

## COVID-19 vaccine clinic planned at Mendota H.S.

### Walk-ins welcome at Jan. 14 clinic

MENDOTA – The State of Illinois is partnering with Mendota High School District 280 in offering a free COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Mendota High School.

The first dose will be administered on Friday, Jan. 14 and the second dose will be given on Friday, Feb. 4. Clinic hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Booster shots are also available.

Walk-ins are welcome to the clinic at Mendota High School, which is located at 2300 W. Main St., Mendota.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be administered and is authorized and recommended for persons 12 years of age and older.

For more information on where to find vaccine clinics, go online to [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov) or call 1-833-621-1284.

For more information or questions about COVID-19, call 1-800-889-3931, email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov) or visit the Illinois Department of Public Health website at [www.dph.illinois.gov](https://www.dph.illinois.gov).

## Rate of food price inflation could ease in 2022

By DANIEL GRANT  
*FarmWeek*

BLOOMINGTON – Shoppers and diners might see some relief from food price inflation in 2022 after absorbing steep price increases the past year.

But prices for many items likely won't go down any time soon.

USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) predicts the consumer price index (CPI) for all food could increase 2% to 3% in 2022, down from the 2021 forecast of 3-4%.

The CPI for all food increased another half percentage point from October to November and climbed 6.1% higher than November 2020, which marked the highest food price inflation since 2008.

"No food categories have decreased in price in 2021 compared with 2020," ERS noted in its December food price outlook. "The level of food price inflation varies depending on whether the food was purchased for consumption away from home or at home."

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Those who eat at home can expect food prices to increase another 1.5-2.5% in 2022, closer to historical averages, while food prices away from home are expected to increase 3-4%.

"The beef and veal category has had the largest relative price increase (in 2021)," ERS noted.

Beef and veal prices rose 8.7% through November 2021 while pork prices climbed at a similar clip. ERS projects price inflation



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in both meat categories could ease to 2 to 3% in 2022.

"Ground chuck and ground beef fell from record prices in October, but still remain elevated," authors of the CME Group's Daily Livestock Report noted. "Retail pork prices continued to climb in November, reaching a new record price for the eighth consecutive month."

Poultry prices followed a similar trajectory as beef and pork, reaching a record broiler composite retail price for the fifth consecutive month in November, according to the Daily Livestock Report.

ERS projects other food categories with some of the largest price increases in 2021 could see a lower rate of inflation in 2022.

Price increases for fresh fruits are projected to decline from a range of 4.5% to 5.5% in 2021 to 1-2% in 2022, while price inflation for fats and oils could ease from a range of 4-5% to 1.5-2.5% during the same time.

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## First State Bank sets annual Ag Business Conference

### Local meteorologist among program speakers

MENDOTA – First State Bank, Mendota, announces a special conference for area farmers. The 22nd Annual First State Bank Ag Conference is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Mendota Civic Center.

Starting the program will be Matt Friedlein. A Mendota native, Friedlein is a meteorologist of 18 years with the National Weather Service. He has worked at offices in Paducah, Ky., Minneapolis, Minn., and for the past 10 years as a lead forecaster at the Chicago office located in Romeoville.



Meteorologist  
Matt Friedlein

Following Friedlein will be Mark Schweitzer. Schweitzer is VP Economic Research for Archer Daniels Midland. He works with ADM business leaders to provide economic and market intelligence, and tools that enable better business and risk-management decision making. With a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University, Schweitzer's passion is helping develop the next generation of leaders through the FFA.

The conference's keynote speaker will be Dr. Matt Roberts. Commodity broker turned professor, turned entrepreneur, turned speaker, Roberts has shared his outlook on grain, energy and macro markets over 600 times around the country since starting at Ohio State in 2001.

Roberts is a native of Bolivar, Mo., where he grew up in the markets, open-

ing his first online trading account in 1986, trading stocks from the back room of the family Chevrolet dealership. By 1996, Roberts was a commodity and energy derivatives broker in the Vienna, Austria office of CA Global Futures. He has traded or brokered almost everything, from azuki beans to Waste Management shares – stocks, bonds, futures, options, and over-the-counter derivatives.

Area farmers are encouraged to contact First State Bank at 815.539.3834 prior to Saturday, Jan. 22 to confirm reservations for the event. ADM Grain Company, Mendota, and Prairie State Tractor, Mendota, will serve as major co-sponsors of this event and will provide lunch for all those in attendance. First State Insurance will be sponsoring the morning coffee and donuts.

Door prizes are being provided by several area businesses including: Beck Oil Co., Cantlin Law Firm, Chris Eller – the Retirement Specialists, Country Village Meats, Crop Productions Services, Dinges Fire Company, Earlville Farmers Coop, Guilfoyle Law Firm, Hornung Tiling, Inc., Foster's Tax & Accounting, LLC., Leffelman & Associates, Leone Polaris, Maplehurst Farms, Mendota Mutual Insurance, Meriden Grain-Pioneer Seed, Northern Partners Cooperative, Pioneer Seed Sales-Rodney Rod, Prescott Bros. Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, Schimmer Automotive Group, Sublette Farmers Elevator Co., Sublette Mechanical, Troy Grove Elevator, Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet, Vaessen Implement & Repair, and West Brooklyn Farmers Coop.



**The CDC released an overview of isolation guidance and quarantine for K-12 schools in early January.**

## IDPH and ISBE update COVID-19 isolation guidelines to align with CDC

By GREG BISHOP  
*The Center Square*

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois schools can expect an update on the COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance to mirror the guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC issued new guidance Jan. 4 that shortened the isolation and quarantine periods for the general public.

Parents across the state were confused why such guidance was not being mirrored by Illinois schools. Some districts were following test-to-stay policies that

allows students to test out of quarantine.

On Jan. 6, the CDC released an overview of isolation guidance and quarantine for K-12 schools.

A memo from the Illinois Department of Public Health published last week by the Illinois State Board of Education says the two agencies plan to revise existing regulations and guidance documents to align with the CDC's update.

The guidance says staff or students who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, should isolate for five days after the onset of symptoms, or five

days from the collection of a specimen if no symptoms are present.

Asymptomatic positive cases can be released from isolation after five days. If symptoms are present and persist, isolation should end after being fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.

The memo from IDPH says schools should ensure that students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 should wear a mask, including at home, for five days.

Details about the updated guidance can be found at the ISBE website.



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### IVCC's spring tuition deadline moved to Jan. 19

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College is moving its tuition payment deadline to Wednesday, Jan. 19 to allow students more time to financially prepare for the spring semester, which began Jan. 10.

Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski said the extension "provides students flexibility at a time when they likely need it, especially if they are dealing with the effects of COVID."

Spring students who persevere in at least six credit hours through April 7 are eligible for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund assistance. Those taking 12 or more hours will receive \$1,000; those in 6-to-11, \$500.



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Mendota Chamber of Commerce announces Shop Local winners

MENDOTA – The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce has named its “Shop Local & Win” promotion winners for 2021. The promotion was held from Nov. 20 through Dec. 31 at participating Mendota area businesses.

The grand prize winner was Mary Lou Flahive of Mendota. First place went to Neil Elston of Mendota, second place was won by John Erhardt of Mendota and third place went to Lisa Avery of Mendota.

The grand prize included over \$1,000 in merchandise and gift cards from participating businesses. The first-, second- and third-place winners each received gift baskets worth over \$300 in merchandise and gifts.

There were also 10 additional consolation winners that each received \$20 in Chamber gift certificates. They were Andrew Belan, Brenda Deery, Neil Elston, Linda Erlenborn, Mary Lou Flahive, Barb Hartley, Renee Lee, Joanne McNally, Sara Schafer and Deb Simkins.

For every \$10 spent in a participating business, players received one sticker. In order to qualify for the prizes, a player had to turn in a full card and each card had to have stickers from at least five of the participating businesses.

There were 49 area businesses that participated in the promotion to encourage people to shop locally during the holiday season. The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce appreciates all of the participating businesses and everyone that took part in the promotion.



Mary Lou Flahive, left, receives her gifts from Shelby Weide, Chamber President/CEO, for being the grand prize winner in the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce “Shop Local & Win” promotion during the holiday season. (Photo contributed)



Neil Elston, left, receives his gifts from Shelby Weide, Chamber President/CEO, for being the first-place winner in the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce “Shop Local & Win” promotion during the holiday season. (Photo contributed)



John Erhardt, left, receives his gifts from Becky Biers, Chamber administrative assistant, for being the second-place winner in the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce “Shop Local & Win” promotion during the holiday season. (Photo contributed)



Lisa Avery, left, receives her gifts from Shelby Weide, Chamber President/CEO, for being the third-place winner in the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce “Shop Local & Win” promotion during the holiday season. (Photo contributed)

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### WIU dean's list

MACOMB/MOLINE – A total of 1,164 Western Illinois University undergraduate students were named to the fall 2021 dean's list. The total includes 68 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

Local students include Madeline Hewitt, a junior, of LaMoille and Wyatt Cole, senior, of Earlville.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

## OSF Saint Paul to host blood drive Jan. 21

MENDOTA – ImpactLife will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21 in Conference Room C at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota.

Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood. Please call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401 or online at <https://login.bloodcenter.org>. Bring a photo ID for use in donor registration.

Blood donations are often used to help treat patients with cancer, victims of trauma and patients undergoing major surgeries. All persons age 17 and up (or 16, with a signed parental permission form) who weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health meet the basic eligibility requirements for

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## LaSalle Co. Genealogy Guild reschedules January program

OTTAWA – The January program of the LaSalle County Genealogy Guild has been rescheduled for June. The LaSalle County Genealogy

Guild is located at 115 West Glover St. in Ottawa. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays; other days by appointment.

For more information, please call (815) 433-5261, e-mail [lscgg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lscgg@sbcglobal.net) or visit their website at [lscgg.org](http://lscgg.org).

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Time to enter Chamber's Valentine Baby Contest

MENDOTA – The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting entries for the 2022 Valentine Baby Contest. Baby girls and boys between the ages of newborn to 36 months will be eligible.

Participants are asked to submit a 5x7 photo of your baby. Please include the baby's full name, sex, age, parents' names, address and phone number. Photos will be available for pickup after the contest. Deadline for all entries is Wednesday, Jan. 19. Send photos to Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, 800 Washington St., P.O. Box 620, Mendota, IL 61342 or email them to [sweide@mendotachamber.com](mailto:sweide@mendotachamber.com). Voting will take place Jan. 24 through Feb. 14 at noon.

Categories are 0-18 month girls, photos at Eureka Savings Bank; 0-18 month boys, photos at First State Bank; and 19-36 month boys and girls, photos at Financial Plus Credit Union. There will also be online voting. Voting is as follows: for example, one penny equals one vote, one quarter equals 25 votes, and a dollar equals 100 votes. The boys and girls in each category with the most votes will be named the winners.

First- and second-place prize winners will be announced on the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page on the afternoon of Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. First- and second-place winners in each category will receive an assortment of fun prizes.

All proceeds from the fundraiser go to the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce.

## PAW PAW

### Paw Paw Village Board

PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Village Board met on Jan. 5. During the meeting, it was reported that the lift station at Wheeler and Maple was temporarily out-of-order, requiring manual emptying every three hours around-the-clock until weather permitted repairs. A water leak on Wisconsin Avenue will be repaired as soon as weather is warm enough next week. The village attorneys

completed title searches on the properties at 322 Wheeler and 311 Chicago Road. Petitions will be filed authorizing demolition for public nuisance and unsafe conditions on the Wheeler property and for deteriorated/nuisance on the Chicago Road property.

The annual garbage fee rate will increase by 3 percent in April per village contract with the waste disposal company.



**Brian Duncan, Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President, left, and Evan Hultine, Bureau County Farm Bureau President. (Photo contributed)**

## County farm bureaus honored during Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting

PRINCETON - Bureau County Farm Bureau was recently recognized during the 107th annual meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau for their outstanding programming during 2019 and 2020. The annual meeting is an opportunity for recognition of outstanding achievement by individual members and county farm bureaus.

Counties compete for awards with other counties of similar membership size: Group I — 1,350 and fewer members; Group II — 1,351 to 1,900 members; Group III — 1,901 to 2,800 members; Group IV — 2,801 to 5,500 members; and Group V — 5,501 or more members.

Bureau County Farm Bureau, which is in Group IV, was awarded the following:

- County Activities of Excellence Awards in Foundations & Fundraising for their "Paint the Sign" fundraiser and Membership Value for

their "Restaurant Bingo" promotion.

- New Horizon Award (to encourage new and innovative programs) for the "Silo Movie, Grain Bin Extrication Demonstration and Safety Sticker" campaign.

- Pinnacle Award for programs held relating to goals set for the organization. This is the highest-level award given to the most outstanding county in each membership group to recognize overall program excellence as it relates to the County Farm Bureau's goals and priorities.

Awards given were evaluated under the County Activities of Excellence (CAE) program. The goals of the program are to recognize farm bureaus for program excellence, encourage and assist them in setting goals and priorities, inspire and promote innovative programming to meet member needs, promote programming in key areas, and to provide a resource for counties to develop new programs.

## University of Illinois Extension welcomes new 4-H staff member

OGLESBY - University of Illinois Extension has welcomed Katie Smith to the 4-H team. Smith was hired as the Extra Help-4-H Extension Program Coordinator for Bureau, La Salle, Marshall, and Putnam counties.

While Smith is new to this position, she is not new to 4-H in the four-county area. She was an 11-year member of the Walnut Winner's 4-H Club and an active member in the Bureau County 4-H Federation throughout high school. She understands firsthand how valuable 4-H experiences are to youth in rural areas; however, she also wants to provide opportunities that show 4-H is for everyone.

