. 849

- High team game (hdcp) – JJ&L Carpentry 1145, Team 2 1045, Black Bros. 1016

- High team series (scratch) – Team 2 2849, JJ&L Carpentry 2771, Black Bros. 2507

- High team series (hdcp) – JJ&L Carpentry 3227, Team 2 3059, Black Bros. 3008

- High individual game (scratch) – Luke Ross 264, Nate Bradford 247, Kirk Ross 245

- High individual series (scratch) – Luke Ross 717, Nate Bradford 716, Todd Smith 616

Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Oct. 12

- 1. Mendota Monument 15-9; 2. Boelk Truck Lines 11.5-12.5; 3. First State Bank 11.5-12.5; 4. O'Donnell Excavating 10-14

- High team game (scratch) – Mendota Monument 1080, First State Bank 1043, Boelk Truck Lines 971

- High team game (hdcp) – Boelk Truck Lines 1165, First State Bank 1156, Mendota Monument 1089

- High team series (scratch) – Mendota Monument 3126, First State Bank 2749, Boelk Truck Lines 2573

- High team series (hdcp) – Boelk Truck Lines 3155, Mendota Monument 3153, First State Bank 3088

- High individual game (scratch) – Nate Bradford 268, Drake O'Donnell 266, Tim Dessing & Erik Schmitt 247

- High individual series (scratch) – Nate Bradford 728, Erik Schmitt 685, Drake O'Donnell 658





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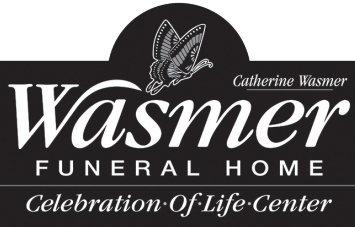
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Monday, Oct. 24

- 1 – (8) Sandwich vs. (9) Stillman Valley – 7 p.m.
- 2 – (7) Prophetstown [Coop] vs. (10) Mendota – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

- 3 – (1) Rock Falls vs. Winner Match 1 – 7 p.m.
- 4 – (4) Oregon vs. Winner Match 2 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27

- 5 – Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4 – 7 p.m.
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LOCAL AND AREA

Discover the promised land God has for you

As believers in Jesus Christ, we are joint heirs with Him. This means that everything that is His also belongs to us, and every promise God gives in His Word is for us (Romans 8:17). But I've learned that it's one thing to claim God's promises by faith and another to actually experience them.

The story of the Israelites in the wilderness is a good example for us regarding this principle. They were slaves in Egypt when God sent Moses to deliver them from Pharaoh and lead them to the Promised Land He had for them. They had to go through a wilderness to get there, and Deuteronomy 1:2 (AMP) says, "It is [only] eleven days' journey from Horeb...to Kadesh-barnea [on Canaan's border; yet Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years before crossing the border and entering Canaan, the promised land]."

It's tragic that it took the Israelites 40 long,

miserable years to reach their destination, and even sadder that in the end, only a small number entered the land, along with Joshua and Caleb.

It's easy to shake our heads and wonder how it could have taken them so long to get to their desired destination. But the truth is many of us have wandered around in our own wilderness, going around the same mountains over and over for far too long.

Just like the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, we were slaves to sin before we accepted Christ as our Savior. And just like the Israelites were stuck in the wilderness after they were delivered from slavery, many Christians are still living as if they've not been delivered from their sin, even though Christ has done everything that was needed to set them free from it once and for all (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

Now the Israelites had enemies—the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and

the Jebusites—and they thought they were the problem. But we see in Scripture that in reality, it was not the Israelites' enemies that kept them from the Promised Land because God was on their side.

The problem was their wrong mindsets and attitudes. They were often negative and complained, and they focused on their circumstances instead of God.

The same principle is true for us. We can't have victory over sin while we think we are still in bondage to it. No matter what our "bondage" may be—an addiction, insecurity, fear, overeating, etc.—Jesus' blood cleanses us and sets us free from it all. That doesn't mean we won't have to walk through a process to experience total deliverance, but it does mean that in Christ, we have everything we need to do our part to walk it out.

Romans 6:2 says, "How can we, the very ones who died to sin,



continue to live in it any longer?" This verse is talking about how through faith in Christ, we become dead to sin and alive to God's righteousness.

The key to this process is found in Romans 6:11 (AMP), which says, "Consider yourselves to be dead to sin [and your relationship to it broken], but alive to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus."

I love that this says "consider," because this term indicates a process of your mind. We must see ourselves as dead to sin and believe it, not because of what we've done or can do but because of who Jesus is and what He has done for us!

We tend to be afraid of sin or just think that it's too hard to overcome it, so we stay trapped in it. But through Christ, we CAN control our thinking and shake off the "wilderness mindsets" that hold us back from the promised land God has for us.

Start by taking an inventory of your thoughts. Think about what you're thinking about, because

where the mind goes, the man follows (Proverbs 23:7). Pray and ask God to help you identify thoughts that don't line up with His Word. Then study scriptures that will refute them and renew your mind with Truth.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV) says, "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." And Romans 12:2 says we are "transformed by the renewing of [our] mind..."

