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Illinois jobless rate falls to 5.7%

❑ Hospitality, trade sectors post biggest gains

By PETER HANCOCK
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SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate in Illinois fell three-tenths of a point in November to 5.7 percent as employers added 19,500 payroll jobs to the economy.

Preliminary data released by the Department of Employment Security and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed the biggest job gains during the month were in the leisure and hospitality sector and trade, transportation and utilities, with each adding an estimated 8,200 jobs. The construction industry added 3,800 jobs.

Those gains were partially offset by job losses in professional and business services, which was down 5,500 jobs, and the category known as "other services," which was down 200 jobs.

"Today's report reflects the continued positive trajectory of Illinois' economy," Deputy Gov. Andy Manar said in a statement. "IDES remains dedicated to connecting employers and jobseekers to build a stronger workforce across the state."

The jobless rate in Illinois was 1.5 percentage points higher than the national rate, which stood at 4.2 percent in November. That was down four-tenths of a point from the previous month.

Compared to a year ago, when the state's jobless rate stood at 8.1 percent, employers have added back 230,200 jobs, with gains across nearly all major industries. Over the year, the leisure and hospitality industry, which was hit particularly hard by the pandemic, has added back 94,200 jobs while trade, transportation and utilities have added back 41,600 jobs.

The financial activities industry, which is down 1,100 jobs from November 2020, is the only industry sector to lose jobs over the year.

Mendota High School names Good Citizen award winners

❑ Stremlau picked for DAR, Stamberger selected SAR

MENDOTA – Mendota High School has announced the winners of the 2021-22 DAR and SAR Good Citizens program, sponsored by the Illini Chapter of NSDAR. Alex Stremlau was chosen to receive the DAR award and Andrew Stamberger was the recipient of the SAR award.

These awards are open to all seniors. The recipients are nominated by fellow senior classmates and the faculty at MHS. Criteria for the DAR and SAR awards include dependability, cooperation, leadership and patriotism.

DAR Award

Stremlau is the daughter of Nick and Tracie Stremlau. While in high school, her activities and achievements have included basketball for one year, tennis for four years, Interact Club for two years (vice president), band, choir (secretary), Pep Band, Show Choir, Marching Band, Madrigals, Drama Club, school plays ("Clue," "Alice in Wonderland," "Steel Magnolias" and "Little Women") and National Honor Society (vice president).

Stremlau

She has also been involved in community service and volunteer activities including Lions Club corn sales, Junior Rhythm Express Camp leader, National Anthem singer at Relay for Life and at Mendota High School sporting events, caroling for Heritage Health, ditch clean-up, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, volunteer at Trunk or Treat, musician at Veteran's Day ceremony and Memorial Day ceremony, and tutoring for National Honor Society.

After high school, Stremlau plans to attend Illinois Valley Community College for two years and then transfer for a four-year university, where she will major in psychology.

In her free time, Stremlau enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

SAR Award

Stamberger is the son of Jayson and Rebecca Stamberger. While in high school, his activities and achievements have included FFA, Drama Club, fall play, spring play tech crew, Concert Choir, Show Choir, Madrigals, Concert Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, cross country, tennis, 4-H Clarion Comets (president), Solo and Ensemble, MHS Technology Team, Math Team and National Honor Society.

Stamberger

His involvement in church has allowed him many opportunities to help others. As a member of his church maintenance team the past 10 years, he participated in church work days in the spring and fall. On these days, he helped with many maintenance jobs such as cleaning up the grounds, landscaping, and even cleaning up after birds that had gotten into the tall steeple. (Nobody else wanted to climb up that high!) Being a member of his church also allowed him to participate regularly in playing his euphonium during church services and Christmas programs, and he volunteered to do the readings during church services on a monthly basis. Most recently, he volunteered to play the Grinch in the church's Christmas program.

Before COVID, he was able to participate in a food-packing experience at church called Feed My Starving Children. His church

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Legislators are working with the IEA on legislation to track which school districts are not in compliance with Illinois' laws.

IEA calling on schools to comply with safety laws

SPRINGFIELD —Illinois Education Association (IEA) President Kathi Griffin is calling on school districts that are not adhering to Illinois school safety laws to immediately comply. Griffin also announced Rep. Fred Crespo (Hoffman Estates-D) and Rep. Tony McCombie (Savanna-R) are working with the IEA on legislation to track which school districts are not in compliance with Illinois' laws.

"What happened in Michigan two weeks ago is a tragedy. Every incident where someone in a school is injured at the hand of another is heartbreaking," said Griffin. "Violence is increasing in our schools across the state. Our educators should not have to constantly worry about their safety and the safety of their students. This is not their problem to solve. They're under enough stress already. School administrators need to take immediate action to keep our students, staff and communities safe."

In 2019, the Illinois Education Association initiated, and the state legislature passed, the School Threat Assessment Bill, House Bill 1561 (HB 1561).

The law does several things:

- Instructs schools to develop a threat assessment team and a threat assessment protocol.
- Expands the use of the 1-cent county sales tax to include school safety improvements, school resource officers or mental health professionals, or allow a district to issue bonds, borrow money or find other ways to pay for the similar needs.
- Requires school districts to implement a threat assessment procedure that may be part of a school board policy on targeted school violence and prevention, which must include the creation of a threat assessment team made up of specific people.

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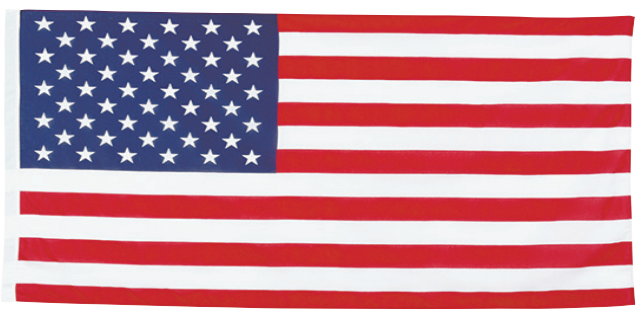

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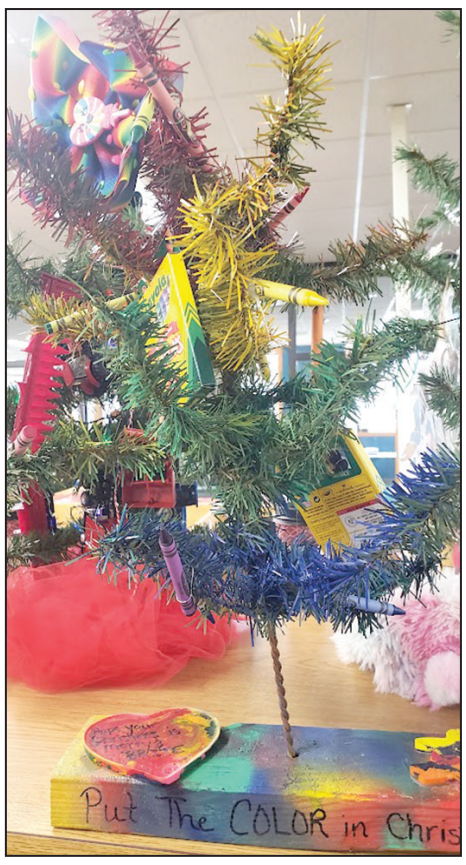

• *A sample of decorated mini trees at Graves-Hume Public Library.* •

Library's mini-trees ready for votes

MENDOTA - Twelve mini Christmas trees have been decorated, and now it is time for everyone to vote at Graves-Hume Public Library. Friends of the Library invites the community to stop by the library to vote for their favorite decorated tree.

Each of the trees has a unique decorating theme. "Young, old, families and kids have decorated trees this year. I hope everyone has a chance to see the fun ways people have thought to decorate the trees," said Emily Kofoid, Director.

The tree decorating contest is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. Voting is done using money. Every penny is one vote, every dollar is 100 votes. All proceeds will help Friends of the Library provide future library programs. The Friends Group is a separate, charitable entity that supports the library in monetary donations for books and programs not in the library's budget.

Voting ends Thursday, Dec. 23 with winners announced Dec. 28. Grand prize is a $30 Mendota Chamber Gift Card and the 2nd place is a $20 Mendota Chamber Gift Card.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

The students have been showing lots of kindness around our school lately. Students "caught" being kind to others in the month of December have earned a festive link to add to the school's paper chain. The paper chain has been growing daily with kind deeds and it has been displayed throughout the hallways. I'm so proud of the students for showing kindness to others. Thank you to Mrs. Beetz and Miss Setchell for heading up this project.