This is a new, pilot position for local 4-H programs. Smith was hired to help grow local Federation (teen leadership) clubs, recruit new Cloverbud (ages 5-7) members, help new members navigate the 4-H system, and provide support to leaders and clubs. She will work with the other 4-H team members and use strategic planning to fulfill these responsibilities alongside her own personal ideas stemming from her own 4-H experiences. With an ever-changing and growing 4-H program, Smith is needed as a resource and support to sustain established clubs and members.

Smith attended Sauk Valley Community College before transferring to Illinois State University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in May 2021 in Agriculture Communications & Leadership and Animal Industry Management. In her free time, she enjoys shopping, doing yoga and making crafts.

Some of her favorite 4-H project areas include sewing, cooking and horticulture but after taking 15-20 projects to the fair each year, she has experienced a little bit of everything. Smith looks forward to meeting all the clubs and sharing activities to help members be more prepared for the fair.

For more information about 4-H in your county, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp> to find your local Extension office.



**Smith**

## Lee Co. Farm Bureau seeking summer intern applications

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is hiring an intern for summer 2022. The internship is open to college students studying agriculture, business, communications or a related field. A background in agriculture as well as public relations, communications

and social media skills is encouraged but not required.

A complete job description and the internship application is available online at [www.lcfbfoundation.org](http://www.lcfbfoundation.org), by contacting the office at (815) 857-3531 or e-mail [leecfb@comcast.net](mailto:leecfb@comcast.net). Application deadline is Feb. 18.

## 4-H canning workshop for youth - Jams & Jellies

LA SALLE - University of Illinois Extension invites all youth, ages 8-18, to a two-part series of canning workshops on Saturday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, March 26 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. The workshops will take place at the U of I Extension Education Center & Community Teaching Kitchen,



944 First St., LaSalle. The workshop is free to all registered 4-H members and \$5 for non-4-H members. Come and experience this 4-H, hands-on learning opportunity and consider joining 4-H in your community. Please register at <https://go.illinois.edu/canningworkshop> by Jan. 28.

## CARL'S QUIZ

Over time, New Years resolutions have changed somewhat. Which of the following resolutions found on the 1947 'Top 10' list are not on the 2022 list?

- 1.) Stop smoking, 2.) Save more money, 3.) Spend more time with family, 4.) Stop drinking/drink less, 5.) Lose weight

The answer to last week's quiz is: Ancient Egyptians celebrated the new year near the summer solstice.

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at [www.mendotareporter.com](http://www.mendotareporter.com)

## OSF

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blood donation. For more information on donor eligibility, call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401 or visit [www.bloodcenter.org/eligibility](http://www.bloodcenter.org/eligibility).

ImpactLife is a not-for-profit community organization providing blood services to 120 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin including 12 of 15 OSF HealthCare facilities.

## Mendota Weather

Jan. 12, 2022

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 35 Low: 22

**Thursday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 34 Low: 26

**Friday**  
Isolated Snow  
High: 35 Low: 21

**Saturday**  
Scattered Snow  
High: 27 Low: 12

**Sunday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 24 Low: 10

**Monday**  
Cloudy  
High: 27 Low: 11

**Tuesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 25 Low: 12

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 85%. West wind 8 to 11 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 55° set in 2012. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 22°. West wind 8 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 16°. The record low for Wednesday night is -15° set in 1974.

### Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	35/22	mc	36/26	mc
Champaign	43/28	pc	41/29	pc
Chicago	37/25	mc	36/29	mc
Freeport	35/19	pc	34/22	mc
Joliet	37/24	mc	37/28	mc
Moline	37/22	pc	37/26	mc
Peoria	40/27	pc	40/29	mc
Rockford	35/20	pc	34/24	mc
Springfield	45/28	pc	44/30	pc

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	20	2	27/11	0.00"
Tuesday	35	22	27/11	0.00"
Wednesday	19	9	27/11	0.00"
Thursday	8	-2	27/11	0.00"
Friday	13	-5	27/11	0.00"
Saturday	35	16	27/11	0.00"
Sunday	25	9	27/11	0.00"

Rainfall	0.00"
Normal rainfall	0.47"
Departure	-0.47"
Average temp.	14.7°
Average normal	19.0°
Departure	-4.3°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:21 a.m.	4:48 p.m.	12:52 p.m.	2:47 a.m.
Thursday	7:21 a.m.	4:49 p.m.	1:23 p.m.	3:49 a.m.
Friday	7:21 a.m.	4:50 p.m.	1:59 p.m.	4:49 a.m.
Saturday	7:20 a.m.	4:51 p.m.	2:42 p.m.	5:47 a.m.
Sunday	7:20 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	3:33 p.m.	6:41 a.m.
Monday	7:19 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	4:31 p.m.	7:28 a.m.
Tuesday	7:19 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	5:33 p.m.	8:09 a.m.

### Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

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### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 45 in Belleville, Ill. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 74 in Bonita Springs, Fla. The central United States will see mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 72 in Brownsville, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 54 in Coos Bay, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 72 in El Centro, Calif.

### Weather Trivia

What kind of fog is found in the mountains?



Answer: Upslope fog.

### Weather History

**Jan. 12, 1985** - A record snowstorm struck portions of western and south central Texas. The palm trees of San Antonio were blanketed with up to 13 and a half inches of snow, more snow than was ever previously received in an entire winter.

**Jan. 13, 1888** - The mercury plunged to 65 degrees below zero at Fort Keough, located near Miles City, Mont. The reading stood as a record for the entire continental United States for 66 years.

## Honoring the Man and his Dream

The following financial institutions will be closed on **Monday, Jan. 17, 2022** in honor of **Martin Luther King's Birthday.**

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Donna L. Stockley

EARLVILLE - Donna Lea (Porter) Stockley, 90, of Earlville died Jan. 3, 2022.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 9 at Earlville United Methodist Church in Earlville with Pastor Sandy Smith officiating. Burial was at Precinct Cemetery, rural Earlville. Visitation was from noon to 1 p.m. preceding the funeral. Arrangements were entrusted to Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home, Earlville.

Donna was born Sept. 25, 1931 in Indianola, Iowa to Joe Porter and Cleo Wheaton Porter. She married Kenneth L. Stockley on Aug. 10, 1952 at the Methodist Church in Knoxville, Iowa. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her children, Douglas L. Stockley (Julie Anderson) of Earlville and Debra Chatman of Yorkville; two grandchildren, Christi Chatman and Ryan (Jamie) Chatman; two great-grandchildren, Sidney and Ollie Chatman; Julie's children, Killian and Madeleine Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sisters, Joella Snook and Opal Oaks; one brother, Larry Porter; and one son-in-law, Sidney Chatman.

Donna was baptized by emersion at 12 years old at First Christian Church in Knoxville, Iowa. She lived in Dallas, Iowa and attended Dallas Consolidated School from 1st to 5th grade. As part of the family phone business, her father and grandfather operated a telephone switchboard in their home and Donna assisted with the switchboard while growing up. From 6th to 12th grade, she attended the Knoxville Public School in Knoxville, Iowa. While in high school, she took penmanship, shorthand, and typing classes; played the French horn in marching and concert band; and loved to swim and roller skate. Eventually, the Porter family opened their own 'mom and pop' grocery store in part of their home in Knoxville. Donna played a role in helping run the store with her mother and older sisters. She was active in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - created for Masonic daughters beginning at age 11 through 18. Once 18, Donna joined the Order of the Eastern Star. In 1949, she graduated from the Felt and Terrant Comptometer School in Des Moines, Iowa and began working for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Disbursements in her first job after high school. While living in Des Moines, she met a college boy from Ames, Iowa at a local dance.

After she and Kenneth were married, they moved to San Antonio, Texas where Kenneth was stationed in Fort Sam Huston and Donna began working at the Southern Bell Tele-



phone Company. After the service, she worked for the Standard Oil Company in Peoria while Kenneth worked for the Extension Service in his first job out of the service. In 1954, they moved to the Frank Wright Farm in Earlville to farm and raise a family and remained on this farm for 63 years. While raising a family, Donna was a part of many community events and clubs including the PTA, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, Mother Daughter Banquets, church bazaars, 4-H Club meetings, and entertaining with the Card Club. In 1954, Donna joined the Earlville United Methodist Church and the Dorcas Circle of the Women's Society. Eventually, she took on the responsibilities of membership secretary for the church, a position she held for many years. As a city girl, she had to learn the ropes of being a farmer's wife. She learned the art of baking pies, preparing vegetables, cooking for a crew of men, and feeding a hungry group of farmers at noon. She loved to cook Christmas rolls and gave them away to everyone she knew at Christmas time. She also loved to garden, planning and tending to garden chores every summer. Canning vegetables and making pickles and strawberry jelly were some of her favorites. Some of Donna's most treasured farm friends were the farm cats and their kittens. Their ability to catch the mice she hated made the cats her favorite. On May 20, 1955, Donna gave birth to the couple's first child, Douglas L. Stockley, and on Sept. 13, 1957, they had their second child, Debra J. Stockley. Donna loved being a homemaker and raising her children. In 1970, she was a Census Enumerator for the Earlville area and in 1971, she worked as a production clerk at Marathon Electric Manufacturing Company in Earlville. For many years after her children were grown, she worked at dress shops. Using her creativity, she loved to put together beautiful outfits for people at the Tree Trunk House and then the Heinrich Shop. Donna and Kenneth found new adventures as the kids grew up and started lives of their own. Donna enjoyed golf and playing in a woman's league. She also collected Beanie Babies and Precious Moments. Both Kenneth and Donna took dance lessons and enjoyed getting together with their friends at the Harding Community Center for dances. As their children grew and had families of their own, the couple became active, doting grandparents and then even great-grandparents. They delighted in cheering on their grandchildren. Donna was Kenneth's number one supporter when it came to politics and she often accompanied him to evening meetings, parades and political events. In large part, Donna lived her life through Kenneth. Even now, Donna chose to live alongside him, never wanting to be too far from him. Memorials may be directed to Earlville United Methodist Church. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please go to [www.eighnerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eighnerfuneralhomes.com).

## Timothy T. McCarthy

MENDOTA - Timothy T. McCarthy, 72, of Mendota passed away Jan. 9, 2022 in his home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services and burial will be private. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

Tim was born Aug. 8, 1949 in Chicago to Charles and Dorothy (Keeley) McCarthy. He married Barbara Rife.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; a son, Ryan McCarthy of Mendota; and one sister, Bridget (Michael) Galazkiewicz of Minooka.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tim served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War. He worked as a security guard for Mendota Community Hospital and Illinois Valley Community College. He was a car enthusiast and a Chicago Bears fan. He loved animals, camping and being outdoors.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Janis Ryan

HOFFMAN ESTATES - Janis Ryan, 81, of Hoffman Estates, formerly of Mendota, passed away Jan. 2, 2022.

Mass of Christian burial was held at noon on Jan. 8 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mendota. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 until 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 8 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota.

Janis was born Sept. 8, 1940 in Mendota to Lloyd and Irene (Klein) Cotton.

She will be dearly missed by her daughter, Jennifer Ryan of La Canada, Calif.; three sons, John (Christine) Ryan of Mesa, Ariz., Jeff (Rosa) Ryan of Carol Stream, and Tim Ryan of Chicago; six grandchildren, Cassidy Ryan, Kylie Fletcher, Brody Ryan, Cesar Diaz, Stephen Diaz and Julia Olvera Ryan; two sisters, Mary (Dwight) Stone of Germantown Hills and Carol Sheridan of Rockford; two brothers, Robert Cotton of Mendota and Dale Cotton of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Donna Barbier and Norma Wright; and one brother, Dean Cotton.

Janis attended Mendota High School graduating in 1958. She studied special education at Northern Illinois University. During her work career, she was a self-employed businesswoman and owner of Directional Strategies, Inc. She loved gardening and flowers and was the most amazing, creative and loving mother and grandmother.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at [wasmerfuneralhome.com](http://wasmerfuneralhome.com).



## Patricia A. Rod

MENDOTA - Patricia A. (Whitmore) Rod, 85, of Mendota passed away peacefully on Jan. 6, 2022 surrounded by family at Brighton Gardens of Wheaton Reminiscence in Wheaton.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 10 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Brian Kelly officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until time of services.

Patricia was born Sept. 19, 1936 in Aurora to George and Bernice (Caponash) Whitmore, Jr. She had the honor of being the first daughter born in the Whitmore family for 60 years. She married James Ross Rod of LaMoille on Nov. 6, 1955. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her brother, Jerry Whitmore; her children, Deborah (Michael W.) Koscielnny and Michael J. Rod; grandchildren, Michael "Trey" W. (Michele) Koscielnny, III, Rachael E. (Andrew) Sutter, Elizabeth E. Rod, James M. Rod and Timothy M. (Claudia) Rod; a great-granddaughter, Daenerys A. Koscielnny; a great-grandson Kurtis W. Sutter; and a third great-grandchild due in February.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter-in-law, Joan E. (Crowley) Rod; and Alfred "Fritz" Rod.

Patricia was a member of Mendota Bible Church where she sang in the choir and was a Kids Klub volunteer. Her faith steered her life and she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior many years ago. She graduated from Mendota High School in 1955 where she actively participated in girls' sports including baseball. Patricia and James resided on a farm near Rochelle before moving to Rockford in 1964. Patricia graduated and taught cosmetology at Rockford Beauty Academy in Rockford and was the owner/operator of the Glamour Magic Beauty Salon at her home in Rockford. She graduated from Rock Valley College School of Nursing in 1972 with high honors and practiced as an RN/Intensive Care nurse at Rockford Memorial Hospital and Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru, as well as Seton Medical Center in Austin, Texas. During her lifetime, she was co-owner with her husband and manager of a Polar Bear Ashburn Ice Cream Store in Austin, Texas. She was an AKC breeder of German Shepherds and an accomplished dog trainer as well as a beekeeper and advocate for wildlife. Her love for gardening followed her through life, while living on the farm or in town. Her home was recognized as the June 1995 Lawn of the Month by the Men's Garden Club of Mendota. Patricia's love of life was best shown by the energy she put into to everything she did. She was always willing to lend a helping hand when others were in need. She was a very independent woman.