The battle to live the life God created you to live is fought in your mind, through arguments and pretensions that don't agree with Him. But if you will be a diligent student of God's Word, studying and meditating on the Truth it reveals, you'll begin to think a completely different way. And you'll make prog-

ress little by little each day that gets you closer to your Promised Land.

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The City of Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, hereby gives Notice of a Public Hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m., Central Time, on November 7, 2022, at the Mendota City Hall, 800 Washington Street, Mendota, Illinois, to consider its proposed Mendota 2022 Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area, Plan and Projects. All interested persons, including all taxing districts of which taxable property is included in the Area and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, will be given an opportunity to be heard at said Public Hearing and to file with the City Clerk written objections to any issues embodied in this notice, and are also invited to submit written comments, prior to the date of the Hearing, to the City at the following address: City of Mendota, City Clerk, 800 Washington St, P.O. Box 710, Mendota, Illinois 61342. A Summary of the proposed Redevelopment Plan and Projects and a Boundary Map and Legal Description of the proposed Redevelopment Project Area are presented below. The Redevelopment Plan and Projects complies with the provisions of the "Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act". A copy of the proposed Mendota 2022 TIF District Redevelopment Plan and Projects is available at the Mendota City Clerk's Office, 800 Washington Street, Mendota, Illinois for examination during regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. For further information, please feel free to contact Ms. Emily McConville, City Clerk, City of Mendota, at (815) 539-7459.

MENDOTA 2022 TIF DISTRICT SUMMARY OF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, PLAN & PROJECTS

Proposed Redevelopment Plan and Project Area: The City of Mendota proposes to establish a Redevelopment Project Area and adopt a Redevelopment Plan and Projects pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4 et. seq.] (the "Act") for the proposed "Mendota 2022 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District" in order to stimulate commercial, industrial/ manufacturing and residential development within the City. The intent of the Redevelopment Plan is to promote and protect the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the public, address blighted conditions in the proposed Area and institute conservation measures so as to remove and alleviate adverse conditions, encourage private investment, develop business and real estate projects to increase employment and restore and enhance the tax base of the taxing districts by undertaking public and private redevelopment projects within a designated Area. The Redevelopment Project Area (the "Area") for the proposed Mendota 2022 TIF District includes areas shown on the proposed Boundary Map and the Area is legally described in the proposed Legal Description of the TIF Area. These properties have been neglected and have not benefitted from coordinated planning efforts by either public or private sectors. All properties within the proposed Area would substantially benefit by a series of proposed public and private redevelopment projects. Pursuant to the Act, the proposed Area includes only those contiguous parcels of real property and improvements thereon which would be substantially benefitted by a redevelopment project and the Area is not less in the aggregate than 1½ acres. The overall Area consists of 515 vacant and improved, 90.5% of which qualify as a combination of "Blighted" and "Conservation" Areas, as defined in the TIF Act. Improved properties included in the Area display characteristics of age, dilapidation, obsolescence, deterioration, excessive vacancy, inadequate utilities, overcrowding and a lack of public infrastructure and community planning. Vacant parcels included in the Area display characteristics of obsolete platting, deterioration of adjacent properties, chronic flooding or contributing to flooding within the same watershed, disposal sites and being blighted before becoming vacant. In addition, evidence of a lack of growth in Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) is apparent throughout the Area as a whole and has been documented pursuant to data from LaSalle County. The Redevelopment Project Area on the whole has not been subject to growth and development through investment by private enterprise and would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed without the use of tax increment financing. By attracting new private investment, improving public infrastructure and encouraging new private investment throughout the designated Redevelopment Project Area, the City expects to create new employment opportunities, increase population, increase the real estate tax base, generate additional retail sales tax revenues, stimulate the local economy and improve the overall quality of life for its residents.

Long Term Goals and Objectives: The City intends to use the Mendota 2022 TIF District to redevelop property that is currently underutilized for commercial space, commercial/retail businesses, light manufacturing/industrial purposes, residential development and tourism-related activities to increase population, improve employment opportunities, expand and diversify the local real estate tax base, manage growth and increase the overall quality of life for its residents. The Redevelopment Plan will allow the City to alleviate and/or remove blighting conditions such as the lack of adequate public infrastructure, increase Mendota's overall competitiveness in the region and institute public policies that are more conducive to business development. All of the property within the proposed Area will substantially benefit by a series of public and private redevelopment projects made possible with tax increment financing. The Area is not otherwise reasonably expected to be substantially improved or be further developed without the use of tax increment financing. The Mendota 2022 TIF District Redevelopment Plan is expected to include, but is not limited to, the following general long-term goals and objectives: (1) Eliminate or reduce those conditions which qualify the Redevelopment Project Area as a combination of Blighted and Conservation Areas; (2) Facilitate the construction, improvement and maintenance of public infrastructure and other capital projects which the City finds is in furtherance of this Redevelopment Plan or necessary to encourage new commercial, retail, industrial, manufacturing and residential development; (3) Construct, improve, upgrade