The students nominated this past week for the Principal Award were Piper Spitz, Paola Arteaga, Addilyn Hendricks, Priscila Roman, Landyn Welch, Ajla Bugiyne, Natalia Ocampo and LJ Rodriguez. The winners were Derrick Skaggs, Addilyn Swope, Carly Smith and Jeannella Borelli.

Mrs. Kieffer is currently working on editing the videos she got of our students singing holiday songs. Once the video is complete, a link will be emailed to parents and it will be displayed on the Blackstone webpage. We are looking forward to seeing our students perform.

We enjoyed some holiday fun on our last day before winter break. Students enjoyed fun holiday games and activities in their classrooms along with a movie/popcorn party. It was pajama day so that was fun for the students, too. For lunch, the whole school enjoyed Rosati's pizza and dessert. We also listened and sang along to Christmas music during lunch. It was definitely a fun way to celebrate the holidays and kick off winter break.

Winter break began on Dec. 20. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 3. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

November Lincoln School R.E.A.C.H. Award

The following Lincoln School students were nominated by their teacher for the R.E.A.C.H. Award for the month of November: Jaylah Sotelo, Connor Stevenson, Evelyn Quintana, Landon Kent, Aubree Dinges, Julian Garcia, Jaxx Bonnell, Aiden Skaggs, Karessa Brown, Brooklyn Mauch, Camilla Valencia, Kendra Mullins, Tyler Kenny, Taylor Erlenborn, Samantha Frechmann, and Dianely Mendez. (Photo contributed)

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Obituaries

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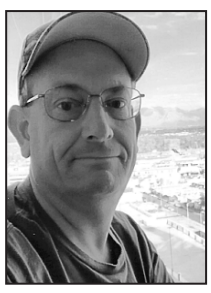
Matthew C. Untz



MENDOTA - Matthew "Matt" C. Untz, 50, of Mendota, passed away Dec. 16, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer.

A memorial Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church, Mendota next summer with time and date announced. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Matt was born Aug. 18, 1971 in Mendota to Edward and Sharon (Rumsey) Untz.

Survivors include his parents of Mendota; one sister, Jennifer (Kevin) Newell of Mendota; one brother, Ryan Untz of Albany; a nephew, Griffin Newell of Mendota; girlfriend, Liz Grenda of LaSalle; his dog, Rudy; godparents, Sister Jeanne d'Arc Untz and Michael Rumsey; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Robert and Marzita Rumsey and his paternal grandparents Joseph and Leona Untz.

Matt attended Holy Cross Grade School and graduated from St. Bede High School in 1989. He started his semi truck driving career in 1992 with Schneider National then Johnson Trucking. Later he owned and operated Untz Trucking, leasing to RH Boelk Truck Lines. He was most proud of his 23-year accident free record. He enjoyed hunting, camping, kayaking, traveling, off road adventures, motorcycles, corvettes, woodworking, and most recently spending time with his dog Rudy.

A memorial will be established to honor Matt's truck driving career. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Norma Hansen

LA MOILLE - Norma Hansen, 90, whose parents were formerly of LaMoille, passed away quietly on Dec. 12, 2021 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

A private graveside service was held at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille on Dec. 20 with Paster Dave Jungnickel officiating.

Survivors include four children, Larry (Deborah) Hansen, Lynn Witty (Lou Cecilia), Carolyn Serafini and Donald (Janet) Hansen; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert and their infant twin sons.

Norma loved people, cooking, shopping, her yard and flower garden. More than anything, she loved life and spending time with her family. Her greatest joy by far was her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was selfless, giving and her kind spirit and friendly smile warmed many hearts. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association: https://act.alz.org/Donate. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Andrew F. Swanson

MENDOTA - Our dear, big brother, Andrew F. Swanson, 63, passed away at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria on the evening of Dec. 15, 2021 after a brief illness.

A graveside service will be held at Restland Cemetery, Mendota in January with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Andy was born July 27, 1958 to Albert and Jean (Watkins) Swanson of Mendota.

Survivors include two brothers, Brian of Island Lake and Colin (Sharon) of Pasco, Wash.; a sister, Dennet of Island Lake; four nieces and two nephews; five (almost six) great-nephews; an uncle, C. Leslie (Lois) Swanson of Anniston, Ala.; two cousins, Laurie (George) Wright of Atlanta, Ga. and Heather Rundell of Mendota, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his paternal grandparents, August and Bertha (Graham) Swanson of Malden; his maternal grandparents, Orrie and Shirley (Holcomb) Watkins of Moline; an uncle, Roger Swanson of Malden; an uncle and aunt, P. John and Sharon (Watkins) Harris of Mendota/Arlington; and a cousin, Linda Swanson of Dunlap.

Andy was raised in Mendota graduated from Mendota High School. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. At various times, he was a newspaper deliveryman, a janitor, and a security guard. He also was the primary caretaker of his parents, allowing them to stay in their home in Mendota until their deaths. As a boy, he was a member of the Boy Scouts and fostered a love of the outdoors – especially fishing, which continued throughout his life. He enjoyed walking around town and would happily strike up a conversation with anyone who had the time to listen. Most recently, he lived in LaSalle where he pursued a small crafting business out of his home.

The family wishes to thank the LaSalle Veterans Affairs office, the staff at IVCH St. Margaret's Hospital, Peru and the staff at OSF Hospital in Peoria for their care and assistance to Andy. We especially are grateful to and want to thank Chief Mike Smudzinski and his officers and staff at the LaSalle Police Department for going far above and beyond any expectations in watching out for and helping Andy. At this most special time of the year when families are coming together to celebrate, please spend an extra moment appreciating those still with you and remembering those who are missing.

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

Christmas Eve candlelight service at Triumph UMC

TRIUMPH – The public is invited to join Pastor Sandy Smith and the congregation of the Triumph United Methodist Church for a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service at 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24.

'Home for Christmas' is the theme for this year's program. This music-filled service will blend many familiar carols with scripture texts that relate to that particular carol. This program is held in the afternoon to benefit those persons that do not drive after dark or have to travel to be with family later in the evening.

The wearing of masks and maintaining social distance is appreciated. A freewill offering will be taken and all proceeds will benefit the Mendota Christian Food Pantry. Everyone welcome.

Paw Paw School Board discusses tax levy, seeks input for planning

PAW PAW - Prior to the Dec. 14 regularly scheduled meeting, Jennifer Warrenfeltz, Principal/Superintendent-Intern, presented an explanation on how the tax levy works. Taxing bodies usually request more than they expect to receive because final assessed valuation figures are not available when the tax levy must be approved.

Three years ago, there was a transition as new wind turbines were being installed. The assessed valuation of the turbines declined, and this caused the tax rate for the school district to go up to $6.73. The following year the tax rate went down to $6.63 as the district benefited from most of the new wind turbines being installed. Last year the rate went down to $6.51 as the final new wind turbines became operational.

Based upon current assessed valuation figures from the County Assessor, it is anticipated that next year's tax rate will be around $6.40. Since the levy request this year is not more than 5 percent, the school district was not required to publish a notice or schedule a hearing. The board decided to publish a notice and schedule a hearing anyway in an effort to be as transparent as possible.

The property taxes paid by members of the community are determined by two variables, the assessed valuation of the property and the tax rate. As previously mentioned, the school district administration anticipates that the tax rate should be lower for taxes to be paid in 2022. Changes in the assessed valuation of property will vary from property to property.

In other discussions, appreciation was extended to Lisa Tavitas, Title I teacher, for the extra assistance she has given in various capacities throughout the school. Likewise, appreciation was expressed to Kim Siemers, Instructional Coach, for taking on extra duties.

It was announced that the state is no longer providing masks for our students. They have given small ones for the younger grades, but those are too small for the middle grades. Extra masks are, necessarily, being purchased.

An intruder drill was conducted Dec. 13 with Deputy Kyle Kellen of the Lee County Sheriff's Department. He complimented students and staff on their proficiency and mentioned that it was much improved from his last observation two years ago.

There is a Long-Range Planning Committee for the Paw Paw School District compiled of board members. They would appreciate input and participation from anyone interested in being part of this planning committee. It is to the district's and tax-payer's benefit to have a variety of diverse citizens participating, each with valuable viewpoints. Interested parties are encouraged to call Warrenfeltz for more information at (815) 627-2671.