Memorials may be directed to Alzheimer's Association or online at [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org). Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

## Maynard Hoelzer

COMPTON - Maynard Hoelzer, 90, passed away Jan. 5, 2022 at Pleasant View Health Center in Ottawa.

A private family graveside service will be held at Twin Grove Cemetery in Steward with Pastor Ken Foster officiating.

Maynard was born July 31, 1931 in Compton to Edward and Hilda (Winter) Hoelzer. He married Mary Lou Barnhart on Aug. 7, 1954 in Scarborough.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Mary Lou Hoelzer of Compton; one son, Hal (Marcel Stumbo) Hoelzer of Mendota; four grandchildren, Kye Witek of International Falls, Minn., Devin Witek of Oglesby, Zack Witek of Steward, and Madeline Hoelzer of Mendota; one son-in-law, John Witek of Steward; and two siblings, Dennis (Judy) Hoelzer of Peyton, Colo. and Marion Neal of Shabbona.

He was preceded in death by one son, Kevin Hoelzer; one daughter, Natalie Witek; and three siblings, Violet Williams, Kenneth Hoelzer and Milton Hoelzer.

Maynard farmed in the Compton area his entire life. He served in the U.S. Army in France during the Korean War. A passion of his was dancing and he would go whenever he could.

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## Andrew Swanson

MENDOTA - A graveside service for Andrew F. Swanson, 63, who passed away Dec. 15, 2021 will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating and military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Merritt Funeral Home assisted the family.

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## MHS to administer Illinois 5Essentials Survey to improve student learning

□ Students, teachers and parents can participate in survey

MENDOTA – Mendota High School will join the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) in the 10th statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. The survey provides a unique opportunity for students, teachers and parents to have a voice in improving their schools.

From Jan. 11 through March 11, students and teachers will be asked to take a 25-minute research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment. The parent survey supplement will also be administered during the same survey window. These surveys will serve as an opportunity for schools to reflect on progress since the last statewide implementation.

"We encourage all our teachers, students, and parents to make their voices heard to impact change at Mendota High School. Please participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey so we may review our school needs and respond to those needs. MHS has

consistently participated in the statewide 5Essentials Survey and is opting to administer the survey to teachers and students again this year to continue tracking and informing progress," said Denise Aughenbaugh, MHS principal.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey provides a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring five "essentials" critical for school success:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environment
- Ambitious Instruction

Twenty years of research at the University of Chicago in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of the 5Essentials were 10 times more likely to make substantial gains in improving student reading and math than schools that were weak on three or more of the Essentials. Those differences remained true even after controlling for student and school characteristics,

including poverty, race, gender, and neighborhood characteristics. Strength on components within the Essentials also correlated with increased teacher retention, student attendance, college enrollment and high school graduation.

Principals and superintendents will receive the 5Essentials Report in April 2022. Survey results will also be reported publicly on the 5Essentials reporting site in Spring 2022 and on the IL State School Report Card website in the Fall of 2022. An optional parent survey is again available to all schools as a supplement to the 5Essentials Survey for teachers and students – results from the parent survey supplement will be included only in the individual school 5Essentials Reports.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, UChicago Impact is providing Illinois 5Essentials to schools statewide. Teachers, students, and parents may complete the Illinois 5Essentials Survey online. For more information visit: [www.5-essentials.org/illinois](http://www.5-essentials.org/illinois).

## Illinois 49th for residents moving out

By KEVIN BESSLER  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – According to a moving company, Illinois once again witnessed one of the largest net losses of one-way moving trucks leaving the state.

In the latest U-Haul Growth Index for 2021, Illinois is ranked 49th in the country for the second year in a row, behind only California. The index determines growth by calculating the net gain of one-way trucks entering the state versus leaving in a calendar year.

Illinois has held down the 49th or 50th spot on the index since 2015.

Many Illinoisans headed for the sandy beaches of Florida, where Mario Martinez is a regional vice president for U-Haul. He said Florida

**According to the latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau, from July 2020 to July 2021, there were 113,776 fewer people in Illinois.**

didn't force the business shutdowns during the pandemic like Illinois did.

"For the past two years, we have pretty much been open the entire time," Martinez said. "This state has kept on going and this year has been very busy all the way around."

Florida came in behind Texas as the leading growth states in 2021, followed by Tennessee, South Carolina and Arizona. Illinois' neighbor, Indiana, came in sixth.

"We see a lot of people coming in from the Chicago markets," said Matt Merrill, district vice president of the Dallas Fort Worth

Metroplex and West Texas. "I think that's a lot due to the job growth and a lot of opportunity here. The cost of living here is much lower than in those areas."

According to the latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau, from July 2020 to July 2021, there were 113,776 fewer people in Illinois. Only the District of Columbia and New York had a greater percent decline in population.

Taking into account the number of births and migrants who moved to Illinois, it is estimated more than 122,000 Illinoisans moved to other states.



### 2022 Valentine Baby Contest

**Sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce**

**Who:** Babies up to 36 months

**How:** Submit a 5x7 photo of your baby to: Mendota Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 620, Mendota, IL 61342 or Email [sweide@mendotachamber.com](mailto:sweide@mendotachamber.com). On the back of the photo, include the baby's full name, sex, age, parents' names, address and phone number. Photos will be available to pick up after the contest.

**When:** Entry deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 19th. Voting runs Jan. 24 through noon on Feb. 14th. Every cent is one vote (One Penny = 1 vote... One Dollar = 100 votes)

**Where:** Voting will take place at Local Financial Institutions and online.

**Winners will be announced on the Chamber Facebook Page on the afternoon of Valentine's Day. Prizes will be awarded to first and second places in each category. All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce**

## Mendota winter weather ordinances

MENDOTA – During winter weather conditions, the Mendota Police Department reminds residents to obey the following ordinances:

- Ordinance 41.38 – Parking After Snowfall

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street in the city at any time after a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred, unless the snow has ceased and has been plowed off or otherwise removed from the street.

Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for each violation of this ordinance and may be subject to towing said vehicle away. The cost of said towing shall be the obligation and expense of those violating this Section.

- Ordinance 6.21 – Depositing Snow in Streets

No person within the city shall remove any snow from his private property or from offstreet parking lots or right of way parking into any of the city streets or alleys. This Section does not apply to removal of snow from sidewalks. This Section is specifically directed to, but not limited to gasoline stations, medical and dental clinics, or any other business or corporation which has private parking on the property or in those areas where the term of the city has been dedicated or given over for parking facilities.

The above ordinances are in place to assist the city of Mendota with snow removal from the city streets.

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## Scamming the scammer

By Scott Reeder

I don't find joy in anyone being swindled, but I do find a bit of irony that the DeVos family, founders of Amway, were bilked out of \$100 million.

Amway is a pioneer of multi-level marketing, a concept where participants are expected to not only sell something but recruit others to sell it, too. Avon, Mary Kay, Tupperware and Herbalife are some other well-known MLMs.

Elizabeth Holmes, the founder of Theranos, who was convicted of fraud charges Jan. 3, sweet talked the DeVos clan into investing in her enterprise that falsely claimed to have revolutionized blood testing.

The problem is the fancy blood-testing machine she said she invented didn't work. And she lied to attract rich investors like the DeVos who had dollar signs dancing in their eyes.

When the Wall Street Journal uncovered the deception, the company's valuation dropped from \$9 billion to less than nothing.

The DeVos family may be out millions but things could be much worse. They could have fallen for some other scam and ended up with a basement full of unused merchandise. That's what happens to a lot of folks who get involved in multi-level marketing schemes.

Robert Fitzgerald, of Pyramid Scheme Alert, is an expert on MLMs.

"Think about it. Could you possibly make a living today from your home on your own, as an Amway distributor selling laundry soap or anything else like that? So, basically these detergents and other things might be consumed by the salespeople themselves. That's right. You can't make a living."

According to the Federal Trade Commission, most people who join legitimate MLMs make little or no money. And some lose money.

In 2020, my family got scammed. The sad part is we knew we were being scammed all along and failed to stop it.

It went like this: the mother of one of our kids' friends invited my wife, Joan, to a Touchstone Crystal party. We like the woman who invited her and our daughters are good friends. But Joan wasn't particularly keen on the product. She's a veterinarian and jewelry get snagged by the paws and claws of her patients.

When she was about to attend the online party, I rolled my eyes and said, "You know you're going to be expected to buy something. And it will be overpriced and likely something you don't like."

She nodded her head and gave a look of resignation one might expect of someone heading to the gallows. Unfortunately, in our society too many people are taught to be pleasers.

When she returned from her virtual engagement, she was even more glum. She won the door prize. And what was the door prize? The opportunity to host her own Touchstone Crystal party.

I looked at her and said, "Tell them, 'No.' It's a scam."

My wife nodded her head in agreement. And then the emails and phone calls started coming in from someone higher up the Touchstone Crystal food chain. Let's call her Queen Bee.

We were in the middle of a pandemic and the governor declared a hard lockdown so we said we couldn't host a party. But Queen Bee had other ideas. We would host a virtual party over Zoom.

"Tell her, 'no.' I mouthed across the room. But my wife said 'yes.' Queen Bee seemed to know just what buttons to push to get a mark to acquiesce.

Then my wife came up with her own idea: scam the scammer.

We'd host a fake party. She pointed at our oldest daughter, then her sister and then me and said, "You will be my party guests."

Can't we just tell her no? My wife just gave me The Look. She has trouble telling friends, acquaintances and strangers 'no' but with me it's not a problem.

On Party Day, we all took our phones and computers to different parts of our house and logged on using different Zoom accounts. And there she was, Queen Bee.

When I introduced myself she gave me a startled look.

After a long pause she said "You know that Crystal glove Michael Jackson wore? That was made by our company. So, men sometimes use our products."

I can see it now, me moonwalking into the newsroom wearing one crystal bejeweled glove and whistling "Billy Jean."

At this point, I put on my reporter hat and started asking questions. "How much money did you make last year, doing this?" Queen Bee sputtered and said, "Well, I'm just not certain."

How dependent is your income on recruiting others to sell? "Well, I just don't know what you mean."

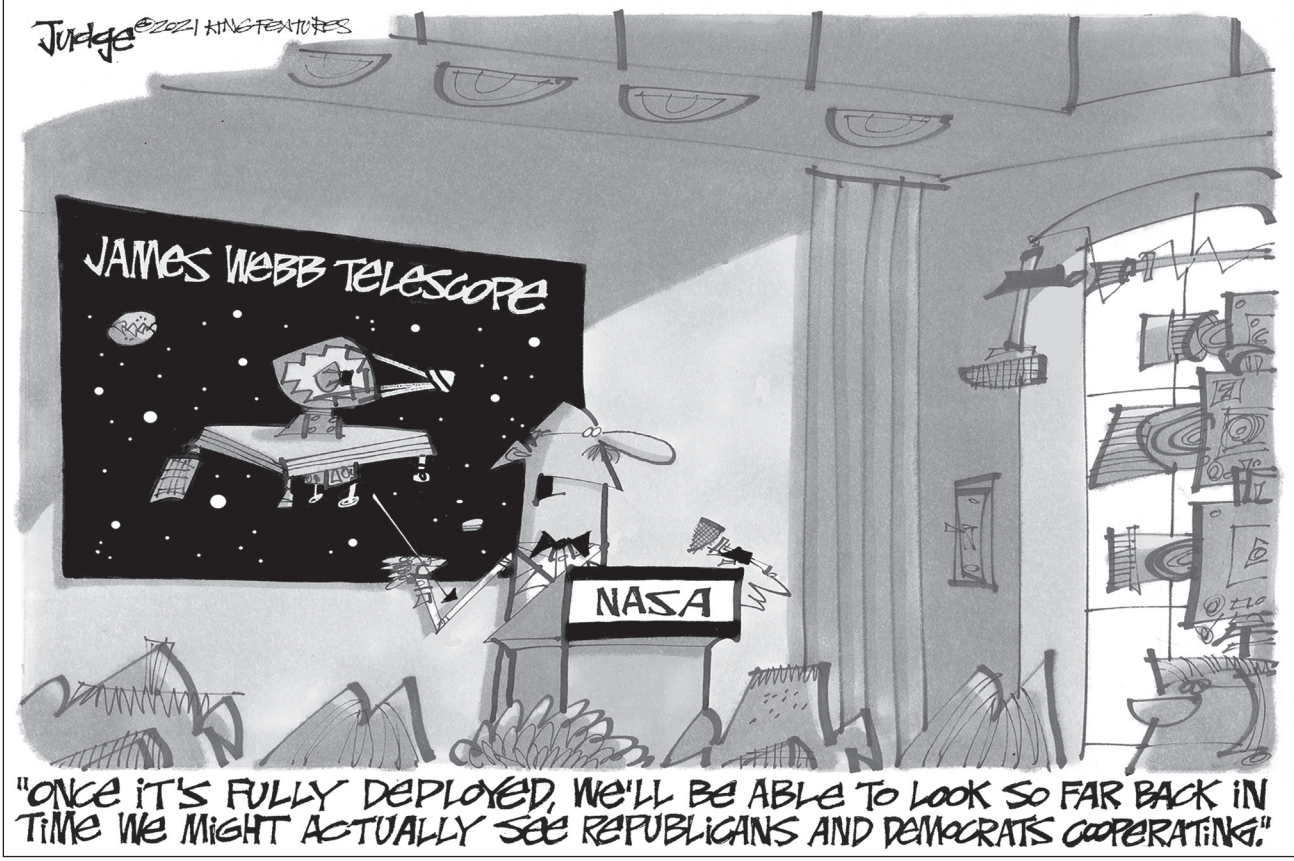
Is this a multi-level marketing program? "I've never heard that term before."