and maintain storm water drainage and sanitary sewer lines and related infrastructure throughout the Redevelopment Project Area and contiguous Redevelopment Project Areas; (4) Construct, improve, upgrade and maintain antiquated and/or inadequate water lines and mains, as well as water storage facilities and related distribution systems and contiguous Redevelopment Project Areas; (5) Construct, improve, upgrade and maintain streets, amenities relating to information technology, street lighting, landscaping, curbs, parks, public green space, recreational amenities, signage, sidewalks, bike paths and other pedestrian walkways throughout the Redevelopment Project Area and contiguous Redevelopment Project Areas; (6) Encourage private investment for commercial, industrial and residential rehabilitation/renovation projects within the Redevelopment Project Area through the use of financial incentives offered by tax increment financing; (7) Enhance the tax base for the City and other taxing districts through coordinated, comprehensive planning efforts by either the public or private sectors which focus on efforts to improve infrastructure, property reuse, and the upgrade of existing buildings; (8) Foster entrepreneurship and attract new commercial, residential and industrial development which complies with City zoning and land use ordinances, increases assessed valuations and enhances the real estate tax base for the City, thereby also creating additional employment opportunities within the Mendota community; (9) Encourage new residential development which will thereby help to adequately increase the City's population, maintain a high-quality housing stock, expand the overall tax base of the community, maintain/regenerate local school enrollments, and raise local economic thresholds to levels necessary to support new commercial retail development; (10) Encourage the development of additional, new residential choices for retired persons and elderly residents over the next 20 years; (11) Attract tourism and new retail/commercial businesses while also vigorously reinvesting in existing properties within the Redevelopment Project Area to encourage business retention and increase retail business activity which will generate local retail sales tax revenue for the City, the County and the State of Illinois; (12) Implement the goals and objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan as referenced herein, and which provides policy guidelines for land use, planning, zoning, transportation, housing, municipal growth, quality of life and related issues; and (13) Undertake redevelopment projects which will further improve the overall quality of life, health and well-being of the Mendota community. Description of Tax Increment Financing: A TIF District establishes a geographic boundary (a redevelopment project area) in which new private investment is encouraged. A municipality may also issue obligations to finance improvements that will enable the redevelopment of deteriorated, blighted, or other key conservation areas within its corporate limits. By making public improvements, the municipality may invite new private investment so that the expected increase in property tax revenues can be captured, temporarily, to amortize the public improvements. A municipality may also choose to use TIF funds on a pay-as-you-go basis whereby revenue is spent as it is collected. In either case, it is expected that new investment in a designated redevelopment area will stimulate a resurgence of population, employment, and assessed valuation throughout the entire community. It should be noted that TIF DOES NOT raise property taxes and it IS NOT a new tax or a new taxing district. Only an increased assessment or an overall increase in tax rates can raise taxes. TIF is merely used to reallocate increased property tax revenues created by increased assessed valuation that is realized after a TIF District is established. A TIF District may last for up to 23 years. With Tax Increment Financing, a property tax base is preserved during the life of the TIF District that will continue to pay for the basic public services the proposed redevelopment area already receives. New incremental property tax revenue in the City of Mendota may be used to help pay for the infrastructure necessary for stimulating additional private-sector investment.

MENDOTA 2022 TIF DISTRICT PROPOSED LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A part of Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 in Township 36 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian and a part of Section 3 in Township 35 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, all situated in the City of Mendota in LaSalle County, Illinois and further described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 2 in Waldorf Industrial Park Subdivision; thence Northerly along the West line of said Lot 2 to the Northwest corner of said Lot 2; thence Westerly along the Westerly extension of the North line of said Lot 2 to the Southwest corner of the East 341.05 feet lying West of said Waldorf Industrial Park Subdivision, of the South 883.98 feet of the North 1972.98 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the aforesaid Section 32; thence Northerly 883.98 feet along the West line of said East 341.05 feet to the Northwest corner of said East 341.05 feet; thence Easterly along the North line of said 341.05 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot A in West Plaza Properties, a Re-Subdivision of Plaza Subdivision No. 2 and part of the Southeast Quarter of the aforesaid Section 32; thence Northerly along the West line of said West Plaza Properties and its Northerly extension to the North right of way line of Washington Street (U.S. Route 34); thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the Southeast corner of Lot 1 in Char-Lu Estates First Addition; thence Northerly along the East line of said Lot 1 and its Northerly extension to the North right of way line of Char-Lu Drive; thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the West right of way line of Westlawn Avenue; thence Northerly along said West right of way line to the North right of way line of Lucille Lane; thence Easterly along the Easterly extension of said North right of way line to the East right of way line of the aforesaid Westlawn Avenue; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the Northwest corner of Lot 2 in Char-Lu Estates Second Addition; thence Easterly along the North line of said Lot 2 to the Northeast corner of said Lot 2; thence Southerly along the East line of said Lot 2 to the Southeast corner of said Lot 2, said corner also being on the North right of way line of Jefferson Street; thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the Southeast corner of Lot 4 in Block 37 in West's Addition, said corner also being on the West line of an alley in said Block 37; thence