The next Community Open Forum will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11. All Paw Paw community members are invited to attend and are encouraged to share their thoughts or ask questions of board members. For more information, please call Warrenfeltz.

CARL'S QUIZ

Carl's Quiz will return next week. Merry Christmas!

Mendota Weather — Dec. 22, 2021

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Sunny
High: 32 Low: 24

Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 45 Low: 34

Friday
Isolated Rain
High: 56 Low: 35

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 43 Low: 25

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 24

Monday
Scattered Rain
High: 40 Low: 21

Tuesday
Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 22

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 32°, humidity of 49%. Southwest wind 8 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 57° set in 1967. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 24°. South southeast wind 7 to 11 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 19°. The record low for Wednesday night is -19° set in 1963.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday Hi/Lo	Wednesday Wx	Thursday Hi/Lo	Thursday Wx
Aurora	31/24	s	34/32	mc
Champaign	35/26	s	39/38	mc
Chicago	32/27	s	37/34	mc
Freeport	31/23	s	35/31	pc
Joliet	32/25	s	37/35	mc
Moline	36/27	s	41/36	pc
Peoria	36/28	s	39/38	pc
Rockford	31/24	s	34/32	mc
Springfield	38/29	s	41/37	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	50	33	32/16	0.00"
Tuesday	52	33	31/16	0.00"
Wednesday	67R	56	31/15	0.00"
Thursday	43	29	31/15	0.00"
Friday	40	23	30/15	0.00"
Saturday	37	25	30/14	0.02"
Sunday	36	29	30/14	0.00"

Rainfall ..... 0.02"
Normal rainfall ..... 0.48"
Departure ..... -0.46"

Average temp ..... 39.5°
Average normal ..... 22.9°
Departure ..... +16.6°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 12/26 — New 1/2 — First 1/9 — Full 1/17

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:20 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	7:41 p.m.	10:08 a.m.
Thursday	7:20 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	8:45 p.m.	10:41 a.m.
Friday	7:21 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	9:51 p.m.	11:09 a.m.
Saturday	7:21 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	10:57 p.m.	11:34 a.m.
Sunday	7:21 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	Prev Day	11:57 a.m.
Monday	7:22 a.m.	4:33 p.m.	12:04 a.m.	12:21 p.m.
Tuesday	7:22 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	1:14 a.m.	12:46 p.m.

Local UV Index

0 - 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+

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 isolated snow, highest temperature of 49 in Seaford, Del. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 79 in Cudjoe Key, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 70 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow, highest temperature of 49 in Coos Bay, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and isolated snow, highest temperature of 67 in Tucson, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

Did the Greeks and Romans often erect temples where lightning struck?

Answer: Yes, they worshiped the gods there in an attempt to appease them.

Weather History

Dec. 22, 1983 - On the first day of winter, 75 cities reported record low temperatures for the date. Twelve of these reported record lows for the month. The mercury plunged to 51 degrees below zero at Wisdom, Mont. Waco, Texas set an all-time low at 12 above zero.

Dec. 23, 1989 - A historic arctic outbreak spread to the Gulf Coast region and a total of 122 cities across the central and eastern United States reported record low temperatures for the date. Forty-one of those cities reported record lows for the month of Dec.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Frederick E. Wehmeyer

DE KALB - Frederick E. Wehmeyer, 81, of DeKalb passed away Dec. 9, 2021, peacefully at home surrounded by his family after battling cancer for several months.

Cremation and arrangements are in care of Anderson Funeral Home, DeKalb. A memorial service/celebration of life and burial will be held at a later date.

Fred was born Nov. 6, 1940 in Fort Dodge, Iowa to Vade O. and Eloise (Balcar) Wehmeyer. He was married to Mary (Elsesser) Wehmeyer for 61 years.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Jeffrey (Rebecca) Wehmeyer; one daughter, Laura (Ronald Jr.) Bradt; three grandchildren, Jessica (Justin) Harper, Jacob (Sarah) Bradt, and Christopher (Gabriela Marquest) Bradt; three great-grandchildren, Ava Harper, Emma Harper and Jacob Bradt Jr.; two step grandchildren, Kendyl Westlake and Dylan Hughes; one sister, Susan Ramsey; and one sister-in-law, Janet Wehmeyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Joe Wehmeyer; and a brother-in-law, Dr. Timothy Ramsey.

Fred grew up on the family farm near Mendota and graduated from Mendota High School with the class of 1958. He attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he was active in Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. He also attended Control Data Institute in Rockford, where he studied computer programming. He was employed by the Del Monte Corporation Farm Department in Mendota, Rochelle and Frankfort, Ind. He was a computer programmer for DeKalb Ag Research/DeKalb Pfizer Genetics in the Hybrid Research Department in DeKalb, where he retired in 2003. He was a member of First Lutheran Church, DeKalb. He enjoyed the Experimental Aircraft Association when he maintained a pilot's license for many years. As a youth, he was active in Explorer Scouts and enjoyed canoe trips to Northern Wisconsin. He was an Assistant Scout Master for DeKalb Troop 28. For several years he volunteered for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Auxiliary. He had an interest in genealogy and traveled throughout New England tracing his ancestry. He enjoyed watching sports events, especially the Bears, Cubs, NASCAR and college football. Over the years he enjoyed traveling throughout the United States to scenic locations. After his retirement, he especially loved the many trips to the Wisconsin family lake house, highlighted by the time spent there with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Fred's memory to the First Lutheran Church, DeKalb, NM Kishwaukee Cancer Center, Promedica Hospice or a charity of donor's choice, in care of Anderson Funeral Home, Ltd., P.O. Box 605, 2011 South Fourth St., DeKalb, IL 60115.

For information, visit www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com or call (815) 756-1022.

Nicholas V. Lonero III

MENDOTA - Nicholas Vito Lonero III, 63, of Mendota, passed away peacefully with his loved ones around him on Dec. 15, 2021.

Nick requested a celebration of life be held in his honor as opposed to traditional funeral services. All of Nick's loved ones were invited to join the family in celebrating his extraordinary life at Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota on Dec. 20 from 5-7 p.m. A service followed at 7 p.m. with Father Jeff Windy officiating.

Nick was born April 25, 1958 in Chicago to Nicholas and Maryann (Lombardi) Lonero II.

Survivors include his honey, his wife Maria; his daughter, Faith (Josh); son, Nicholas (Mayra); son, Marco (Ashely); daughter, Kasha (Joe); and daughter, Olimpia; many grandchildren, Philip, Madison, Alison, Maisie, Milo, Eddie, Aria, Joey, Kora, Katrina, Issac and Cassandra; his beloved "pupper," Maximillian Leonardo Lonero; three siblings, Roseann (Jim), Nicolette (Tom) and Michael; and was a fond uncle of his nephews and niece.

Nick grew up in Chicago near Taylor Street, in the heart of little Italy. His heart and inner cowboy came out of him and brought him home to Mendota. He worked as an over-the-road truck driver for 30-plus years and enjoyed spending family time with his grandchildren and loved ones, fishing, being an amazing gardener (Mr. Green thumb) and being the farmer he always dreamed of being. Nick will be dearly missed and always remembered as his legacy continues on.

Memorials may be directed to the family or La Rabida Children's Hospital, Chicago. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Marcella Chandler

MENDOTA - Marcella "Sally" Chandler, 88, of Mendota, passed away Dec. 15, 2021 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Private graveside services will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota at a later date.

Sally was born Jan. 23, 1933 in New Ulm, Minn. to Harry and Elsa (Fredrick) Hamann. She married Joseph Chandler on June 30, 1956 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Lannette (Don) Cleary of Mendota; two sons, Mike (Pam Schlegle) Chandler of Spring Valley and Jim (Doreen) Chandler of Tampa, Fla.; six grandchildren, Tyler Kent, Courtney Tucker, Dominik Chandler, Nathan Chandler, Dustin Kent and Jacob Chandler; 11 great-grandchildren, Aiden, Delila, Delaney, Landon, Emerson, Grayson, Kendall, Cameron, Elliot, Nolan and Gideon; and one sister, Betty Peterson of Moorehead, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, John, Delbert and Dennis Hamann; and two sisters, Myrtle Terry and Ordelle Labbs.

Sally worked at the Mendota Trouser Factory, Ben Franklin and held various waitress jobs. She was an avid euchre and bingo player.