And then Queen Bee said let's do a drawing for a door prize. My wife, God bless her, says, "We aren't drawing for the opportunity to host another party are we?" A look of dejection crosses Queen Bee's face and she says, "Um, no."

At this point, I head to Dollar General, phone in hand and ask questions as I stroll down the cough medicine aisle. My inquires must have proved too much because soon she was closing out the party. I signed off.

As soon as I hung up, my wife bought another piece of jewelry. I asked why and she said, "Well, I was expected to."

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



## Farm folk fill Opera House – 1904

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Jan. 12, 1994.)

By Jessica Nashold

When word came out that the ninth annual LaSalle County Farmer's Institute would be held in the Mendota Opera House, the Ottawa papers were appalled. They warned that attendance at the Institute if held "elsewhere than at the county seat," would suffer.

But from the opening day until the final evening, attendance was high. On the last night, The Reporter was pleased to mention –

**The Opera House has not held such a crowd in 10 years and hundreds were unable to gain admission.**

The Institute was held for three days in January 1904. Superintendent W.R. Foster of the East Mendota School and Professor J.A. Wallace, a music teacher, were in charge of programming. This included talks on farm topics, but every speech was preceded and followed by music. Whole classes from Blackstone and East Mendota schools filed on stage to sing. Buckner's orchestra was on hand and a double male quartet sang "How to Make Corn Bread" and "The Whistling Farmer Boy."

One session was devoted to the Boys' and Girls' Association. A paper entitled "Why Should Farmer Boys Attend the Agricultural College" was presented as well as an essay, "The Farmer Girl."

There were awards for corn and Floyd Davis captured the \$3 first prize. In the bread competition, Charlotte Pohl was first.

On the final day, a speaker promoted "good roads," urging farmers and their wives to organize and agitate for road improvement.

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A grain buyer from Minonk lost a son and a daughter in the Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago. That tragedy on Dec 30, 1893, resulted in 602 deaths. The man from Minonk telegraphed to Mendota to arrange a special train to Chicago.

Arriving on the Illinois Central at 11:15 p.m., he boarded Engine No. 1528 of Billy's train, which was kept overnight in Mendota, at 11:23. Thomas

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

Morrissey of Aurora was engineer, John Mahar, fireman, Dave Williams, conductor, and Frank McMahon, brakeman. There was on coach.

The 83 miles were covered in 87 minutes, including four stops.

**A remarkable run with an old-style engine in the dead of winter.**

It was recorded that Mahar had shoveled six tons of coal. About halfway to Aurora the light went out in the engine cab and the water glass broke, "but they kept right on." The distraught father was accompanied by his family physician.

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A red letter day for Mendota was Jan. 14, 1904. Under the headline DARKNESS DISPELLED, The Reporter was at last able to report that new street lights had been installed and were providing "a beautiful and steady light" that would give satisfaction to "both the company and the city."

**They will be hailed with delight by citizens who have been realizing the darkness of our streets without them.**

Mendota had been without street lights since mid-December.

The Reporter pointed out that investors had expended the enormous sum of \$89,000 in Mendota's electric and gas plants.

**When you realize this, there will probably be not so much kicking as there had been in the past, but kindlier feeling toward those who have gone into their pockets to provide the people with modern comfort.**

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On Jan. 9, 1904, Mendota College celebrated its 11th anniversary. President Nathan Twining stated the condition of the college "gratifying in all departments." Enrollment was increasing,

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Dr. J.C. Corbus, Mendota's health officer, received bottles from the State Board of Health in which to collect samples of Mendota's drinking water. These were to be sent to Northwestern Medical School where Professor J.H. Long would examine samples from city wells throughout the state. Locally, there was no concern about the outcome.

**We know that it is good because more than one analysis has been made before and more than that, no case of sickness has yet been traced to the use of our city water.**

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Several grocers announced they would close every evening at 7 p.m. except on "Saturday and payday nights" from Jan. 18 until March 18. The cooperating grocers were Cooper Bros., Max John, Theiss & Co., Kreiser & Liefeldt and Charles Kohl.

Grocer John Deaner did not join in the agreement as he was going out of business and was offering his stock at reduced prices.

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The CB&Q released figures for business at Mendota station in 1903 indicating an increase in revenue from freight of \$942.55, but a decrease in income from passenger service of \$676.56. net income for the year was \$265.99.

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Frances Wintrode advertised classes in Ralston Physical Culture to be held in the Opera House basement. Women's classes would meet at 2:30 and children at 4:30. The fee was 25 cents. Miss Wintrode was licensed by Ralston.

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A leap year party at Eckart's Hall attracted about 70 couples.

**The girls sent their friends bouquets and nosegays and called for them in hacks.**

The grand march was led by Miss Elsie Freedman and John Dubbs.

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Postmaster McIntire was notified that the post office would be moved from Main Street to the Masonic building on Washington Street. The date set for this change was April 30, 1904.

## Chuck Schumer's Jan. 6 cynicism

By Rich Lowry

On Jan. 6, 2021, rioters seeking to disrupt the counting of electoral votes breached the U.S. Capitol and rampaged for hours before order was restored.

This was a disgraceful spectacle that shouldn't be repeated, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer knows just what is needed to respond to the moment -- passing every progressive voting-related priority that can possibly be jammed through the Senate on an extremely narrow, partisan vote.

The defense of our democracy, Schumer maintains, demands nothing less.

The latest pitch for the Democratic voting agenda is more cynical and detached from reality than ever. We are to believe that the only way to counteract the furies unleashed on Jan. 6 is by imposing same-day voter registration and no-excuse mail voting on the states, ending partisan gerrymandering, and requiring the counting of ballots that arrive up to seven days after Election Day, among other provisions completely irrelevant to events that day or afterward.

If you're thinking that Democrats supported all of this on Jan. 5 of last year and still supported it on Jan. 7, you're correct.

Their agenda has as much to do with Jan. 6 as an annual appropriations bill or the naming of a post office.

The Democratic drive to nationalize our elections has always been a sweepingly radical step in search of an alleged crisis to address. When a version was first introduced a few years ago, it was sold as addressing "the vile voter suppression practices" of the GOP, in the words of The New York Times. The big lie of the time was that the Georgia gubernatorial campaign of Stacey Abrams in 2018 was undone by such practices. Now, the justification is the Capitol riot and subsequent GOP state-level voting changes that have been portrayed, falsely, as the return of Jim Crow.

In reality, voting has never been easier and voters have never had so many options for how to participate in elections, whether early in-person voting, traditional same-day voting, or mail-in voting. There are partisan disputes about how to strike a balance between convenience and security, but there

is no reason that these differences can't be debated at the state level, with the balance struck differently depending on the policy preferences of elected officials in each state.

Limits on drop boxes or measures to tighten up the identification requirements around mail-in ballots aren't suppressing the vote.

The true weakness of the system that was highlighted last year on Jan. 6 is the poorly drafted Electoral Count Act. It should be revised to make it explicit that the vice president can't decide which electoral votes to count and that states can't discard the popular vote if the outcome isn't to their liking. Even though changes along these lines might get bi-partisan support, Schumer is pushing to eliminate the filibuster to pass the progressive wish list of electoral non-sequiturs (although a few provisions, like prohibiting the intimidation of election officials, have been added to the Democratic package to address the 2020 post-election fight).

To wrap this push in the bloody shirt of Jan. 6 is opportunistic and irresponsible and can only serve to convince even more Republicans that the outrage over that day is in the service of a nakedly partisan agenda.

Schumer has an uphill climb to convince relatively moderate Democrats Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema to go along with kneecapping the filibuster. If the New York senator were to succeed, he would have blown a hole in the traditional practices of the Senate and set the precedent for Republicans -- should they achieve unified control of Washington in 2024 -- to impose all their own favored electoral policies on the states.

This yin and yang wouldn't do anything to restore faith in democracy, rather the opposite. But Chuck Schumer is on a mission to achieve, and to use, the power to rewrite the country's electoral rules -- justifications and consequences be damned.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# LOCAL AND AREA



IVCC trustee Jane Goetz is presented the IVCC Spirit Award by Executive Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley, left, and President Jerry Corcoran. (Photo contributed)

## Goetz earns IVCC Spirit Award

OGLESBY – Jane Goetz of Ottawa was honored Nov. 18 at the Illinois Valley Community College board meeting for her years of service to students, the college and Foundation.

IVCC President Jerry Corcoran presented Goetz with the college's Spirit Award—a bronze eagle statue —“For extraordinary service to students, the college and Foundation.”

Goetz joined IVCC's Foundation in 2004 and served until her election to the board in 2013. She was board chair for four years and continues serving as a trustee.

Executive Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley said Goetz and her husband Keith are among the Foundation's most generous donors and added, “It's the personal touches that set Jane apart.”

Those include caring for the flower beds and bushes

and assisting as a literacy volunteer at IVCC's Ottawa Center. Among other examples, Brolley noted Goetz visits Ottawa Center early on the first day of each semester to welcome students and staff with home-baked goods.

“Jane, you could have been content to rest on your exceptional career as a teacher and principal ... but instead you took your election to our board as a call to action and engagement—and championed our mission,” Brolley said.

The Spirit Award, created to honor community members who have made a substantial contribution to the college, has been awarded 11 times since 2004. Previous recipients include Brad Schorn, Walter Durley Boyle, Bill Strong, Sen. Gary Dahl, William Taylor, Robert Eschbach, Tom Walsh, Patricia Seibert, Jack Cantlin and O.J. Stoutner.

## COVID antiviral prescriptions will soon be available in Illinois

By GREG BISHOP  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Two COVID-19 antiviral treatments will be coming to Illinois in the coming weeks.

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced the Pfizer and Merck treatments are for those with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 and who are at high risk of severe illness.

“Both antivirals will be available by prescription only and should be taken as soon as possible after being diagnosed and within five days of the beginning of symptoms,” IDPH said in a statement. “Paxlovid [Pfizer's drug] is expected to reduce the risk of hospitalizations by 89% and

Molnupiravir by about 30%. Molnupiravir [Merck's drug] is meant for use when other treatment options are not available.”

“While vaccination, including boosters, is still the best way to avoid infection and prevent severe illness from COVID-19, these new antivirals given emergency use authorization by the Food and Drug Administration can help treat those who get infected and have a higher risk of becoming severely ill,” IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said.

The state is coordinating with pharmacies to distribute the drug around the state.

In addition to the coming medications, people can also be prescribed monoclonal antibody treatments.



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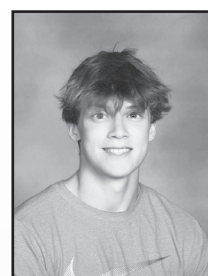
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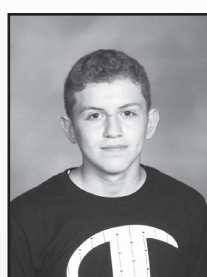
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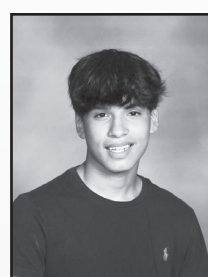
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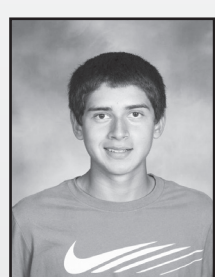
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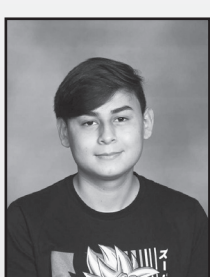
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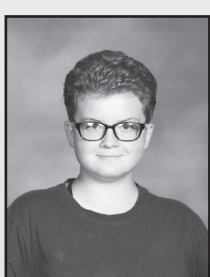
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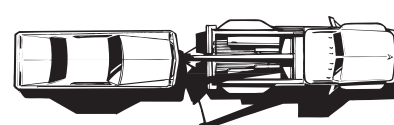
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A big thank you to the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce for organizing the Shop Local program. Also, a big thank you to all the businesses that participated. I am honored to have been chosen as the Grand Prize winner and can't wait to shop local with the generous sponsors who contributed to the prizes. I am proud to be a part of the community here in Mendota. It truly is the World's Greatest Little City because of people like you.

**Mary Lou Flahive**

## Permission needed for dumpster on the street

MENDOTA – All dumpsters needing to be placed on Mendota city streets are required to be cleared with Nick Stremlau of the streets, parks and public property departments. Please call 815-539-7287 for approval before placing dumpsters on city streets.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Samuel East, 20, of Schaumburg, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and First Avenue at 8:40 p.m. Jan. 4. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Joel W. Scott, 26, of 205 Sandra Ave., Apt. M2, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Meriden Street at 4:22 p.m. Jan. 7. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### RETAIL THEFT

Kyle A. Buss, 28, of Justice, was charged with retail theft after police officers were called to a business in the 2700 block of East 12th Street in regard to retail theft at 12:32 a.m. Jan. 8. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

## Rural homelessness increasing in Illinois

By ELYSE KELLY

*The Center Square contributor*  
SPRINGFIELD—More people are living without a home in rural Illinois this year compared to last.

During a recent Rural Health Summit, a panel of advocates including representatives from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), Affordable Assisted Living Coalition (AALC) and Supportive Housing Providers Association met to address the growing issue of rural homelessness in Illinois.

The homeless population rose 2% in 2021 compared to 2020 while those without shelter increased 22%, according to data from the AALC, the Southern Illinoisan reported.

Bob Palmer, policy director for Housing Action Illinois, says homelessness in rural areas often flies under the radar because it's less visible than in urban settings.