Northerly along said West line and its Northerly extension to the North right of way line of Monroe Street; thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the West right of way line of Illinois Avenue; thence Northerly along said West right of way line and its Northerly extension to the North right of way line of Burlington Street; thence Easterly along said North right of way line and its Easterly extension to the East right of way line of Main Street; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in H.D. Hume Company Business District Subdivision; thence Easterly along the South line of said Lot 3 to the Southeast corner of said Lot 3, said corner being on the West line of a 20 foot wide by 580 foot long Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company rail spur track; thence Southerly along said West line to the Southwest Corner of said rail spur track property; thence Easterly 20 feet along the South line of said rail spur track property to the Southeast corner of said rail spur track property; thence Northerly 580 feet along the East line of said rail spur track to the Northeast corner of said rail spur track property; thence Westerly along said rail spur property to the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the aforesaid Section 33; thence Northerly along said West line and its Northerly extension to the North right of way line of Twelfth Street; thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the Northwesterly right of way line of the Burlington Northern Railroad; thence Northeasterly along said Northwesterly right of way line to the West right of way line of First Avenue; thence Northerly along said West right of way line to the North right of way line of 20th Street (N. 4350th Road); thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the Northerly extension of the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 27, said East line also being the East line of Mendota Industrial Park Subdivision; thence Southerly along said East line to a point being 513.06 feet South of the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in said Mendota Industrial Park Subdivision; thence Southeasterly 379.17 feet to a point on the South line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 27, said point being 135 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence Southerly 20 feet parallel with the East line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence Easterly parallel with the North line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to the East line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence Northerly along said East line to the North right of way line of N. 4350th Road; thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the West right of way line of East 4th Road; thence Northerly along said West right of way line to a point that is 830 feet south of the North line of the aforesaid Section 26; thence Easterly parallel with said North line to a point 350 feet East of the West line of said Section 26; thence Southerly parallel with the West line of said Section 26 to a point being 300 feet Northwesterly as measured perpendicular to the Northwesterly right of way line of the Burlington Northern Railroad; thence Northeasterly parallel with said Northwesterly right of way line to a point on the West line of Mendota Business Park; thence Northerly along said West line to the North right of way line of North 44th Road; thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the Northerly extension of the West line of Lot 1 in said Mendota Business Park; thence Southerly along said West line and its Southerly extension to the North line of Lot 4 in said Mendota Business Park; thence Easterly along said North line and its Easterly extension to the East right of way line of East 5th Road (Welland Road); thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the North line of the South 30 acres of the Southwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 25; thence Easterly along said North line to the West right of way line of Interstate 39; thence Southwesterly along said right of way line to the Northeast corner of Kailish Subdivision; thence Westerly along the North line of said Kailish Subdivision to the East right of way line of Kailish Drive; thence Southwesterly along said East right of way line to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in said Kailish Subdivision; thence Southeasterly and Easterly along the South line of said Lot 3 to the West right of way line of Interstate 39; thence Southerly along said West right of way line to the North right of way line of U.S. Route 34; thence Westerly along said North right of way line to the Northerly extension of the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 36; thence Southerly along said Northerly extension and the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 36 to the East right of way line of East 525th Road (T.R. 100); thence Southerly along said East right of way line to a point being 200 feet South of the South line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 36; thence Westerly parallel with said South line to the West line of the Northwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 36; thence Northerly along said West line to the South right of way line of U.S. Route 34; thence Westerly along said South right of way line to the Southerly extension of the West line of Mendota Business Park; thence Northerly along said West line to the Northerly right of way line of the Burlington Northern Railroad; thence Westerly along said Northerly right of way line to the East right of way line of East 4th Road; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the South right of way line of U.S. Route 34; thence Westerly along said South right of way line to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Phalen's Industrial Park Subdivision; thence Southerly along the East line of said Lot 1 and the East line of Lot 2 in said Phalen's Industrial Park Subdivision to the North line of Lot 3 in Phalen's Industrial Park Subdivision; thence Easterly along the North line of said Lot 3 to the Northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence Southerly along the East line of said Lot 3 to the Southeast corner of said Lot 3; thence Westerly along the South line of said Lot 3 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3, said corner being on the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 34; thence Southerly along said East line to the South line of the Northwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 34; thence Easterly along said South line to the Northerly extension of the East right of way line of Castle Avenue; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the Southeast corner of Castle's Subdivision No. 1; thence Westerly along the South line