Memorials may be directed to Heritage Health, Mendota. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Mary E. McCauley

MENDOTA - Mary E. McCauley, 88, of Mendota passed away Dec. 17, 2021.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 on Dec. 21 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Rev. Peter Pilon officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross cemetery. Visitation took place at Wasmer Funeral Home on Dec. 20 from 4-7 p.m. with a 4 p.m. rosary. Masks and social distancing guidelines were preferred. Wasmer Funeral Home was privileged to assist the family.

Pallbearers were grandchildren, Matt Schifeling, Nick McCauley, Josh Bernardin, Jordan Bernardin, Zach Bernardin and Ben McCauley. Honorary pallbearers were Jacquelyn Warren, Amanda McCauley, Corey McCauley, Haley Engel, Aaron McCauley and Alex McCauley.

Mary was born Dec. 22, 1932 in Mendota to William and Anna (Schneider) Klein. She married Joseph Oscar McCauley on July 25, 1953 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Peterstown. He preceded her in death on May 29, 2014.

Survivors include four sons, Larry (Judy) McCauley of Dunlap, John (Bev) McCauley of Mendota, Kevin McCauley of Ottawa and Mark (Kimberly) McCauley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Bonnie (Ken) Bernardin of Rochelle; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Harold "Mick" Klein of Spring Valley; and one sister, Bertha Sondgeroth of Mendota.

She was preceded by her husband, Oscar; one son, Bruce McCauley on Aug. 28, 2017; six brothers, Ray, Gilbert, Joe, Leroy, Ed and Bill; and three sisters, Hilda Klein, Dorothy Weiman and Margaret Biers.

During her work career, Mary was employed at Conkey's and the egg factory for two years each, and was a waitress at Parkway Restaurant in Mendota for 27 years. While her children were in school, she was involved in the Holy Cross Parents Club and enjoyed some women's card clubs through the years. She was a faithful member of Holy Cross Church.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Matthew J. Waido

MENDOTA - Matthew J. Waido, 33, of Mendota, passed away Dec. 12, 2021.

Private family services were held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Private visitation was for one hour prior to the funeral. Cremation rites followed and private burial will be at a later date. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date at the Mendota Elks Lodge.

Matthew was born Jan. 6, 1988 in Mendota to Scott and Karen (Prokuski) Waido.

Survivors include his parents; three siblings, Sarah (Craig) Willmert, Selena Waido and Michael Waido; two nieces, Aubrey and Annabelle; and his maternal grandparents, Jerry and Audrey Prokuski.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents.

Matthew attended Mendota Schools and graduated from Mendota High School in 2006. He also attended the Institute of Production and Recording. He worked at ENP Inc. in Mendota for several years. Matthew had a great passion for music and recording of music. He was in several bands throughout the years playing local venues, even venturing out to the Chicago area. After work, he often could be found fishing at Lake Kakusha, hitting a round of golf or working in his garden. He loved cheering for his Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and Chicago Blackhawks.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Barbara J. O'Leary

SHULLSBURG, Wis. - Barbara J. O'Leary, 90, of Shullsburg, Wis. passed away Dec. 14, 2021 at Sienna Crest Assisted Living in Darlington, Wis.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23 at Evangelical Free Church, 5605 Main St., Gratiot with Rev. Glenn Andes officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Shullsburg. Visitation will be from 9 until 10:45 a.m. on Thursday at the church. The Erickson Funeral Home in Shullsburg is serving the family.

Barb was born Feb. 16, 1931 in Mendota to Elmer and Marian (Deaner) Brown. She married James E. Hollars on Oct. 8, 1950 in Mendota. On Feb. 26, 1965 she married Harold M. Atherton in Mendota. He preceded her in death. She later married John J. O'Leary on Dec. 5, 1990 in Shullsburg. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her children, Elizabeth Ann (John) Scott of Gratiot, Wis., Tim (Ronda) Hollars of Malden and Richard Hollars; a step-son, Kevin (Collene) Atherton of Champagne; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren that she absolutely adored; one brother, James Brown of Batavia; one sister, Betty Phalen of Mendota; and one sister-in-law, Darlene Brown of Bloomington, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Harold Atherton and John J. O'Leary; two sons, David Hollars and Michael Hollars; one sister, Joyce Hoffman; a step-son, James Atherton; one brother, William Brown; two brothers-in-law, Lee Hoffman and Harry Phalen; two sisters-in-law, Karen Brown and Judy Brown; and one great-grandson, Zander Sweeney.

Barb grew up in Mendota graduating from Mendota High School in 1949 and later from Galesburg School of Nursing. She spent most of her working years employed as a bookkeeper for various companies throughout the area. She was a past member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Shullsburg. In her free time, Barb enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, picture puzzles, fishing, needlework and sewing. She never passed up an opportunity to travel to local restaurants with her family to enjoy a nice meal and enjoy their company. Her family was the most important part of her life. The time she got to spend with her family – especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren meant the world to her. She made sure each of them knew how proud she was of them.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ericksonfuneralhome.com.

For those who prefer, a memorial fund has been established in Barb's name.

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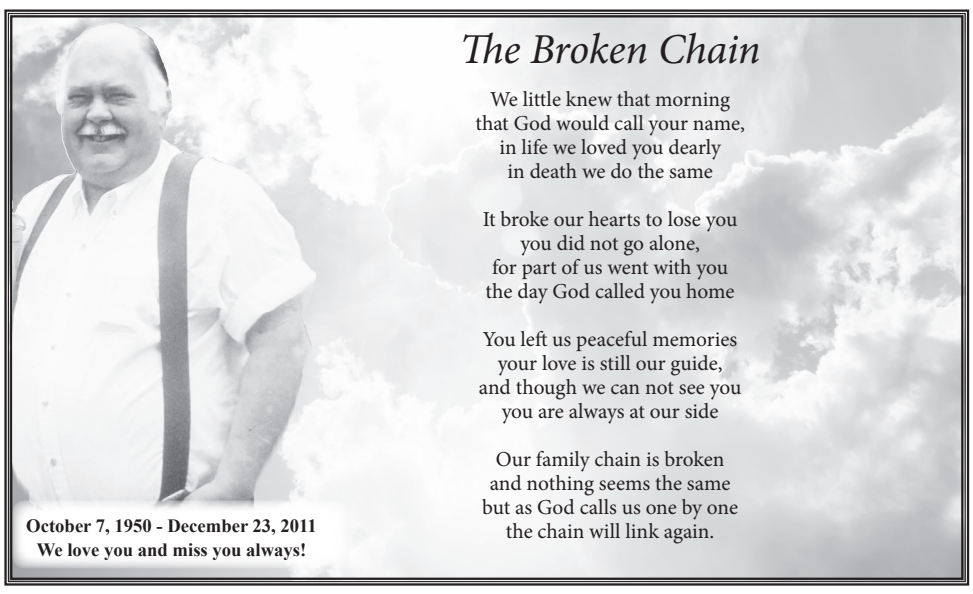

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LOCAL AND AREA

Illinois ranks last for tax friendliness with 'no end in sight'

By ELYSE KELLY
The Center Square contributor

SPRINGFIELD – High state income, property and sales taxes put the Land of Lincoln dead last in a tax-friendliness ranking for middle-class Americans, coming in behind states like New York and New Jersey.

Illinois has a 4.95% flat state income tax rate and a 6.25% state sales tax with another 4.75% in local taxes added in some areas. The ranking comes from Kiplinger, a business forecasting and personal-finance publisher, which calculated Illinois' average combined state and local sales tax rate to be 8.83%.

Venture capital expert, lawyer and economic commentator Mark Glennon, who is also the founder and executive editor of Wirepoints, a market research organization, said Illinois' position at the bottom comes as no surprise.

"We've been consistently ranked at or near the bottom for a long time; the primary culprit is property taxes in Illinois and those hit the middle class very hard," he said.

Illinois' high tax rates are a result of politicians mishandling money, according to Glennon.

"It's ultimately a spending problem," he said.

Unlike other states, Illinois hasn't used recent federal windfalls wisely to bridge gaps like the gaping hole in its unemployment trust fund, which Glennon said policymakers ignored.

"Illinois has just announced new program after new program," he said. "As soon as that federal spigot shuts closed – and it will – Illinois is going to be back in the same suit that it was."

One large area that could save Illinoisans money if reformed is the rules that municipal governments have to follow for negotiating labor contracts, according to Glennon.