"Because they're very low-density communities, you tend not to have as many people who are visibly homeless who are living on the street," he told The Center Square.

There are also fewer homeless shelters in rural communities, he said.

**The homeless population rose 2% in 2021 compared to 2020 while those without shelter increased 22%, according to data from the Affordable Assisted Living Coalition.**

"Most people who are homeless in rural areas are probably couch surfing, staying with friends, staying temporarily in hotels or motels or just staying in places where they can't be seen by the general public so it's hard to measure rural homelessness."

Lack of data, particularly timely data, is one of the problems facing those attempting to remedy rural homelessness, multiple advocates pointed out at the summit. And this has been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Factors contributing to homelessness in rural areas include a dearth of affordable housing, fewer economic opportunities and increased cost of transportation, Palmer said.

"Many rural areas in general have higher rates of poverty, have fewer job opportunities, they're struggling with issues like overall population loss so there may be just fewer economic opportunities in a rural community for people to find employment and also find housing that's affordable to

them," he said.

The lapse of a pandemic-era fix, the eviction moratorium, has also likely contributed to increasing numbers, according to Palmer.

But he says there are some potential solutions on the horizon.

"On January first, the minimum wage increased to \$12 per hour so we know that's going to help people — minimum wage earners — be in a better position to pay for their housing," he said.

Rental assistance from the state is still ongoing and Palmer hopes to see affordable housing resources passed in the Build Back Better plan next year.

"It would provide more money for housing choice vouchers to help people pay the rent and it would provide more money for the National Housing Trust Fund to build affordable rental homes," he said.

Also included would be money for public housing authorities to make repairs to existing housing.

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# MONEY MATTERS

## Types of retirement accounts

The ability to retire with financial security is a goal for millions of people across the globe. Though people may stop working in retirement, many of their existing bills, and even some new ones, will still need to be paid. Retirement is often imagined as a time of unbridled financial freedom, but that's only possible when individuals, including young professionals, prioritize planning for the day when they call it quits.

Retirement accounts and plans are a popular way to save for life after working. Individuals have various retirement plan options at their disposal, and each is unique in its own way.

### Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

An IRA is a tax-advantaged way to save for retirement. Anyone with earned income can open an IRA. Money deposited into an IRA cannot be withdrawn prior to account holders reaching 59.5 years of age without incurring a steep tax penalty of 10 percent. There are limits to how much individuals can deposit into an IRA. The Internal Revenue Service notes that the deposit limit for all IRA accounts in 2021 was \$6,000 (\$7,000 for account holders age 50 and over). In addition, there are different types of IRAs, including traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, Payroll Deduction IRAs, and SIMPLE IRAs. Each has its rules regarding taxes, eligibility and withdrawals, and individuals are urged to discuss which type of IRA is best for them with a financial professional.

### 401(k)

A 401(k) is another tax-advantaged retirement account typically offered through an employer, though self-employed individuals can enroll in a Solo 401(k)

plan. When enrolled in a 401(k) plan, employees will have a portion of each paycheck direct deposited into a long-term investment account. Contributions to a 401(k) are made pre-tax, which saves account holders a considerable sum of money so long as they continue to make contributions. One significant advantage to 401(k) plans is that many employers will match contributions up to a certain percentage. For example, some may match up to 2 percent, so employees who contribute 2 percent or more will actually be depositing no less than 4 percent of their income each week into their 401(k) accounts. Perhaps most beneficial is that employer matches do not count toward the annual 401(k) contribution limits, which the IRS notes were \$19,500 in 2021.

### Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Plan

An SEP plan is typically established by a small business owner or self-employed individual. However, small business owners can set them up for their employees as well. Contributions to an SEP will reduce taxable income, and the money will grow tax-deferred. Individuals enrolled in an SEP will only pay taxes on the money upon withdrawal. One of the advantages to an SEP is it has significantly higher contribution limits, which the IRS notes were \$58,000 or 25 percent of the employee's compensation, whichever was lower, in 2021. However, SEPs are employer contribution only, so they rely a lot on employers' available cash.

No retirement accounts are the same. Individuals are urged to conduct their own research and choose the plan that best suits their needs.



Most people do not have \$300,000 to \$600,000 in savings on hand to purchase a home in cash. That means they'll need to rely on financing to pay for their dream homes.

## Real estate financing options

*People have several options to finance the purchase of a home. These loans can help make the dream of home ownership a reality. Potential buyers are urged to speak with mortgage professionals or financial planners to consider their options.*

to buy a home. This is one of the most common ways to fund a home purchase. Personal credit score as well as credit history help determine eligibility and interest rates for conventional loans. Availability of assets as well as income level are some additional determining factors. Conventional loans are traditionally 10-, 15- or 30-year notes and will require a certain percentage as the down payment to secure the loan. The bank will determine the down payment requirement, which is typically somewhere between 3 and 20 percent.

### FHA loan

A Federal Housing Administration loan is issued by an FHA-approved lender. These loans are designed for low-to-moderate-income borrowers, according to the financial guide Investopedia. FHA loans require lower minimum down payments and lower credit scores than many conventional loans.

FHA loans also require mortgage insurance up front, plus annually for 11 years or the life of the loan depending on the length of the loan.

### HELOC

A Home Equity Line of Credit, commonly called a HELOC loan, borrows against the available equity in your home to create a line of credit, much like a credit card. These funds can be used for large expenses or to consolidate higher-interest rate debt on other loans, according to Bank of America. It may be possible to use a HELOC to secure funding to make improvements to a home for those who want to flip it as an investment property.

### Private money lenders

Individuals investing in real estate who do not intend to use a property as a primary residence may turn to private money lenders. These investors can tap into capital from personal connections and lend at specified interest

rates and payback periods, according to Fortune Builders, a real estate investing resource. Keep in mind the interest rate will likely be higher with a private lender than through a conventional lender. The repayment term also will be shorter.

### VA-backed loan

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has a program for acquiring loans through conventional lenders that will be partially guaranteed against loss through the VA. This enables a lender to give better loan terms, such as the option to pay no down payment. Interested parties need to qualify for a Certificate of Eligibility and then work with qualified lenders.

People have several options to finance the purchase of a home. These loans can help make the dream of home ownership a reality. Potential buyers are urged to speak with mortgage professionals or financial planners to consider their options.

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# MONEY MATTERS

## Explore these college savings strategies

Enrolling in a trade school or college is widely considered the next step after a student graduates from high school. College is especially popular, as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 62.7 percent of high school graduates went on to colleges and universities in 2020.

Finding ways to pay for higher education has long been a goal for students and their families. PrepScholar, a college testing preparation resource, calculates that, by 2033, students can expect to pay around \$237,000 at in-state public universities and \$464,000 at private colleges or universities for four-year degrees. That high cost is why so many families take proactive steps to set aside funds for college soon after their children are born. No matter the situation, taking the steps to plan and save helps to make schooling more affordable.

### 529 college savings plan

A 529 is a specialized savings account for college and university costs. Most plans can be opened by a U.S. citizen or resident alien age 18 and older. The individual opening the account can be a parent, grandparent, cousin, or even a friend. The student is the beneficiary of the account. Four-year schools, community colleges and vocational/trade schools accept 529 accounts as payment sources. The only requirement is that the school must participate in the U.S. Department of Education student financial aid programs.

### Education savings account, or Education IRA

The financial experts at Ramsey Solutions say an ESA works like a Roth IRA but it is designed specifically for education expenses. Individuals can invest up to \$2,000 (after tax) per year,



Saving for college can start early and there are various vehicles for families to explore.

per child. The account grows tax-free. The rate of growth varies based on investments in the account. Ramsey estimates that at an average return rate of 12 percent on a \$36,000 investment (\$2,000 per year for 18 years) would grow to around \$126,000 by the time the child starts college. An ESA also can be used to pay for K-12 private school tuition, school supplies, tutoring, or textbooks. It also can be transferred to a sibling if the money is not needed for a particular student.

### UTMA/UGMA plan

This plan is different from ESAs and 529s because it is not specifically designed for college savings. The Uniform Transfer/Gift to Minors Act is in the child's name but is controlled by a guardian until the child

reaches age 18 or 21. This mutual fund account can be used to save for college with reduced taxes, or funds can be used for other expenses, such as a car or housing.

### Advanced placement classes

AP classes allow high school students to take college-level courses that can be converted into college credits. Each AP class reduces the need to pay for a class in college. This can add up to some significant savings. In addition, performing well in AP classes may make students more attractive to colleges and universities, helping students to earn academic scholarships.

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## Simple strategies to stretch your retirement savings

Running out of money is a common concern among retirees. And that anxiety is not necessarily unfounded, as a recent study from the Society of Actuaries found that people routinely underestimate just how much money they will need in retirement. Similarly, a 2019 model created by the employee benefit experts at EBRI found that nearly 41 percent of households in which the head of household is between the ages of 35 and 64 are projected to run short of money in retirement.

Such figures underscore how important it is for younger professionals to save for retirement, but what about current retirees or those on the cusp of retiring? Individuals who fit those descriptions may need to embrace these strategies designed to stretch their retirement savings.

- **Downsize your home.** Homes are many individuals' greatest expense, and that does not necessarily change in retirement. Downsizing to a smaller residence allows homeowners to pad their savings with money earned in the sale of their homes and also reduce their monthly overhead, as utilities, property taxes and maintenance expenditures are typically much lower in smaller homes than larger homes.

- **Look for other ways to downsize.** Individuals also can stretch their retirement savings by downsizing in other areas. Lower monthly expenses by shopping around for less expensive auto insurance policies, downgrading cable television packages or cutting the cord entirely. And though individual streaming services may

not be too costly, these expenses can add up for individuals who have five or more subscriptions. Downsizing streaming services to one or two packages at a time can help individuals keep more money in their retirement savings accounts each month.

- **Be flexible with your withdrawals.** The "set it and forget it" model of retirement investing helps professionals avoid the tricky process of trying to predict the markets. Retirees may take the same approach when it comes to withdrawing their money, following the industry standard and automatically withdrawing 4 percent from their accounts each year. But individuals who want to stretch their savings should remain flexible with their annual withdrawals and routinely examine their spending habits. An individualized approach to retirement withdrawals can help retirees avoid taking more than they need out of their accounts each year. The 4 percent rule has its merits, but retirees should recognize that they may not need to take that much out every year.

- **Work with a financial advisor.** Ensuring you don't outlive your retirement savings can be complicated, as it often involves navigating fluid concepts such as inflation. A certified financial professional can help retirees plan for changes that are beyond their control and even recommend when certain risks might be worth taking.

Many individuals will need to stretch their retirement savings in the years ahead, and various strategies can help individuals do so.

## How to account for a rising cost of living

Cost of living is a significant component of financial planning. The cost of living may dictate where people live and work, and a high cost of living can influence how individuals spend their free time.

Data from Statistics Canada indicates that consumer prices rose 4.1 percent and 5.3 percent in August 2021 in Canada and the United States, respectively. A 2020 survey from TD Ameritrade found that 47 percent of Americans feel that cost of living is the biggest threat to their financial security and long-term investments. It's worth noting that the survey was conducted prior to the pandemic. Since the onset of the pandemic, cost of living has increased considerably.

Though the fight against a rising cost of living can feel like an uphill battle, individuals can take steps to prepare for such increases.

- **Apply lessons learned during the pandemic.** A recent Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. government and Eurostat data found that roughly 9.6 million workers in the United States lost their jobs in the first three quarters of 2020. That period coincides with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. When forced to confront sudden and unexpected job losses, millions of individuals learned how to get by on less income. Cost-saving measures adopted during the pandemic can be continued or reimplemented, helping individuals to combat higher



energy costs and other rising expenses.

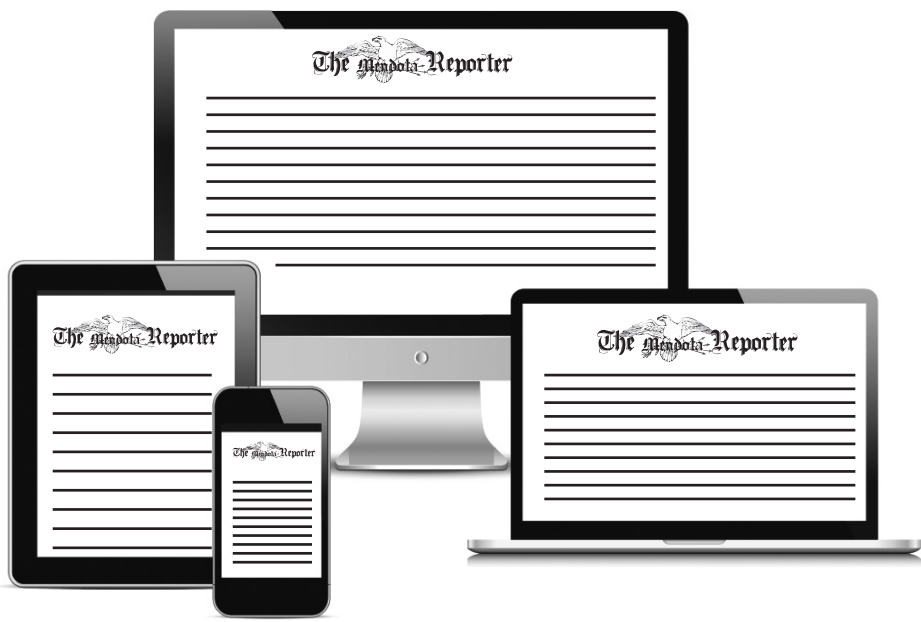
- **Look for a new job or fresh income streams.** A rising cost of living is a concern for people from all walks of life, but it may be especially concerning for retirees or individuals with costs like childcare that can be hard to pare back. In such instances, individuals can look for new a job or fresh income streams. According to the Q3 2021 CNBC | Momentive Small Business Survey, 50 percent of small business owners say it's gotten harder to find qualified people to hire compared to a year ago. And nearly one-third of survey respondents indicate they have open roles they have not been able to fill for at least three months. Individuals can explore local employment opportunities in an effort to find a new, more lucrative job that can help them combat a rising cost of living. Others who want to remain in their jobs can look for part-time work to supple-

ment their existing income.