of said Castle's Subdivision No. 1 to the East line of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 34 to the South line of the aforesaid Section 34; thence Easterly along said South line to a point being 1036.6 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the aforesaid Section 34; thence Northerly 290 feet parallel with the East line of said Southwest Quarter; thence Easterly 751.6 feet parallel with the South line of said Southwest Quarter; thence Southerly 290 feet parallel with the East line of said Southwest Quarter to the South line of said Southwest Quarter; thence Westerly along the South line of said Southwest Quarter and the North line of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of the aforesaid Section 3 to a point being 1936.65 feet East of the Northwest corner of the aforesaid Section 3; thence Southerly 50 feet perpendicular to said North line; thence Westerly parallel with said North line to the East right of way line of 1st Avenue; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the Easterly extension of the South right of way line of Division Street; thence Westerly along said Easterly extension and said South right of way line to the West right of way line of 1st Avenue; thence Northerly along said West right of way line to the South right of way line of 11th Street; thence Westerly along said South right of way line to the East right of way line of 5th Avenue; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the South right of way line of 6th Street; thence Westerly along said South right of way line to the East right of way line of 6th Avenue; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the South right of way line of 5th Street; thence Westerly along said South right of way line to the East right of way line of East 7th Avenue; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the North right of way line of Division Street, said North right of way line also being the South line of the aforesaid Section 33; thence Westerly along said South line to the Southeast corner of Block 7 in the Original Town of Mendota; thence Northerly along the East line of said Block 7 and its Northerly extension to the centerline of First Street; thence Easterly along said centerline to the Southerly extension of the East right of way line of the vacated 40 foot wide West 7th Avenue; thence Northerly along said vacated East right of way line and its Northerly extension to the centerline line of 2nd Street; thence Westerly along said centerline to the Southerly extension of the West right of way line of West 7th Avenue; thence Northerly along said West right of way line to the South right of way line of 3rd Street; thence Westerly along said South right of way line to the Southeasterly right of way line of the Burlington Northern Railroad; thence Southwesterly along said Southeasterly right of way line to the West right of way line of 10th Avenue; thence Northerly along said West right of way line to the North right of way line of 4th Street; thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the West right of way line of 9th Avenue; thence Northerly along said West right of way line to the South right of way line of 6th Street; thence Westerly along said South right of way line to the East line of 13th Avenue (Illinois Route 251); thence Southerly along said East right of way line to a point on the Easterly extension of the South line of Lot 3 in Block 1 in the Subdivision of the North 32.66 Acres of the East 45 Acres of the Southeast Quarter of the aforesaid Section 32; thence Westerly along the South line of said Lot 3 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3; thence Northerly along the West line of said Lot 3 to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3, said corner also being the Southeast corner of Lot 10 in said Block 1; thence Westerly along the South line of said Lot 10 to the West line of the East 20 feet of said Lot 10; thence Northerly along said West line to the South right of way line of Washington Street (U.S. Route 34); thence Westerly along said South right of way line to the East right of way line of Plaza Drive; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the North right of way line of Schwan Drive; thence Easterly along said North right of way line to the East right of way line of Sandra Avenue; thence Southerly along said East right of way line to the Easterly extension of the South line of Waldorf Industrial Park Subdivision; thence Westerly along said Easterly extension and said South line to the Place of Beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 36 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, lying North of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence South 88 degrees 16 minutes 30 seconds East 33.0 feet along the North line of said Quarter Quarter to a point on the East line of First Avenue; thence South 602.1 feet along said East line to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 150.0 feet to a point; thence South 80.0 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad; thence South 77 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West along said Northerly right of way line to the aforesaid East line of First Avenue; thence North along said East line to the Point of Beginning, all situated in Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois. AND ALSO EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 36 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, lying North of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence South 88 degrees 16 minutes 30 seconds East 33.0 feet along the North line of said Quarter Quarter to a point; thence South 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East 462.39 feet to a point on the East line of said Quarter Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds East 269.91 feet along said East line to a point on the Northerly right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degree 00 minutes 30 seconds West 269.91 feet along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to a point; thence South 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East to a point on the North right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degree 00 minutes 30 seconds West 269.91 feet along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to a point; thence South 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East to a point on the North right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degree 00 minutes 30 seconds West 269.91 feet along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to a point; thence South 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East to a point on the North right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degree 00 minutes 30 seconds West 269.91 feet along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to a point; thence South 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East to a point on the North right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degree 00 minutes 30 seconds West 269.91 feet along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to a point; thence South 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East to a point on the North right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degree 00 minutes 30 seconds West 269.91 feet along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to a point; thence South 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East to a point on the North right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degree 00 minutes 30 seconds West 269.91 feet along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to a point; thence South 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East to a point on the North right of way line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, said point being the Point of Beginning; 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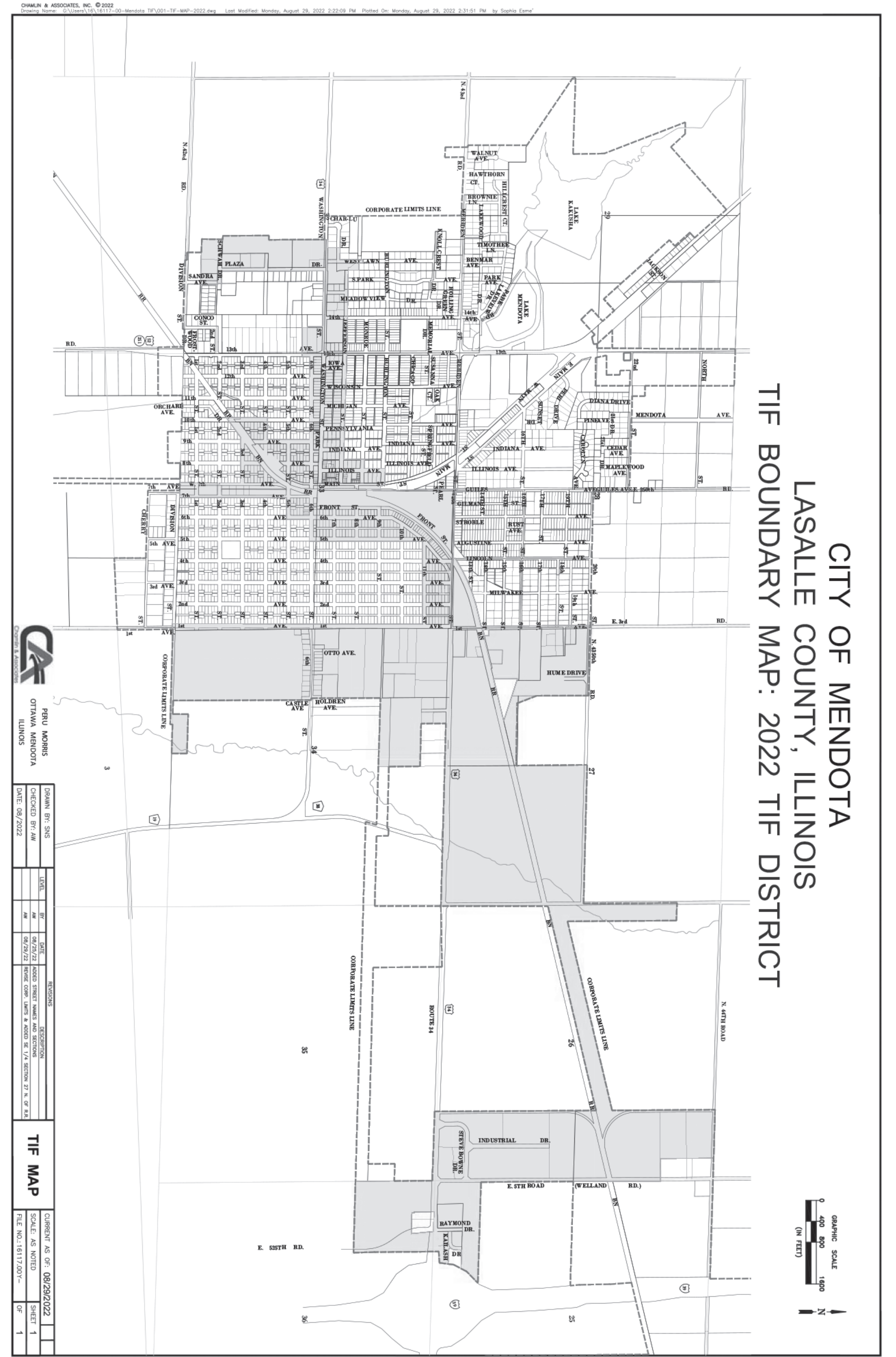
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B Subdivision, being a subdivision located in part
of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Sec-
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95-15056. All containing 1.62 square miles, more
or less.