"We have particularly onerous rules that essentially force everything into collective bargaining and arbitration if there's any difficulty, and the outcome of that is consistently that the municipalities lose and organized labor wins," he said.

Pointing to IRS migration data, Glennon said the effect of the Prairie State's exorbitant tax rates is people of all income groups are leaving Illinois for greener pastures, with states like Florida, Texas and Tennessee reaping the benefits.

"Middle-class people are obviously tending to pick places with better job prospects and lower taxes," he said.

And he said there is no end in sight for this problem.

"There's no prospect of a solution in sight because the politicians are not even working on any solution," he said.

City Ordinance

MENDOTA – The City of Mendota reminds citizens that Chapter 41.49 of the Mendota Municipal Code in regard to Prohibited Parking reads as follows:

• Parking is prohibited along both sides of First Avenue for the entire length of the avenue.

• Parking is prohibited on the east side of Sixth Avenue from Second Street to Fifth Street.

• Parking is prohibited on the east side of Main Street from Sixth Street to Washington Street.

• Parking is prohibited on the south side of Washington Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Iowa Street.

• Parking is prohibited on both sides (north and south) of Washington Street from Iowa Street to U.S. Route 251.

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applied to be a Mobile Pack site, and he worked with others to pack thousands of meals for needy families. He also attended a Youth Works mission trip with a neighboring church. During this trip, he traveled to St. Louis with 15 other high school students and worked on various projects to help others including visiting elderly people in retirement homes, leading church activities for local youth, and helping clean up a neighborhood park. All these experiences allowed him to share his gifts with others, which he looks forward to continuing.

After graduation, Stamberger would like to pursue a career in mechanical engineering, and during college, hopes to have opportunities for internships in that field. He plans to use his education and understanding of how things work to improve the efficiency of agricultural equipment and implements. Through his involvement in the family farm, he knows how important it is for equipment to work well and for farmers to be able to depend on this equipment to work efficiently. He also understands that the production and maintenance of this equipment must be cost-effective. Using his agricultural background and technical experiences, he would like to help improve the tools that farmers use each day.

Although involvement in school activities kept him busy during high school, he still found time to pursue his own interests. He was always interested in learning how things work and fixing them and enjoys spending time in his family's farm shop working on machinery and fixing anything he can. He specializes in small motors, which he spends a lot of time rebuilding. By purchasing items such as jet skis, four-wheelers, and mopeds that are not running, then rebuilding them and learning as much as possible, he is able to sell them for a profit. He also likes to fly airplanes and has been involved with aviation at a small, local airport. He enjoys spending time outdoors and in his spare time, he can be found waterskiing or riding his jet ski on the river.

Safety

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• Calls for each district to review each school building's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols and procedures and the make-up of its team.

• Requires each district's assessment team to include mental health professionals as well as representatives from state, county and local law enforcement agencies.

The IEA is now partnering with Crespo and McCombie to sponsor new legislation that will ensure school districts are complying with the requirements in the School Threat Assessment law.

"Keeping schools safe, free of violence, making sure that students have a learning environment that is welcoming and open to all is paramount to having a strong school community. A strong school community leads to a strong community, overall. This legislation was meant to bring a similar assessment plan to districts across the state – no matter the size – and this leads to a better Illinois," Crespo said.

"Ideally, in a situation like what happened in Michigan, the threat assessment team would have been called upon and intervened to get the student the help they need before tragedy occurs. That's the intent of these laws," McCombie said. "The children of our state are our most important asset. We must ensure threat assessment plans are not only created, but also followed to keep our students safe."

Griffin also issued a reminder to school districts advising they can use Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to hire more staff to address mental health issues students may be facing.

"We need to make sure we are doing everything we can from a security standpoint, but also we need to make sure we are addressing the trauma that our students are going through," Griffin said. "The pandemic is causing additional trauma for many Illinois families. We need to recognize that and do what we can to help."

MPD: Always secure your property

MENDOTA – Help prevent yourself from being the victim of a burglary or theft. The Mendota Police Department would like to remind all citizens to secure their property. Always lock your vehicle when it's parked outside. Lock the doors to your home, garage and sheds even while you are home. Don't let yourself become a victim by being an easy target.

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Ill. State Fire Marshal advises residents to keep CO detectors in working order

SPRINGFIELD - The Office of the State Fire Marshal warns residents across the state to pay special attention to the distinct signals sent by carbon monoxide alarms when their life has expired. Frequently, people may believe that a beep coming out of their CO means it's time for a battery change, when in fact it means that the device needs to be replaced.

"It is extremely important to pay attention to the different beeps that come out of a dead CO alarm. We want to ensure that our residents understand the difference in order to take immediate action and prevent a tragedy," said State Fire Marshal Matthew Perez. "Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer. The replacement of dead carbon monoxide detectors is also a life saver."

Since January 2007, it has been an Illinois law to have a properly functioning CO alarm in all dwelling units. The law requires that detectors must have battery power as the primary or secondary power supply. They cannot be solely electric powered. Many carbon monoxide detectors now in service were made prior to the incorporation of the new requirements and may not have an end-of-life signal.

Carbon monoxide is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in the nation, claiming approximately 300 lives a year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Because CO is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas, it can kill people before they realize its presence. It can be produced by gas or oil appliances such as furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters, ovens, space heaters or, in some cases, by fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.

OSFM advises consumers that if their CO alarms were manufactured before August 2009, prior to the incorporation of the new requirements, they may not have the end-of-life feature. In addition, residents who have a carbon monoxide detector installed for more than three years should look for the manufacturing date, which may be found on the outside back of the alarm or visit the company's website for further information. If none can be found, the device should be replaced without any hesitation.

Carbon monoxide alarms should be tested every month by pushing the test button. If the alarm goes off, follow the basic steps:

• If your CO detector activates, evacuate everyone from your home immediately leaving the door open for ventilation on your way out and then call 911.

• Do not re-enter until experts have investigated the problem and declared it safe to return.

Other important tips:

• Ensure that household appliances are installed and running correctly. Have a professional technician check fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, chimneys and vents at least annually for blockages, corrosion, debris and faulty connections.

• Check appliances in the home that use natural gas, oil, wood and kerosene such as water heaters, clothes dryers, ranges, ovens, gas-powered refrigerators and pilot lights.

• Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in a room with closed doors or windows or in rooms where people are sleeping.

• Check venting systems to the outside for cracks and blockages such as flues, chimneys and fireplaces.

• Make sure space heaters are vented properly.

• Never operate generators indoors.

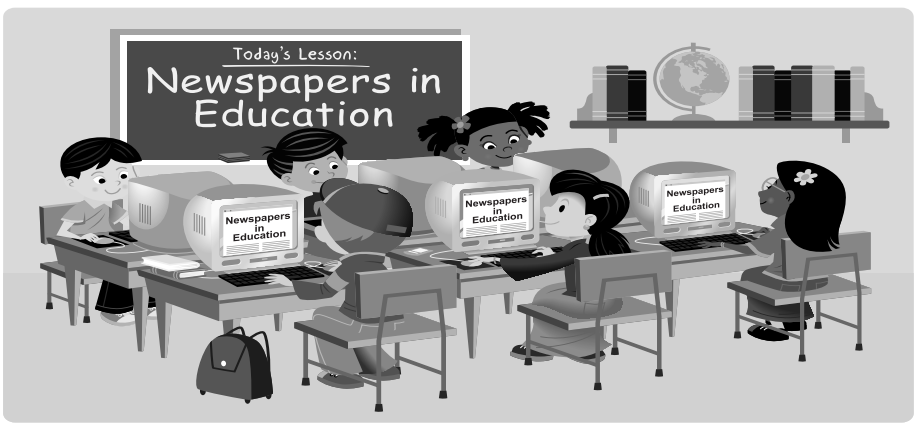
• Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent.

• Never use gasoline-powered tools and engines indoors.

• Never use gas-powered appliances such as an oven or clothes dryer for heating a home.

• Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even if the garage door is open.

For additional information about carbon monoxide poisoning, visit the OSFM webpage at www.sfm.illinois.gov or the National Fire Protection Association.



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Santa Claus issues

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD — Ok, I'll admit it. I have Santa Claus issues.

It's not that I suffered some Santa trauma as a child. I believed until I was 4 and then I cross- examined my mother. She was sitting on the toilet and I demanded to know if Santa was real.