- **Consider relocating.** The pandemic forced many companies to transition from in office working to remote working overnight. That trial by fire could have lasting results. A 2020 survey of 317 Chief Financial Officers and leaders in the finance industry found that 74 percent will move at least 5 percent of their previously on-site workforce to permanently remote positions after the pandemic ends. The survey, conducted by Gartner, Inc., also found that nearly one-quarter of respondents will move at least 20 percent of their on-site workers to permanently remote positions. That could make it possible for millions of working professionals to relocate to regions with a lower cost of living than their current towns or cities.

The cost of living might be on the rise. But individuals can combat that increase in various ways.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** Who plays Beth on the hit show “Yellowstone”? I’ve never seen her before. -- **M.C.**

**A:** Kelly Reilly plays headstrong Beth Dutton, daughter to Kevin Costner’s John Dutton, in the blockbuster Western drama “Yellowstone.” She was born in 1977 in Surrey, England. She started out as a stage actress and was nominated for a Laurence Olivier Award in 2003. In 2005, she played Caroline Bingley in the film “Pride & Prejudice” opposite Keira Knightley. Her first leading role was in the 2008 horror flick “Eden Lake” with Michael Fassbender. She later played Vince Vaughn’s wife in the second season of HBO’s “True Detective.”



K. Reilly

“Yellowstone,” which airs on the cable channel Paramount, is a huge hit, with its season premiere this year bringing in more than 8 million viewers. Next up for Reilly is the upcoming film “Promises,” a romantic drama set in Europe co-starring Italian actor Pierfrancesco Favino (“Night at the Museum”).

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**Q:** Is the British show “Peaky Blinders” coming back with new episodes anytime soon? I’ve watched all the episodes on Netflix and was hoping for more. -- **L.L.**

**A:** Yes, there will be a sixth and final season of “Peaky Blinders.” Cillian Murphy (“The Dark Knight Rises”) stars in the series about a gangster family in Birmingham, England, during the roaring ‘20s, and the upcoming new season is expected to hit Netflix before the summer of 2022.

Season six promises to answer the cliffhanger of who betrayed Tommy. There have been rumors that big-name stars like Julia Roberts and Samuel L. Jackson will have roles, but nothing has been confirmed. However, creator Steven Knight announced that a “Peaky Blinders” feature film or two are definitely in the cards.

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**Q:** I started watching “The White Lotus” on HBO mainly because Connie Britton is my favorite actress. However, I’m very impressed with everyone on the show, in particular the manager of the resort and the actress who plays the young journalist. Can you tell me about them? -- **E.A.**

**A:** “The White Lotus,”

which was filmed at a completely redecorated Four Seasons resort in Maui, is about a group of wealthy but clueless vacationers in Hawaii. It starts off with a mystery -- a coffin is seen being loaded onto a plane -- before flashing back to the beginning of the story.

Australian actor Murray Bartlett plays Armond, the harried hotel manager. Daytime soap fans might remember him as Julian on “All My Children” and then later as Cyrus on “Guiding Light.” He’s guest-starred on “The Good Wife” and “Nashville,” the latter of which starred Britton. Next up for him is the postapocalyptic series “The Last of Us” co-starring Nick Offerman and Pedro Pascal, which will air on HBO later this year.

Alexandra Daddario plays newlywed Rachel Patton. She was a regular on the shows “White Collar” and “Parenthood” before landing the much-talked-about role of Woody Harrelson’s mistress in season one of “True Detective.” Most recently she played Jade on the Paramount+ dark comedy series “Why Women Kill.”

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By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD --** Are great movie musicals a thing of the past?

When Steven Spielberg decided to remake “West Side Story,” he purported to reimagine what the American Film Institute chose as the second greatest movie musical of all time. Spielberg’s “West Side Story” received 93% positive notices from 306 reviews, which critics called “a knockout,” “brash effervescence” and “a poignant American fairytale.” But The New Yorker magazine disagreed, saying “Spielberg’s ‘West Side Story’ remake is worse than the original. Spielberg makes misguided additions and removed much of the best.”

The film cost \$100 million, and was originally due Dec. 18, 2020, but was delayed by COVID-19. In its 45-day theatrical release, it needed to gross \$300 million to break even. They’re looking down a long road for that. It’s unfortunate that the film was banned in four major Middle East countries due to objections to the transgender character “Anybody’s,” played by nonbinary actor Iris Menas. Forbes magazine has announced there will be a stage musical sequel, “Maria,” by Steven Sapp and his wife, which focuses on what happened to Maria after Tony’s death. Maria was alive at the end of “West Side Story,” but Juliet died in “Romeo and Juliet.” Shakespeare never wrote a sequel.

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AFI’s list of the 20 greatest movie musicals ranks “Singing in the Rain” at No. 1, followed by the original “West Side Story,” “The Wizard of Oz,” “The Sound of Music” and “Cabaret.” Rounding out the top 10 are “Mary Poppins,” “A Star Is Born” (with Judy Garland), “My Fair Lady,” “An American in Paris” and “Meet Me in St. Louis.” “The King and I” comes in at No. 11, followed by “Chicago,” “42nd Street,” “All That Jazz,” “Top Hat,” “Funny Girl,” “The Band Wagon,” “Yankee Doodle Dandy,” “On the Town” and “Grease.”

But where are the great

musicals such as “Gigi” and “Oliver” (Oscar-winners for best picture and director)? And perennial holiday favorites like “White Christmas” and “Easter Parade,” or classics such as “Oklahoma,” “Carousel,” “Camelot,” “Lili,” “The Great Ziegfeld,” “Silk Stockings” (great Cole Porter score), “High Society” (Sinatra/Crosby, Grace Kelly, Louis Armstrong) and the Oscar-winning “True Love.”

Then there’s “Hello Dolly” (Barbra Streisand and Louis Armstrong singing the title song is electrifying), “The Dolly Sisters” (Betty Grable and June Haver at their best), “No Business Like Show Business” (Marilyn Monroe at her hottest singing “Heat Wave”) or “Bye Bye Birdie” (Ann-Margret’s breakout role? And how could Irving Berlin’s “Annie Get Your Gun,” with the showbiz national anthem, “There’s No Business Like Show Business,” be left off?)

The American Film Institute rated “Citizen Kane” the best film of all time over “Gone with the Wind.” Frankly, my dears ...

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## Couch Theater

“Betty White Goes Wild!” (PG) -- Everyone’s favorite nonagenarian comedic actress would have reached 100 years old this month, and Disney+ had already planned to re-release her 2013 NatGeo documentary in celebration of the milestone. Now it’s being shown in tribute to a life well lived. In the special, Betty visits two California wild animal parks and spends time learning about all the varieties of big cats. One particularly unexpected and beautiful scene captures her remarkable ability to establish a calm rapport with a roaring lion that had the rest of her crew ducking out for safety. The lifelong animal lover and advocate was truly in her element in this show, and the joy the animals brought her is what makes watching it so pleasurable. (Disney+)

“Somebody, Somewhere” (NR) -- This is one of those shows that when you watch the trailer and you just know it’s going to be your jam. Comedian/writer/cabaret performer Bridget Everett plays Sam, a no-nonsense 40-something woman who returns to live

in her childhood hometown in Kansas. Experiencing the grief of losing her sister -- and sorting through all her sister’s stuff -- is just one of the weights bringing her down. By chance she gets acquainted with a former high-school classmate (played by Jeff Hiller) who introduces her to a rogue show choir full of misfits. There she finds a place to fit in and a much-needed reawakening of a dormant passion and talent. (HBO Max)

“Wolf Like Me” (NR) -- Need a new series to get into but really don’t want a huge commitment? Try “Wolf Like Me” this week. The new romantic comedy is just six 30-minute episodes, all available on January 13. In it, Josh Gad (“Book of Mormon,” “Frozen”) and Isla Fisher (“Confessions of a Shopaholic,” “The Great Gatsby”) play Gary and Mary, a very newly acquainted couple who meet each other in the aftermath of a car crash. As tends to happen, both bring their own emotional baggage to the relationship; Gary is a widowed single dad, and Mary has some huge

secret that is not immediately revealed but promises to be a big deal. Show creator Abe Forsythe has kept plot twists closely held secrets to maintain the element of surprise and promises a cliffhanger ending for every episode. (Peacock)

“Brazen” (TV-MA) -- Alyssa Milano is seriously the hardest working woman in Hollywood, barely taking a break between projects, and she’s not slowing down yet. Her latest movie has her portraying Grace McCabe, a mystery writer and crime expert. When her newly divorced and struggling-through-a-custody-battle sister is murdered, Grace goes against a detective’s warnings and involves herself in the death investigation (very “Murder She Wrote,” right?). Things get really dicey when it’s discovered that her sister had a secret second life as a webcam performer, which may or may not lead to a suspect. The film is based on the 1988 novel “Brazen Virtue” by Nora Roberts, with a few 21st-century updates. (Netflix)

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## • Trivia Test •

- LITERATURE: What was the title of Stephen King’s first published novel?
- ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain has the advertising slogan, “Have it your way”?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president whose likeness appeared on a U.S. coin?
- TELEVISION: What is the family’s last name in the “Family Ties” sitcom?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase “lupus in fabula” mean?
- GEOGRAPHY: What did the city of Mumbai, India, used to be called?
- MOVIES: Which movie features a character called Rooster Cogburn?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a type of language called “newspeak”?
- SCIENCE: What temperature is the same on the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales?
- FOOD & DRINK: Where was Coca-Cola first sold?

- Answers
- “Carrie”
  - Burger King
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Keaton
  - The wolf in the story
  - Bombay
  - “True Grit”
  - “Nineteen Eighty-Four,” by George Orwell
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by Linda Thistle

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Hebrews 11:1 says, “Faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality – faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]” (AMP).

I like to define faith as the hand that reaches out and receives what God

has for us. By faith we believe what God says in His Word is true, that it’s for us, and that we will receive everything He wants to give us. We believe we have His promises before we get them or experience them.

Everyone has faith, but not everyone puts their faith in God. For example, when a person sits in a chair, they have faith that the chair will hold them. People drive to work because they have faith in the traffic laws that make it possible to travel on the roads.

But first and foremost, we need to put our faith in God and the truth of

the Bible.

Romans 1:17 says, “For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed in a way that awakens more faith]. As it is written... ‘The just and upright shall live by faith.’”

This verse reveals that we’re saved by faith and we are created to live by faith. In order to live by faith, we have to release it, and there are three ways we do that: praying, saying and doing.

### ***The Privilege of Prayer***

Prayer is the greatest privilege we have! It’s amazing that we can personally communicate with Almighty God, the Creator of the Universe. That means we can talk to Him and He hears us, and He wants to talk to us.

One of the main ways we hear God’s voice is through His Word, which is why it’s critically important for us to study the Bible. When we diligently study the Word, we get revelation of who God is, how He loves us, and what His will is for our lives. We learn how to pray for the things He wants to give us...the kind of life Jesus died for us to have.

James 4 says that people live in strife, quarreling and fighting, because they try to get what they want and they’re jealous of what others have, but they



can’t make it happen for themselves. Verses 2-3 say, “You covet but cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures” (NIV).

Have you been trying to get something or make something happen and you’re frustrated because you can’t achieve it? Maybe you’re struggling because you’re striving to do it in your own strength or you’re going after things that aren’t right for you or in God’s plan for your life.

We need to pray and ask God for what we want, but we need to ask for the blessings He wants to give us. I often pray like this: “God, I’m going to ask You for everything I want, but if I ask for something that’s not right for me, please don’t give it to me. I really only want what YOU want for me, because You know what’s best for me.”

### ***Praying for the Promises of God***

There are some situations where we may not know for sure what God’s will is, and that’s when we need to trust that if we don’t get what we think we want, it’s because He has something better for us. But there are many things we can ask for with assurance and confident expectation that God will give them because He promises them to us in His Word. Here are a few...

- You don’t have to be lonely because God is always with you (Psalm 73:23; Hebrews 13:50).

- You can have peace in every situation (John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7).

- You can have God’s wisdom for every decision (James 1:5).

- You have the strength, in Christ, to do whatever you need to do (Philippians 4:13).

- God loves you and He has an amazing plan for your life (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10; Jeremiah 29:11).

God has so much more for you than what you have experienced

so far in your life. Make it your number one priority to spend time with Him every day in prayer and Bible study, and begin boldly asking Him to give you every good thing He’s planned for you.

Put your faith in God in every area of your life and everything you do, and you’ll discover how living by faith really is an amazing adventure! \*\*\*

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- 7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Mendota’s diversity, charm and appeal; which in turn, attracts new community members.
- 8 Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Mendota. When shopping locally, you create funds for more city and county services through sales tax. In turn, these funds are invested in neighborhood services including police, fire and ambulance as well as park and library improvements.
- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation and repeat business, which means you get a higher standard of service.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

### MENDOTA

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Rev. Peter A. Pilon, Pastor  
Ray Fischer, Jose Lopez,  
and Hector Diaz, Deacons  
.....