MENDOTA 2022 TIF DISTRICT
PROPOSED BOUNDARY MAP
(BELOW)
Legal No. 1007 (10/19, 10/26 2022)



NOTICE OF SALE OF
TIMESHARE ESTATE
OR ESTATES UNDER
SECTION 10 OF THE
TIMESHARE LIEN AND
SECURITY INTEREST
ACT

By virtue of Section 10 of the Timeshare Lien and Security Interest Act, 770 ILCS 103/1 et. Seq., and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, LaSalle County, Illinois, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

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.

CRISTINA BOYAS, A SINGLE WOMAN, ELIZA BAEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AND ANTHONY DAVE FOURNIER, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 7846 LAWLER AVE, BURBANK, IL, 60459, according to the Mortgage dated December 26, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2018 12107, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 07, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0129 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 2
CRISTINA BOYAS, A SINGLE WOMAN, ELIZA BAEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AND ANTHONY DAVE FOURNIER, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4418 W 55TH ST APT 7, CHICAGO, IL, 60632, according to the Mortgage dated December 26, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2018 12107, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 07, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0129 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 2
PHILLIP D BROOKS, A SINGLE MAN, 1235 S 18TH AVE, MAYWOOD, IL, 60153, according to the Mortgage dated March 26, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 145656, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

particularly described as, Unit No. 0173, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1
HENRY J CARTER JR AND MAUDESTER FIELDS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 453 SPRINGFIELD ST, PARK FOREST, IL, 60466, according to the Mortgage dated May 13, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 13274, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 30, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0373 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 3