She tried to deflect my questions. But I would have none of it and somewhere between No. 1 and No. 2 the existence of Santa, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy was flushed from my life forever.

Or so I thought.

Flash forward a few decades and my wife, Joan, and I are new parents. I made the pronouncement to my wife that we would not lie to our child about the existence of some magical elf in a red suit.

Joan gave me a look that seemed to convey in one glance: "You're a moron."

So, what did my new bride do? She enlisted the support of my mother.

And suddenly, I'm hearing it in stereo: "A child needs to experience wonderment at Christmas and you are denying it."

The look of disgust from the woman who birthed me and the one who gave birth to my child was enough to make eggnog curdle.

I caved.

And our baby Gracie and her two future sisters were taught that Santa was real.

And, yes, they experienced wonderment at Christmas. And my wife and mother were pleased. And, no, none of our daughters ever cross examined either of us about the existence of Santa. (That doesn't bode well for us having any future reporters in the family.)

But speaking of reporters and Santa, my issues with St. Nick have only grown during my 33 years in the news business.

Back when I was a young reporter at the Quad-City Times, I decided it would make for a fun feature story to write about what it's like to be Santa.

So, I dressed up in the red suit and cap, attached a beard with an elastic strap, and watched hundreds of kids line up to sit on my lap at the Davenport, Iowa, public library.

I was told the key to being a good Santa is being noncommittal, which, by the way, is also the secret to being a good politician.

Whenever a youngster wiggling on my knee reeled off their wish list, I would say something like, "Be good and I'll see what I can do."

And then, a little girl crawled on to my lap.

I asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

She looked me in the eye and replied, "I want a new dad. My old dad left, and my mom is really lonely."

I looked into her hopeful eyes and sputtered. I finally said, "There are just some things beyond Santa's power."

The next day the top editor of the paper wandered over to my desk and suggested I stick with the "hard news" stories and leave the human-interest features to others.

Several years after that was by far my most traumatizing Santa experience. I was writing about homeless children for the Las Vegas Sun.

I quoted an 8-year-old boy saying, "I don't know if Santa will know where to go this year. We keep moving every week. I guess I've been good. I go to sleep on time every night."

Although I turned the story in several days in advance, the editor didn't get around to reading it until 45 minutes before deadline.

He wandered over to my desk, "Is this kid kind of slow? Eight seems awfully old to believe in Santa. Go find out if he thinks Santa is a real person or an idea."

Huh? Within 45 minutes?

I've been asked lots of questions, mostly good, by editors throughout the years. But this is without a doubt the dumbest.

I found myself racing across Las Vegas on deadline to a school that served the homeless. I talked the principal into calling the boy into the office.

When the perplexed youngster entered the office, I dropped down on my haunches and asked, "Richard, do you think Santa is a real person or just an idea?"

He gave me his answer and I found myself barking into a telephone receiver minutes before the presses began to roll, "He says, 'Santa is real!'"

Yes, Santa is real, not just in the hearts of all good people, but even in the mind of the most cynical journalist.

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

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The year in review – 1982

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Dec. 18, 2002.)

By Jessica Nashold

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Once an objective is achieved or a problem dealt with, the time frame is sometimes forgotten. An interview with Mayor Ken Roling pinpointed certain events in 1982 – 20 years ago.

In January 1982, the bridges on First Avenue and Monroe Street were reopened after being "brought up to capacity." They had been closed when cited by the Illinois Department of Transportation as "below capacity" for the loads that crossed them.

The issue as to whether or not to ban liquor in certain areas of the Lake Mendota grounds was debated in city council meetings for several months. In April, the matter was put to a vote, resulting in a 4-4 impasse. Mayor Roling cast the tie-breaking vote. His decision against establishing an area in which liquor would be banned was based largely on a police department commitment to increase patrols at Lake Mendota as well as near taverns at closing time. In 1978, there had been only six liquor-related arrests at Lake Mendota, in 1979 none, in 1980 two and in 1981 none. At this time in 1982, there had also been no arrests at Lake Mendota.

In February, representatives of Osco and Hornsby met with city officials to discuss a possible shopping center on Washington Street, west of 13th Avenue. It was stated that about 35 percent of shoppers were doing their shopping out of town. It was believed a shopping center in Mendota would bring them back. In December, the matter had not yet been decided.

In March, the city accepted a 20-channel cable system, for which the current $9 fee would be frozen for three years, until December 1985. In April, ground was broken for a new fire station on Main Street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. A BMX track was dedicated at Lake Mendota in May.

In June, arrangements were made to lease Illinois Central Gulf property on Main Street for parking, at $200 per year. An increased cost of $35,000 for operating the sanitary system in 1980-81 led to an increase in water rates. Those rates were the only source of income for the system.

In July, many residents were angered that the city had signed a contract to pave over the last brick street in town. The work proceeded, despite the protest. August found Mendota busy with the Sweet Corn Festival. September and October saw repairs to U.S. 34 completed. In November, plans were being worked out to rid Lake Kakusha of sunfish and restock it. During December, plans for racquetball courts in the old fire station on Sixth Street were going forward.

Mayor Roling have a year-end assessment –

"I think we're at the point where we have financial control. We're doing things without digging into peoples' pockets, and that's what I'm really proud of."

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With the opening of the new fire station on Main Street, the city accepted bids on the old building on Sixth Street. The lone bidder at each of the two offerings was Tom Kindler. His first bid was $3,310, his second was $6,620. While the site was being discussed for possible parking, the building had been appraised at $17,000 and cost of removal estimated at $9,000. Kindler's bid included making the building "safe and usable" and opening three racquetball courts. The courts would not compete with any other existing business. The city would have 24-hour access to the street light panel, located in the building.

Renovation is to be completed this year.

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Rep. Myron Olsen of the 70th House District, or his aide, would hold office hours in the municipal building, the fourth Thursday of each month, starting Jan. 27, 1983.

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The Dec. 14 visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile in 1982 marked the first use of lightweight lounges, much easier unload and reload. Earl Waldorf and Lucille Jacob were 10-gallon donors that day. There had been 126 donors, 15 of them first time. The Optimist Club took care of loading. Nine volunteer nurses were coordinated by Dr. Robert Patterson.

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Members of Camp Fire groups entertained residents of Mendota Lutheran Home, Heritage Manor and the Hi-Rise. They also made ornaments and decorated the tree in front of the VFW Post home, with a Christmas party there to top off the day.

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An Audrey Lawrence profile for the Chamber of Commerce featured the 11th Street Nursery. Their landscape design service planted trees and shrubs, also keeping them trimmed. Bob Hagemann, his wife, Lorraine, and son, Dale, kept the business going. They reported having some success in rescuing ailing trees.

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Dan's Food Mart, at the junction of U.S. 51 and U.S. 34, advertised cigarettes at $6.69 per carton plus 29-cent tax.

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The Elks advertised a New Year's dinner dance at $20 per person or $12 per person for dancing and drinks after 9:30 p.m.

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A few of the clubs around town having Christmas parties in 1982 were Jolly Country Club, Idylle While Neighborhood Euchre, West End Club and Happy Eight Club.

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The Hi-Light named a few of the staff responsible for custodial chores at MHS – Beryl Fox, Fred Radefeld, Ed Scott. They worked three eight-hour shifts. Serving in other non-academic capacities were John and Barb Radke and Mr. and Mrs. Bott.

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Brownie Troop 237 visited Heritage Manor where they sang and delivered hand-made candy canes to the residents. Among the recipients that day was Miss Ethel Hickok, niece of the well-known Wild Bill.

The failure of 'Latinx'

By Rich Lowry

What the progressive culture elite wants, it usually gets. Single-sex bathrooms changing overnight to all-gender or non-gender bathrooms? Done. Illegal immigrants becoming known as undocumented persons? But of course.

So, when it was decided in the precincts of fashionable opinion that the term "Latino" would be retired in favor of "Latinx," one could have been forgiven for thinking that this hideous neologism would, like so much else in American life, go from a fringe cause to mainstream soon enough.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the Latinx ascendancy -- Latinos have rejected the term, at the same time that a big swing toward the GOP among these voters has highlighted the perils of high-handed cultural politics for the Democrats.

Latinx may end up being a woke experiment that failed, showing the vast gap between the identity-politics-obsessed progressives earnestly talking to one another in seminar rooms and on social media and the Hispanics in whose name they presume to speak.

Latinx is a project cut from the same cloth as the endless extension of LGBTQ, which, as of this writing, is now more properly and comprehensively rendered as LGBTQQIP2SAA.