#### HOLY CROSS, MENDOTA

Weekday Mass  
Weekend Mass  
Confession

#### STS. PETER AND PAUL, PETERSTOWN

Weekend Mass  
Confession

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

100 E. Sixth St. • (815) 538-5587  
.....

Rev. Mary Bohall, Pastor

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Worship

In-person & on Facebook at:  
Mendota First United  
Methodist Church

Jan. 12 - 6:30 p.m. Worship Team meets

Jan. 16 - Human Relations Sunday,  
9 a.m. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship  
in-person and on Facebook Live

Jan. 17 - Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
birthday - church office closed

Jan. 18 - 6:30 p.m. Administrative  
Council meets

#### ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

808 Jefferson St.  
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Pastor Jeff Brace

jbrace8459@gmail.com

Church office  
(815) 538-2186

Facebook: Mendota Zion United  
Methodist Church

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Sunday School for Preschool - 6th grade  
in fellowship hall during worship service  
(Parking lot worship available on 90.9 FM  
during Sunday services)

TUESDAY - Prayer group 6 p.m.

FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.

#### COME AS YOU ARE BAPTIST CHURCH

900 Monroe St.  
(815) 503-0307  
.....

James Duncan, Pastor

Website: [www.cayabc.com](http://www.cayabc.com)

Email prayer requests:  
[prayer@cayabc.com](mailto:prayer@cayabc.com)

SUNDAY: Worship

### Kindness

By Max Ehrmann

Who lives

For kindness gives,

A light to darkened lands;

And tho no image of him stands

In public place, he is a martyr

Amid piratic schemes of barter

And triumphs tho he die unwept;

His light may once have crept

through hearts of stone

And shone.

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Route 251 North  
(815) 539-6861  
.....

Rev. Charles Yeakel, Pastor

E-mail: [mendotaupc@yahoo.com](mailto:mendotaupc@yahoo.com)

[www.mendotaupc.org](http://www.mendotaupc.org)

SUNDAY: Christian Education

Sunday Worship

WEDNESDAY

#### VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

“Faithful & Effective”

505 W. 7th Ave.

(815) 539-9081  
.....

Pastor Steve Breedlove

SUNDAY

Sunday school

Worship

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service

#### NEW COVENANT ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rt. 251 at Lake Mendota

P.O. Box 54

Phone (815) 539-7107 (church)

(815) 871-5702 (pastor)  
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Larry Sheaves, Pastor

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“Preaching the blood, book and  
blessed hope.”

Sunday School

Worship

#### MENDOTA BIBLE CHURCH

Rt. 251, 1/2 mile south of

Mendota

(815) 538-6876  
.....

Brian Kelly, Pastor

[www.mendotabiblechurch.org](http://www.mendotabiblechurch.org)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School

Worship

Evening Service

#### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

607 Tenth Ave.

(815) 539-5626  
.....

Rev. Ken Gibson, Pastor

E-mail: [office@stjohnsmendota.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmendota.org)

Website:

[www.stjohnsmendota.org](http://www.stjohnsmendota.org)

Schedule:


9 a.m. Sunday Worship in person  
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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For God is not unjust  
to forget your work  
and labor of love  
which you have  
shown toward His  
name, in that you have  
ministered to the saints,  
and do minister. HEBREWS 6:10



#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1003 5th St.  
(815) 538-5603  
.....

Rev. Susan Presley

Website: [fpcmendota.com](http://fpcmendota.com)

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Jan. 13 - 6-7:30 p.m. Webelos

Jan. 16 - 10 a.m. Worship - Facebook  
Live, Preacher Rev. Spencer Lawrence,  
11 a.m. Coffee Hour

Jan. 20 - 6-7:30 p.m. Webelos

Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/fpcmendota](https://www.facebook.com/fpcmendota)

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Live Zoom at 7 p.m.

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ID: 864 0236 9150

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#### CHRIST'S CHURCH

“He is the Head of the Body, the  
Church . . . That in everything He  
might have the supremacy.” Col. 1:18

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.....

Dave Manion ♦ Jim McDowell

Wayne Shuman

Please join us for . . .

Sunday Bible Study (all ages) 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Church Builders 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 6 p.m.

Men's Ministry

Ladies & Mens Bible Study

Thursday 6 p.m.

Non-denominational

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### COMPTON

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398 Church Road

Compton  
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Pastor Jeffrey Schlesinger

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel

10:30 a.m. Worship at First

Jan. 13 - 4:30 p.m. Church Council

Jan. 14 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Online “devotional service” videos  
continue every Sunday at  
[facebook.com/ilccompton](https://facebook.com/ilccompton) and  
YouTube. Check our website and  
Facebook page for more information.

### Let Me See

Author Unknown

God grant to me that I may see  
The beauty of a crooked tree,  
The blossom of a humble weed,  
The glory of a homely seed,  
The pathos of a homeless pup,  
The way to lift a brother up.  
O, grant me the highest art —  
The patience of an  
understanding heart.

### LA MOILLE

#### ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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(815) 539-7820  
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Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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#### COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

La Moille

(815) 638-2348  
.....

Pastor David Jungnickel

E-mail: [lamoillecumc@gmail.com](mailto:lamoillecumc@gmail.com)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery available

### TROY GROVE

#### FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

208 W. South St.,

Troy Grove  
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Pastor Brian Hamiel

Website: [www.faithbiblefellowship.info](http://www.faithbiblefellowship.info)

E-mail: [fbfchurch20817@gmail.com](mailto:fbfchurch20817@gmail.com)

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to glorify God through the equipping  
of His saints, teaching of His Word  
and raising of His name.

We would love to have you join us  
to worship and learn about  
our risen Savior.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE - 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 p.m.

### BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Capernaum  
in the Old Testament or New  
Testament or neither?

2. From I Corinthians 14, who  
advised young Christians to stop  
thinking like children?

Luke, Paul, David, John

3. For how many days did  
Goliath take his stand for a man  
to fight him?

2, 6, 10, 40

4. In Genesis 18, whom did God  
ask, “Is anything too hard for  
the Lord”?

Moses, Adam, Noah, Abraham

5. How many loaves of bread  
were used to feed the 5,000?

2, 3, 4, 5

6. In Mark 12, whom did Jesus  
accuse of devouring widows’  
houses?

Sadducees, Midianites,  
Israelites, Pharisees



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Paul; 3) 40;  
4) Abraham; 5) 5; 6) Pharisees

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# MARKETPLACE

## NOTICE OF SALE OF TIMESHARE ESTATE OR ESTATES UNDER SECTION 10-50 OF THE ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE TIMESHARE ACT OF 1999

By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and 770 ILCS 103/1-15 et. seq. establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on January 25, 2022, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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

**WILLIAM ALEXANDER, 6238 FULTON RD, NEW BERLIN, IL 62670**, according to the Deed dated August 27, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 19299, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 19, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0098E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 2

**GEORGE E ANDERSON, ANDREA C ANDERSON, 247 E 107TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60628**, according to the Deed dated June 26, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 24337, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 18, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123E, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 2

**NELLY B ARROYO, 1340 ROYAL SAINT GEORGE DR, ORLANDO, FL 32828**, according to the Deed dated January 14, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 03252, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 07, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0132O, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2

**ROMAN BARNES, PAULA THIELK, PO BOX 87406, CAROL STREAM, IL 60188**, according to the Deed dated August 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 18298, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0165O, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1

**ROMAN BARNES, PAULA THIELK, 656 CHESTERFIELD LN, NORTH AURORA, IL 60542**, according to the Deed dated August 2013, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014

18298, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0165O, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1

**PEGGIE A BARTLETT, 7117 S CARPENTER ST, CHICAGO, IL 60621**, according to the Deed dated November 21, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013 00111, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 03, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0401, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 6

**PEGGIE A BARTLETT, 7117 S CARPENTER ST, CHICAGO, IL 60621**, according to the Deed dated November 21, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013 00111, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 03, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0372, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 3

**AARON D BING, BRANDI BING, 2802 PAGE RD, LONGVIEW, TX 75601**, according to the Deed dated September 11, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 19896, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 27, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0141E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 2

**LINDA J BOATRIGHT, THOMAS P BOATRIGHT, 2450 SPRING VALLEY CT, AURORA, IL 60503**, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 06491, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 16, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 6

**E M I L Y BOCKSTAHLER, WILLIAM R BOCKSTAHLER, 15222 PINE DR, OAK FOREST, IL 60452**, according to the Deed dated July 18, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14834, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0404, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 6

**E M I L Y BOCKSTAHLER, WILLIAM R BOCKSTAHLER, 15222 PINE DR, OAK FOREST, IL 60452**, according to the Deed dated July 18, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14834, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0404, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 6

**BRIAN H BRANDT, DONNA L BRANDT, 341 WHEELER DR, LEMONT, IL 60439**, according to the Deed dated August 23, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 26769, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 19, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0112, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 2

**HUGO CERVANTES, MARIA HUERTA-CERVANTES, 1121 S 48TH ST, MILWAUKEE, WI 53214**, according to the Deed dated April

05, 2014 and recorded under File No. R2003 35862, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 10, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0033, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 1

**GLADYS BROWN, JANICE D GRIFFIN, 1469 GOLDEN OAKS, ARORA, IL 60506**, according to the Deed dated August 30, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 35862, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 10, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0033, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 1

**WILLIAM BUCARO, INGRID BUCARO, 256 NEW HAVEN DR, CARY, IL 60013**, according to the Deed dated February 26, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 10083, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 04, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 2

**WILLIAM BUCARO, INGRID BUCARO, 997 CHIPPENDALE RD, BARTLETT, IL 60103**, according to the Deed dated February 26, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 10083, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 04, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 2

**ERIKA CARDENAS, JORGE SANCHEZ, 9332 S MARQUETTE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60617**, according to the Deed dated March 24, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 07450, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 09, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0012O, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 1

**JOHN W CARROLL, 307 S 7TH ST, WYOMING, IL 61491**, according to the Deed dated August 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 22555, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 07, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020O, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 1

**ROBERT L CASTRO, 1301 N WESTERN AVE UNIT 112, LAKE FOREST, IL 60045**, according to the Deed dated January 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 08150, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 19, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0137E, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2

**JOHN R CEKUS, KERRIE M CEKUS, 5021 N NEW ENGLAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60656**, according to the Deed dated May 22, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 14933, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 10, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0134, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 2

**HUGO CERVANTES, MARIA HUERTA-CERVANTES, 1121 S 48TH ST, MILWAUKEE, WI 53214**, according to the Deed dated April

05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 07736, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 29, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018O, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 1

**JOSEPH CERVANTES JR., DIANA HERNANDEZ, 10801 MONITOR AVE, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415**, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15648, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018O, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1

**JOSEPH CERVANTES JR., DIANA HERNANDEZ, 4238 RAYMOND AVE, BROOKFIELD, IL 60513**, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15648, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018O, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1

**FREDERICK EZEKIEL COLE II, KAREN B CASTLEBERRY, 3532 W ARTHINGTON ST, CHICAGO, IL 60624**, according to the Deed dated June 01, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 13675, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 17, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0372, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 3

**MARIA DELAGARZA, KARLTON SAYLES, 4712 SHUMARD DR, KILLEEN, TX 76542**, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 09834, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 08, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0037E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 1

**LARRY E DURBIN, ILEANA DURBIN, 220 RIDGESTONE TRL, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065**, according to the Deed dated July 11, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 01531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 27, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0217O, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 4

**CHONA EDRADAN, PO BOX 531024, ORLANDO, FL 32853**, according to the Deed dated August 20, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 25040, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0053E, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1

**DOROTEA L ESPINA, ADOLPH ESPINA IV, 6161 N HOYNE AVE APT 207, CHICAGO, IL 60659**, according to the Deed dated September 18, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 26422, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 05, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0214E, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

**MIRIAM ESPINOSA-CONTRERAS, LUIS A R R E D O N D O - MARTINEZ, 3850 W**

64TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60629, according to the Deed dated September 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 21456, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0034E, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 1

**DANNY PELAEZ ESQUIVEL, MARISOL PELAEZ, 8005 S KEDVALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60652**, according to the Deed dated July 09, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 28638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 08, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 2

**DANNY PELAEZ ESQUIVEL, MARISOL PELAEZ, 3845 W 78TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60652**, according to the Deed dated July 09, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 28638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 08, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 2

**RONNY C GOODWIN, KEMI F JOHNSON, 623 VALLEY FORGE DR, NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23602**, according to the Deed dated October 02, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 29580, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 19, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0091, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2

**DOROTHY M GORDON, 418 S PARK BLVD, STREAMWOOD, IL 60107**, according to the Deed dated December 28, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2006 03492, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 09, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 3

**MILDRED C GORT, 9800 GARDEN CT, SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176**, according to the Deed dated January 10, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 02973, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 04, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0399, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 6

**MILDRED C GORT, 9800 GARDEN CT, SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176**, according to the Deed dated March 08, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 05150, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0152, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2

**DAVID A GREEN, ESTHER M GORDON, RUTHIE MAE ADAMS, 1126 N POPLAR ST, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085**, according to the Deed dated March 30, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 10603, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 19, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0152, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

**DAVID A GREEN, ANN DANIEL, 2413 20TH ST, NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064**, according to the Deed dated January 08, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 01550, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 25, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0402, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 6

**TERRANCE L GUALANDI, ANNETTE GUALANDI, PO BOX 174, GRANVILLE, IL 61326**, according to the Deed dated June 27, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 14336, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 13, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0396, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 6

**PATRICIA HAMADEH, NAEL HAMADEH, 18043 JOHN CHARLES DR, ORLAND PARK, IL 60467**, according to the Deed dated November 19, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 33185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 08, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 1

**THOMAS HARPER, ANNA HARPER, 214 BRUSHY CREEK TRL, HUTTO, TX 78634**, according to the Deed dated May 11, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 11951, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 05, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0120E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 2

**EDWARD L HUDSON, 8830 S WALLACE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620**, according to the Deed dated August 22, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 21383, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 23, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018O, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1