HENRY J CARTER JR AND MAUDESTER FIELDS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 453 SPRINGFIELD ST, PARK FOREST, IL, 60466, according to the Mortgage dated May 13, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 15164, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 07, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0131 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
MARY L DYNES, A SINGLE WOMAN, 1044 RIVIERA DR, ELGIN, IL, 60124, according to the Mortgage dated October 05, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20190 7870, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 02, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0391 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 6
KELSO V ESCOTO AND ALBERTA E ESCOTO, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 3860 VAN BUREN ST, GARY, IN, 46408, according to the Mortgage dated January 31, 2019 and recorded under File No. 20190 9297, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 02, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0405 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 6
LUCIO MARCOS ESTRADA AND BRIDGET ROCHELLE ESTRADA, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 2107 FAREWAY DR, MUSCATINE, IA, 52761, according to the Mortgage dated September 07, 2020 and recorded under File No. 202100 712, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 14, 2021, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0065 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1
THOMAS A FOULKS, A SINGLE MAN, C/O OGRADY LAW GROUP, 1980 FESTIVAL PLAZA DR STE 300, LAS VEGAS, NV, 89135, according to the Mortgage dated December 06, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20171 3059, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0433, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 7
THOMAS A FOULKS, A SINGLE MAN, 9829 S DOBSON AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Mortgage dated December 06, 2015

and recorded under File No. 20171 3059, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0433, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 7
BIRGIT GRAF, A SINGLE WOMAN, 402 HOMESTEAD RD APT 3, LA GRANGE PARK, IL, 60526, according to the Mortgage dated March 28, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 9247, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 28, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0120 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 2
TERRANCE L GUALANDI AND ANNETTE M GUALANDI, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 137 CLEVELAND CIR, GRANVILLE, IL, 61326, according to the Mortgage dated August 13, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16713, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 19, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0173 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1
VINCENT JAMES AND LORRAINE RILEY JAMES, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5333 W VAN BUREN ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated February 18, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018 12117, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 07, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0203 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 4
GARY G KOESLER AND NAOMI F KOESLER, HIS WIFE AND TRACY A KOESLER, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 2066 WILLIAM DR, MONTGOMERY, IL, 60538, according to the Mortgage dated November 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20160 9283, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0375, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 3
GARY G KOESLER AND NAOMI F KOESLER, HIS WIFE AND TRACY A KOESLER, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1650 BRIDLE POST DR, AURORA, IL, 60506, according to the Mortgage dated November 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20160 9283, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0375, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 3
GARY G KOESLER AND NAOMI F KOESLER, HIS WIFE AND TRACY A KOESLER, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5306 N CUMBERLAND AVE APT 304, CHICAGO, IL, 60656, according to the Mortgage dated November 05, 2015 and recorded under File

No. 20160 9283, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0375, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 3
JERRY B LEWIS, A SINGLE MAN, C/O MEYER CHAPEL, 306 W CHURCH ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL, 61820, according to the Mortgage dated November 10, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9891, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0436 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 7
JERRY B LEWIS, A SINGLE MAN, 303 E HILL ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL, 61820, according to the Mortgage dated November 10, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9891, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0436 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 7
AUBREY LENARD LUCAS AND ALEXIS BLOSSOM LUCAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 45 DOGWOOD ST, PARK FOREST, IL, 60466, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 14596, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0119 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2
AUBREY LENARD LUCAS AND ALEXIS BLOSSOM LUCAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 17750 DEVON DR, COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, IL, 60478, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 14596, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0119 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2
MARGARET PAMILA LUCAS, A SINGLE WOMAN, C/O NEALLY LAW, 122 PARK CENTRAL SQ, SPRINGFIELD, MO, 65806, according to the Mortgage dated June 17, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17588, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 01, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0221 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 4

MARGARET PAMILA LUCAS, A SINGLE WOMAN, 1551 MILLBROOK DR, ALGONQUIN, IL, 60102, according to the Mortgage dated June 17, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17588, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 01, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0221 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 4
HARVEY L MC KELVIN AND ROSIE B MC KELVIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT

TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5422 W RICE ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60651, according to the Mortgage dated February 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 7493, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 19, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0423 AB Side, Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 7
JAMES J MOORE AND ELLA WARD MOORE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5248 W CONGRESS PKWY APT 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated May 14, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 14445, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 28, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0284 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 4
FRANCISCO J PAIZ AND KARLA JOHANNA CHACON MORALES, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 9335 FIRESIDE CIR, INDIANAPOLIS, IN, 46250, according to the Mortgage dated June 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 14593, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0144 Frequency Odd, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 2
JILL C PARKER, A SINGLE WOMAN, 110 VIXEN CIR APT F, BRANSON, MO, 65616, according to the Mortgage dated November 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9084, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 06, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0078 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1
NICHOLAS W PAROJCIC AND ASHLEE L PAROJCIC, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 743 GOVERNOR RD, VALPARAISO, IN, 46385, according to the Mortgage dated February 11, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20180 9719, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 17, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0064 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1
BEVERLY M PERKINS, 8430 S WINCHESTER AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60620, according to the Mortgage dated July 08, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2019 16338, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 27, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0209 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 4
JOEY PETERSON M U H A M M A D AND CAROL E M U H A M M A D , HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4277 N 28TH ST, MILWAUKEE, WI, 53216, according to the Mortgage dated January 22, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 8815, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 05, 2018, are the

owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0152 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2
WILLIAM R P I E C H O W S K I AND AMBER L P I E C H O W S K I , HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 11 BROADWAY STE 1515, NEW YORK, NY, 10004, according to the Mortgage dated February 18, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20180 7718, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0376 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 3
WILLIAM R P I E C H O W S K I AND AMBER L P I E C H O W S K I , HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 441 GREENVIEW LN, OSWEGO, IL, 60543, according to the Mortgage dated February 18, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20180 7718, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0376 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 3
JAMES L PURHAM AND BETTY J PURHAM, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 9036 S MAY ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60620, according to the Mortgage dated September 08, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 2450, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0438 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 7
HALI RAFFERTY A/K/A HALI N RAFFERTY AND TYLER MOORE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 518 W ERIE ST, SPRING VALLEY, IL, 61362, according to the Mortgage dated April 18, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2019 10397, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 20, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0055 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1
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County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0286 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 4
DEBORAH G R I C H A R D S O N AND WILLIE C RICHARDSON, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 359 DANIELLE RD, MATTESON, IL, 60443, according to the Mortgage dated June 26, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12075, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0375 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 3
DIANITZA RIVERA, A MARRIED WOMAN, 752 N SUNRISE DR, ROMEVILLE, IL, 60446, according to the Mortgage dated November 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17431, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0056 Frequency Odd, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 1

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SANDRA P SANTIZO, A SINGLE WOMAN, 228 LONGFORD CT, ELGIN, IL, 60120, according to the Mortgage dated March 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 10765, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 27, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0129, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 2
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LAREIA C SMITH AND JAMES SMITH, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 2121 171ST ST, HAZEL CREST, IL, 60429, according to the Mortgage dated July 24, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 11164, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 27, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0431 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 7
THESHA L TERLUNEN AND DAVID ALAN TERLUNEN, WIFE

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ERIC A THOMAS AND LINDA R THOMAS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 428 S BARNEWOLT DR, PEORIA, IL, 61604, according to the Mortgage dated January 04, 2019 and recorded under File No. 20190 6099, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 24, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0377 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 3
CAROLYN A TYLER-GARCIA AND OMAR A GARCIA CANO AKA AGCAS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1759 N MAYFIELD AVE APT 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60639, according to the Mortgage dated July 11, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 2103, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0130 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2
SARAY VEGA-COOPER AND PAUL BRIGANDI, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 65 MALDEN ST UNIT B, WORCESTER, MA, 01606, according to the Mortgage dated October 01, 2019 and recorded under File No. 20200 5384, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 21, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0406 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 6

SARAY VEGA-COOPER AND PAUL BRIGANDI, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 33 EUCLID AVE APT 1, WORCESTER, MA, 01610, according to the Mortgage dated October 01, 2019 and recorded under File No. 20200 5384, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 21, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0406 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 6
JONAS TIANGSON VIRAY AND EDEN S VIRAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, C/O RICHARD FRED JOHNSON LAW, 70 W MADISON ST STE 4000, CHICAGO, IL, 60602, according to the Mortgage dated February 26, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 15422, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0288 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 4
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Dated: September 19, 2022. Edward Koley Applicant.
Legal No. 1002 (10/5, 10/12, 10/19 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE)
OF) C a s e
Betty J.) No.
Worple,) 2022
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CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Betty J. Worple of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 22, 2022 to Patsy J. Kresal of 10606 Matthews, P. O. Box 61, Huntley, IL 60142, whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 15, 2023. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be

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Legal No. 1003 (10/5, 10/12, 10/19 2022)

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Dated: October 6, 2022.
Jon C. Dees Applicant.
Legal No. 1005 (10/12, 10/19, 10/26 2022)

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Dated: October 13, 2022. Jereme Elam & Francheska Diaz Applicants.
Legal No. 1006 (10/19, 10/26, 11/2 2022)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

ESTATE) Case
OF) No.
GARY M.) 22 PR
DePAOLA,) 194
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Gary M. DePaola of Mendota, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2022 to Mary Jo Freestone, 12988 318th CT, Redfield, IA 50233 as Independent Executor and Representative, whose Attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, in the LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Independent Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before the above stated dates is barred. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of the Court. GREG VACCARO CIRCUIT CLERK-LASALLE COUNTY LASALLE COUNTY COURT HOUSE 119 WEST MADISON STREET

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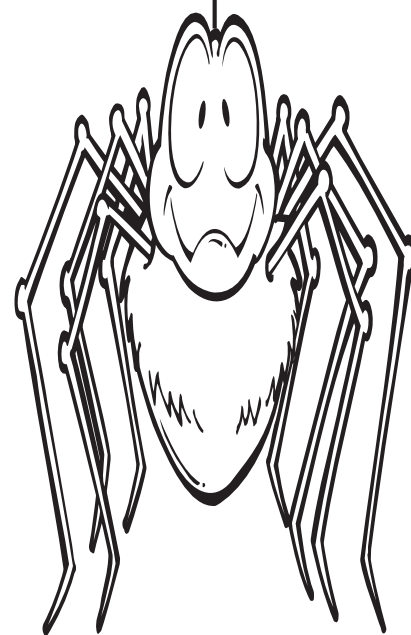
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