The alleged problem that Latinx was invented to fix is that is Spanish has gendered nouns. This means that using the male Latino as an adjective to describe men and women of Latin American ancestry, let alone transgender and non-binary people, is supposedly exclusionary, hateful and downright dangerous. As a handbook on the terminology by a Princeton scholar explains, "To default to the masculine gender promotes interpersonal violence against women and non-binary individuals."

Latinx rose from the ashes of its predecessor neologism Latin@, an attempted amalgamation of the -o at the end of the Latino and the -a at the end of Latina. But no one knew how to pronounce the word. It was deemed insufficiently woke because the "o" was supposedly graphically dominating the "a" (yes, this is how some people think). And it caused confusion on social media where the at sign is used to tag someone.

Enter Latinx, which is only slightly less ridiculous.

As Giancarlo Sopo of The Daily Wire, who has been on a one-man crusade against the rise of the term, points out, Latinx is incomprehensible to any Spanish speaker without some knowledge of English. Most Spanish-speakers don't think there is something desperately flawed about their language, or that Spanish grammar is a proto-hate crime. The Real Academia Espanola, Spain's official institution charged with maintaining the integrity of the language, has ruled against the -x appendage.

Out in the real world, "Latinx" polls even more poorly than Joe Biden does. A Politico poll found that only 2% of Hispanics prefer the term, while 68% opt for Hispanic and 21% favor Latino or Latina. The term is considered offensive to 40% of respondents and 30% said that they are less likely to support a politician or group using it.

Rep. Ruben Gallego, an Arizona Democrat, tweeted in reaction to the poll that he forbids his staff from using Latinx in official communications. "When Latino politicos use the term, it is largely to appease white rich progressives who think that is the term we use," he wrote. "It is a vicious circle of confirmation bias."

Still, elite media outlets and other institutions susceptible to progressive influence, as well as many elected Democrats, have dutifully defaulted to the term. It's one thing if an individual prefers to be called Latinx (or, the even more cutting-edge Latina/o/x or Xicanx), it's another thing to apply the term to a large group of people who have no interest in being called a name that makes no sense to them.

The pushback is a heartening sign of the limits of elite cultural power, and of the lack of interest of most Latinos in being pawns in the ever more strained and obscure progressive politics of perpetual victimology.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Secretary of State White extends driver's license, ID card expiration dates to March 30, 2022

SPRINGFIELD – Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional three months from Jan. 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022.

White said it will be the final extension. The extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses and CDL learner's permits.

"During the pandemic, my office has continued to serve the public, including face-to-face transactions, in a safe and responsible manner," White said in a statement. "This extension is necessary as my office continues to address the heavy customer volume caused by the COVID-19 pandemic through expanded online services and the introduction of appointments at select Driver Services facilities."

State law allows the Secretary of State's office to extend driver's license and ID card expiration dates to March 31, 2022.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

Departing security info specialist shines his light at IVCC

OGLESBY – Jim Anderson is glad he took his wife Julie's advice seven years ago and answered an ad for a security information specialist at Illinois Valley Community College.

On his last day as a full-time employee on Dec. 17, in front of a throng of well-wishing IVCC staff, Anderson said, "My wife told me I need to shine my light so I tried to do that."

Mission accomplished. The former insurance salesman from rural La Moille became a welcoming presence at the main entrance and befriended employees and students alike.

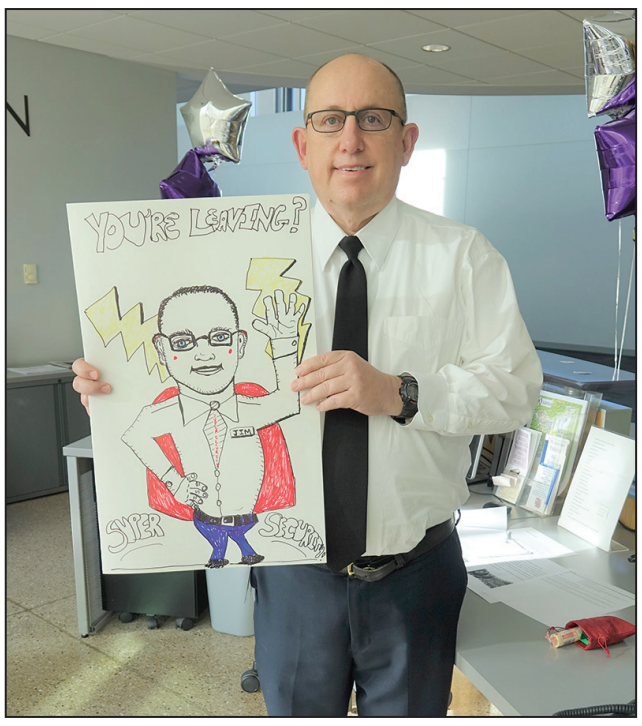
"I cannot imagine coming in every morning and not seeing your smiling face and not saying, 'Good morning, Jim!'" said director of purchasing Michelle Carboni.

Anderson, known to some students as "Uncle Jim," read a card he received recently from student Clarissa Hernandez of Mendota.

Hernandez wrote: "With Thanksgiving coming up, I can't help but think of how lucky I am to have you as part of my life. Also, your Buffalo Wild Wings gift cards come in handy when we're starving. Thank you for being one of the most kind-hearted people I've ever met."

Anderson cherished the card, saying, "To me, that's what it's all about at IVCC. It's about doing what we can for students. Whether it's friendship or maybe feeding them occasionally – that's what it's all about.

"I really enjoyed it here and I'm going to miss you all so much," he told the assembled staff. "Keep on doing what you're doing – you're good at it."



Jim Anderson of the security firm Allied Universal became an iconic part of IVCC in seven years at the front desk. Anderson was honored with a giant hand-made card – complete with a sketch of his likeness as "Super Security" – and a balloon drop on his last day as a full-time employee. He also received a cash gift and several IVCC bookstore items. (Photo contributed)

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The Mendota Reporter and Mendota Money Saver will have early deadlines due to Christmas and New Year.

For the **Dec. 27th edition of the Money Saver**, the advertising deadline is **Wednesday, Dec. 22 at noon**.

For the **Dec. 29th edition of the Reporter**, the advertising and editorial deadline is **Wednesday, Dec. 22 at noon**.

For the **Jan. 3rd edition of the Money Saver**, the advertising deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 29 at noon.

The Mendota Reporter will close on Friday, Dec. 24 and reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Dec. 27, in observance of Christmas.

The Mendota Reporter will close on Friday, Dec. 31 and reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 3, in observance of New Year.

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THE BACK PAGE

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of the late Rev. Harold Koonce wish to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, food, donations, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. We especially wish to thank the United Pentecostal Church of Mendota for their support and hospitality. We are grateful for the professional and loving care shown by funeral director Catherine Thomas-Wasmer and staff of Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota.

POLICE BLOTTER

NUMEROUS CHARGES

Joseph P. Guzman, 65, of 301 Fourth St., Mendota, was charged with reckless driving, fleeing or eluding a police officer, driving under the influence of alcohol, operating an uninsured vehicle, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, two counts of improper lane usage, four counts of disobeying a stop sign and failure to signal when required after a traffic stop at Veterans Way and Sixth Street at 1 a.m. Dec. 14. During the stop the driver fled the scene and attempted to elude officers. Officers attempted to stop the driver again, but he crashed near the area of 579 N. 3973rd Road. The driver was treated at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Anthony D. Madonna, 24, of 506 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 8:29 p.m. Dec. 14 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject was unable to post bond and was later transported to the LaSalle County jail.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Ivan Gomez, 34, of 1109 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Jefferson Street at 12:10 a.m. Dec. 17. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Horace O. Brent, 36, of Calumet Park, was charged with disorderly conduct-false alarm of a fire after police officers were dispatched to 783 Main St. for an activated fire alarm at 2 a.m. Dec. 17. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Sergio J. Brisbon, 36, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Apt. 113, Mendota, was arrested at 2:09 a.m. Dec. 17 on a valid Indiana state warrant for failure to appear/possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon after police officers were called to 100 S. Ninth Ave. for a disturbance. The subject was charged with fugitive from justice and transported to the LaSalle County jail.

Mendota Area Chamber Gift Certificates!