**SCOTT M JOHNSON, STACY L JOHNSON, TYLER PENOVICH, PO BOX 345, SOUTH PEKIN, IL 61564**, according to the Deed dated April 26, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 23807, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015O, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

**SCOTT M JOHNSON, STACY L JOHNSON, TYLER PENOVICH, 213 CLARK ST, MORTON, IL 61550**, according to the Deed dated April 26, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 23807, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015O, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

**TIMOTHY L JOHNSON, TONYA G WOOD, 2513 MCCORMICK BLVD, EVANSTON, IL 60201**, according to the Deed dated December 02, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2002 01638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0154, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2

**TRENIA JOHNSON, TIKESHA DAVIS, 5341 W CRYSTAL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60651**, according to the Deed dated February 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. R2012 04169, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 28, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2

**TRENIA JOHNSON, TIKESHA DAVIS, 1843 N WHIPPLE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60647**, according to the Deed dated February 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04169, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 28, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2

**RANDOLPH JONES, LINDA M HULEY-JONES, 2662 WOODVIEW CT, WAUKEGAN, IL 60087**, according to the Deed dated December 22, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2012 00640, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 11, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125O, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 2

**LOIS JORDAN, 31 N SCOUT CAMP RD, STOCKTON, IL 61085**, according to the Deed dated April 26, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 16639, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0084, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 2

**BYRON H JORDAN JR, 7530 PEACEFUL BROOK ST, LAS VEGAS, NV 89131**, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 09754, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 07, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0200, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 4

**JOHN C KELVER, 219 LINGE LN, SUN CITY CENTER, FL 33573**, according to the Deed dated August 03, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 25566, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 24, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1

**THERESA W KITCHEN-TEVERBAUGH, 16902 MANOR DR, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473**, according to the Deed dated February 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 05122, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 07, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0052E, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

**GEORGE R LACINA, NANCY M LACINA, 2960 N LAKE SHORE DR APT 709, CHICAGO, IL 60657**, according to the Deed dated April 09, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 13385, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 28, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076O, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1

**GEORGE R LACINA, NANCY M LACINA, 3233 CLARENCE AVE, BERWYN, IL 60402**, according to the Deed dated April 09, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 13385, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 28, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076O, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1

**M A T T H E W L A U T E R B A C H, JESSICA SMITH, 2795 AIRPORT RD, MORRIS, IL 60450**, according to the Deed dated November 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 26549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 04, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1

**M A T T H E W L A U T E R B A C H, JESSICA SMITH, 26459 DEER PATH, CHANNAHON, IL 60410**, according to the Deed dated November 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 26549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 04, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1

**CESAR E LEAL, AMELITA A LEAL, 2319 WILLOW LAKES CT, PLAINFIELD, IL 60586**, according to the Deed dated April 23, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 16633, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0074, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1

**THOMAS J MARONEY, JEAN A MARONEY, 11316 S BELL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60643**, according to the Deed dated August 03, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 18874, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 19, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0395, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 6

**K I M B E R L Y M A R S H A L L, REGINALD WILLET, 3845 W 14TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60623**, according to the Deed dated July 18, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 18271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 12, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0395, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 6

**RONNIE MCDANIEL, CASEY MCDANIEL, 16820 POLLARD AVE, ODESSA, TX 79766**, according to the Deed dated May 13, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14557, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 07, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1

**RONNIE MCDANIEL, CASEY MCDANIEL, 16820 POLLARD AVE, ODESSA, TX 79766**, according to the Deed dated May 13, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14557, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 07, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1

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Phase 1  
RUBEN MERAZ, MARIA L MERAZ, 15507 BRASSIE DR, ORLAND PARK, IL 60462, according to the Deed dated August 02, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 20945, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 16, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0395, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 6 A L B E R T A M E R R I W E A T H E R, PRISCILLA POWELL, ROBERT J POWELL, JR, 233 W 147TH ST, DIXMOOR, IL 60426, according to the Deed dated September 27, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 37016, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 22, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0207, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 4 RANDY MILFORD, BECKY MILFORD, 13815 FM 968 W, LONGVIEW, TX 75602, according to the Deed dated November 17, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 27006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 06, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0398, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 6 LAWRENCE MULLINS, 20808 ALEXANDER ST, OLYMPIA FIELDS, IL 60461, according to the Deed dated April 10, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 09367, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 03, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0287, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 4 CRAIG J MUNTWYLER, SUSAN PEREZ-MUNTWYLER, 5615 N 13000E RD, MOMENCE, IL 60954, according to the Deed dated February 07, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 06416, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 09, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0098, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2 SAMUEL NAVEJAS, ALYSSA HORD, PO BOX 196, ASHTON, IL 61006, according to the Deed dated May 31, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14624, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 05, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0036, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1 NORMAN L NEPERMANN, TINA EVON NEPERMANN, 35W501 MILLER RD, DUNDEE, IL 60118, according to the Deed dated August 01, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 23840, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 10, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0089, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 2 LAURA NIECIAG, GLENN NIECIAG, 598 PICCADILLY LN, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Deed dated November 16, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 23930, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 10, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly

described as Unit No. 00760, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 ALBERTO ORTIZ-ORTIZ, YAZMIN ORTIZ, 6490 FAIRWEATHER DR, ANCHORAGE, AK 99518, according to the Deed dated April 07, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 08791, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 26, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0131E, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2 ALBERTO ORTIZ-ORTIZ, YAZMIN ORTIZ, 555 COUGAR BLUFF PT UNIT 108, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906, according to the Deed dated April 07, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 08791, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 26, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0131E, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2 SHARONMOVERTON, ERIC D WILSON JR, SHANNA WILSON, 7135 S PERRY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60621, according to the Deed dated May 22, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 15455, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 10, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0062, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 AMANDA PARSONS, CHARLYN HOHMAN, 7001 LONGFELLOW RANCH RD, ODESSA, TX 79765, according to the Deed dated July 29, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17489, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 15, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00260, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 1 AMANDA PARSONS, CHARLYN HOHMAN, 20233RD ST, SNYDER, TX 79549, according to the Deed dated July 29, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17489, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 15, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00260, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 1 JAYESH PATEL, JAYSHRI J PATEL, 5 CARNEY CT, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704, according to the Deed dated May 19, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 12209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 07, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 3 JAYESH PATEL, JAYSHRI J PATEL, 3044 SHEPARD RD, NORMAL, IL 61761, according to the Deed dated May 19, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 12209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 07, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 3 JESSICA M POLLAND, ROBERT C POLLAND, 200 CLEVIE JAMES RD, BROWNSVILLE, KY 42210, according to the Deed dated June 04, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 18101, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 07, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate

to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0075E, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1 VANESSA PORTIS, 216 BELLWOOD AVE, BELLWOOD, IL 60104, according to the Deed dated May 26, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 18220, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 14, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0075E, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 1 ALMA ARLENA PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO, 8263 COOK RD, MERIDIAN, MS 39305, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 6 ALMA ARLENA PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO, 603 S 14TH AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 6 ALMA ARLENA PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO, 8263 COOK RD, MERIDIAN, MS 39305, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0378, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 3 ALMA ARLENA PRESTON, ETTA M BRISCO, 603 S 14TH AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 24695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0378, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 3 BRENDA F PROWELL, 1438 W 99TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated April 16, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 15131, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 08, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 2 SAKILE L RAMIR, VERNON A SPELLER, 2429 BISSONNET ST, APT 178, HOUSTON, TX 77005, according to the Deed dated February 10, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 04695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 23, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0128, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 FIDEL C RAMIREZ, SUSAN K RAMIREZ, 1426 SAN VICENTE RD, RAMONA, CA 92065, according to the Deed dated July 15, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 21402, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 18, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

particularly described as Unit No. 0137E, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2 GABRIEL REED, ANNETTE REED, 17119 GRANT ST, LANSING, IL 60438, according to the Deed dated August 14, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 30182, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 19, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0074, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1 KRISTA REID, R I C H A R D GUTIERREZ, 9426 GARDEN BRIDGE ST, HOUSTON, TX 77075, according to the Deed dated December 19, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 00443, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 08, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0137E, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 KENNETH G RITSON, CATHERINE RITSON, 118-460 MAYFAIR AVE, OSHAWA, ON L1G2Y2, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 05226, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0405, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 6 KENNETH G RITSON, CATHERINE RITSON, 118-460 MAYFAIR AVE, OSHAWA, ON L1G2Y2, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 05226, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0071, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 1 ANDRES RODRIGUEZ, 2141 N LAVERNE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60639, according to the Deed dated July 09, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 18211, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 23, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0064, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1 DAVID R SAENZ, LYNNE D SAENZ, 407 SAVOY DR, SHOREWOOD, IL 60404, according to the Deed dated July 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 17582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 08, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 7 DAVID R SAENZ, LYNNE D SAENZ, 407 SAVOY DR, SHOREWOOD, IL 60404, according to the Deed dated July 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 19185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 28, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 7 MARY JANE SALYARDS, LAURA SILICEO-ROMAN, JEFFREY SALYARDS, 4137 HARTFORD ST, SAINT LOUIS, MO 63116, according to the Deed dated September 26, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 31381, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2001, are the owners

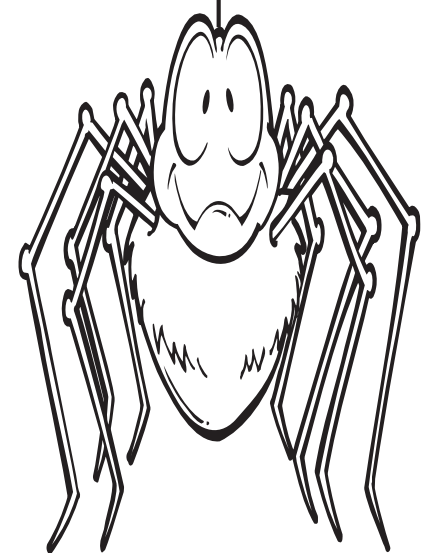
of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 MARY JANE SALYARDS, LAURA SILICEO-ROMAN, JEFFREY SALYARDS, 530 N RUMPLE LN, ADDISON, IL 60101, according to the Deed dated September 26, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 31381, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 WALTER L SCOTT, CAROLYN SCOTT, 3018 SHERWOOD DR, DECATUR, IL 62521, according to the Deed dated December 13, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014 00065, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 02, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 7 VERNON A SPELLER, SAKILE L RAMIR, 2429 BISSONNET ST, APT 178, HOUSTON, TX 77005, according to the Deed dated July 10, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 21860, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 20, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0083, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 2 C H A R L E S SPINDLE, KATHRYN MCDONALD, 20131 FOX GROVE LN, HUMBLE, TX 77338, according to the Deed dated June 24, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 15362, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 18, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0409, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 6 DENISE SUDOR, 9319 S RIDGELAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Deed dated June 28, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 13512, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 18, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0207, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 4 ROBERT L THOMAS, 10019 S CHARLES ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated May 14, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 10514, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 05, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 7 ROBERT L THOMAS, 10019 S CHARLES ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated May 14, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 10514, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 05, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 7 CECILIA TORRALBA, 5707 CHARLIE CHAN DR, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78240, according to the Deed dated March 24, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 08211, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 19, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

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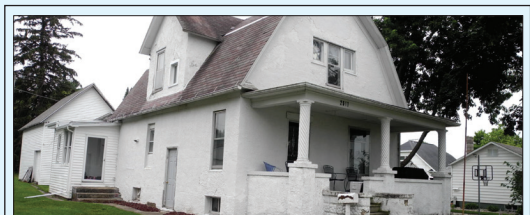
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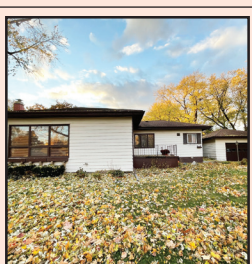
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Unique home with lots of spacious room to enjoy! Features include: 3,47 acre's of gorgeous land, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, loft area for entertaining, family room in basement and bath room attached garage, large living room with a fireplace, deck out front, and outbuilding for more storage. Lots of storage space throughout and work shop off garage.



**635 East Main St., Amboy  
\$179,500**

Beautiful Brick, two story Craftsman home on historic East Main Street in Amboy. Surrounded by lovely homes and nature on 2/3 acre on the edge of farm country. Screened in front porch. Plenty of natural light in every room. Gorgeous woodwork! Original chandeliers and wall sconces in huge living room with wood burning fireplace. French doors to living room and dining room for privacy. Spacious foyer with one oak stairway to 5 bedrooms on second floor. Original wavy glass in 4 over 4 windows, hardwood floors throughout. New bathroom on first floor with marble top vanity and subway tile shower. Laundry area on main floor with washer and dryer included. Full basement accessible from kitchen or rear door which could be a sixth bedroom or game room with second laundry hook up and lots of storage including a half bath. Two AC units, one for upstairs and one for main floor. Two car detached garage and huge fenced backyard. Must see this beauty before it is gone! Call today for a showing.



**126 W Division St., Amboy  
\$160,000**

This beautiful ranch style home is all ready for you to move into! Located on a large corner lot. You will be amazed how much bigger it is once inside. Features include: 3 bedrooms, possible one in basement, 2 baths, dining room, kitchen with breakfast bar, stools and all appliances stay, oak hardwood floors, sunken great room with wood burner stove, office area, concrete drive, 2 car detached drive, shed, back fenced in yard for privacy, covered porch and a patio area for entertaining. Call today for a showing! CONTINGENT UPON SELLER FINDING HOME OF THEIR CHOICE!



**27858 2600 East St.,  
Van Orin \$64,900**

Ranch style home with curb appeal. Why Rent when you can own! This open living/dining area, kitchen, 2 bedroom, one bath home comes with all appliances and is ready to move into. Features an attached garage that can be converted into a family room/master bedroom. There is a car port for parking, shed in back for all your storage. Call today for a showing!

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