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2021 Participating Businesses

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For every $10 spent in a participating business, you will receive one sticker. In order to qualify, you must turn in a full card and each card must have stickers from at least **FIVE OF THE PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES.**

Bring in your full cards to the Mendota Chamber Office at 800 Washington St. by noon Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. People may drop off their cards in the city's night drop box on Illinois Avenue. Drawing will take place Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022. The Grand Prize includes over $1,000 in merchandise & gift cards from our participating businesses. Three consolation gifts baskets worth over $300 in merchandise & gift cards. Ten additional consolation winners will receive $20 in Chamber Gift Certificates.

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Advent Services

9am Sundays
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December 24

Christmas Eve Services

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Friday, Dec. 24
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Christ's Church

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You are invited to Christ's Church Christmas Eve service at 6:00 PM on December 24th. Please come for singing and praising Christ our Savior.

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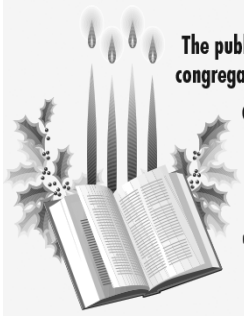
Early Christmas Eve Service at Triumph Church



"Home for Christmas"

The public is invited to join Pastor Sandy Smith and the congregation of the Triumph United Methodist Church for a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service on

Friday, December 24 at 3 p.m.

*Masks and social distancing preferred

This music filled service is held in the afternoon to benefit those persons that do not drive after dark or have to travel to be with family later in the evening. A free will offering will be taken, and all proceeds will benefit the Mendota Christian Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome.

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2021 Christmas and Holy Day Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24
4:00 pm St. Theresa
4:00 pm Holy Cross
5:30 pm Sts. Peter & Paul
5:45 pm Holy Cross
12:00 midnight Holy Cross

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day
7:00 am Holy Cross
8:00 am St. Theresa
9:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul
10:00 am Holy Cross - Spanish
No Saturday Evening Mass

Friday, December 31
4:00 pm St. Theresa
4:00 pm Holy Cross

Saturday, January 1
7:00 am Holy Cross
8:00 am St. Theresa
9:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul
10:00 am Holy Cross - Spanish
No Saturday Evening Mass

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CHRISTMAS services

SPORTS

Putnam Co. tops MHS girls

MENDOTA – The Mendota Lady Trojans returned to the hardwood after a lengthy layoff and were beaten by Putnam County, 32-23, on Dec. 16 at the MHS gym.

Putnam County led by a 7-6 count after the opening period, but the Lady Trojans tallied only three second-quarter points compared to nine for Putnam County. Mendota outscored the visitors, 11-6, in the third quarter to slice the margin down to two (22-20), but another three-point output in the fourth frame by Mendota allowed Putnam County to pull out the win.

"Our first game in two weeks so I was happy with the energy and effort on both ends," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "I loved our defensive effort until a little 8-0 run by Putnam County late in the fourth quarter. Chalk that up to conditioning.

"This was the best we've looked executing the offense, we just still missed too many shots. I was happy with the progress and hope it continues in the right direction."

Paige Manning and Reanna Brant topped the Lady Trojans (1-7) in scoring with seven points apiece. Brant also led with 13 rebounds and four blocked shots, while Manning handed out three assists and had a pair of blocked shots.

PUTNAM CO. 32, MENDOTA 23

Putnam County (32)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Hatton	6	5-6	2	19
Doyle	0	0-0	1	0
Uzella	0	1-2	1	1
Brooks	2	0-0	1	4
Boyd	0	0-0	4	0
Avila	2	0-0	0	4
Ciucci	1	0-1	3	2
Ramey	1	0-0	2	2
Totals	12	6-9	14	32

Mendota (23)

	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Jenner	2	0-0	4	5
K. Delao	0	0-0	3	0
Salinas	1	0-0	2	2
Bodmer	0	0-0	1	0
Tolentino	1	0-4	1	2
Manning	2	3-5	5	7
Brant	2	3-4	13	7
Wasmer	0	0-1	2	0
Totals	8	6-14	31	23

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Putnam County	7	16	22	32
Mendota	6	9	20	23

Three-point goals: Mendota - Jenner 1; Putnam County - Hatton 2

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Dec. 13 – 1. Sports-N-Stuff 44-21; 2. Ramer Inc. 36-29; 3. Mendota Agri-Products 32-33; 4. CM Farm 30.5-34.5; 5. Leagal Beagles 27-38; 6. Bad Kats 25.5-39.5

High team game (scratch) – Sports-N-Stuff 692, Mendota Agri-Products 685, Leagal Beagles 679

High team game (hdcp) – Bad Kats 960, Leagal Beagles 921, Sports-N-Stuff 920

High team series (scratch) – Sports-N-Stuff 1949, Mendota Agri-Products 1940, Leagal Beagles 1876

High team series (hdcp) – Bad Kats 2717, Sports-N-Stuff 2633, Leagal Beagles 2602

Men's high game (scratch) – Ron Westphal 231, Tyler Schmitt 226, Matt Ramer 225

Men's high game (hdcp) – Matt Ramer 256, Bob Thomas 250, Ron Westphal 248

Men's high series (scratch) – Ron Westphal 619, Tyler Schmitt 595, Matt Ramer 586

Men's high series (hdcp) – Matt Ramer 679, Ron Westphal 670, Bob Thomas 659

Women's high game (scratch) – Gail Sessler 189, Kassidi Guerrero 183, Debbie Berger 179

Women's high game (hdcp) – Debbie Berger 260, Audrey Holocker 252, Dessa Collings 252

Women's high series (scratch) – Gail Sessler 529, Kassidi Guerrero 509, Hannah Westphal 474

Women's high series (hdcp) – Debbie Berger 715, Gail Sessler 694, Nancy Roulston 691

Trojans claim Three Rivers opener

MENDOTA – After playing in the final game of the Colmone Classic, Mendota and Stillman Valley hooked up again on Dec. 14 at the MHS gym and the result was the same – a 49-41 Cardinal victory over the Trojans.

Mendota fell behind 15-8 after the first eight-minute session and never recovered. Stillman Valley stretched the lead to 27-15 at intermission and held a 39-26 advantage heading to the fourth. The Trojans was able to slice the final margin to under double digits by outscoring Stillman Valley, 15-10, in the final frame.

Mendota placed two players in double-figure scoring, led by Krew Bond with 13 points. Izaiah Nanez dropped in two three-point field goals on his way to a 10-point night, while Isaac Guzman also had a pair of treys and chipped in with six points.

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The Trojans played their first-ever game in the Three Rivers Conference and they held on for a 56-53 triumph over Bureau Valley on Dec. 17 at the MHS gym.

The game was tight from start to finish, with Mendota (2-6, 1-0) leading at the end of every quarter. The count was 16-15 after one period and 30-28 at intermission. Mendota held a 42-39 lead heading to the fourth frame.

Rafael Romero paced the Trojan attack with 19 points, while Bond knocked down a pair of three-pointers on his way to a 17-point output. Guzman and Nanez also fired in two three-pointers. Eight of Bureau Valley's 21 field goals were from beyond the three-point arc.

MENDOTA 56, BUREAU V. 53

Bureau Valley (53)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Britt	1	0-0	4	3
Salisbury	11	6-6	4	31
Ca. Balensiefen	1	0-0	1	3
Bolin	0	0-0	2	0
Attig	0	0-0	1	0
Johnson	8	0-0	3	16
Totals	21	6-6	15	53

Mendota (56)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	3	0-0	3	8
Bond	5	5-7	1	17
Landgraf	3	0-0	2	6
Romero	7	5-7	3	19
R. Strouss	0	0-0	1	0
Nanez	2	0-0	1	6
Totals	20	10-14	11	56

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bureau Valley	15	28	39	53
Mendota	16	30	42	56

Three-point goals: Mendota - Guzman 2, Bond 2, Nanez 2; Bureau Valley - Britt 1, Salisbury 3, Ca. Balensiefen 1, Johnson 3

STILLMAN V. 49, MENDOTA 41

Stillman Valley (49)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Britnel	2	0-0	1	4
Johnson	1	0-0	0	2
Davidson	9	3-4	1	23
Dunseth	0	1-4	1	1
Pierce	3	0-1	0	7
Broski	2	0-0	1	4
Seper	0	0-0	1	0
McKee	1	3-7	3	5
Rahn	1	1-2	1	3
Totals	19	8-18	9	49

Mendota (41)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
C. Strouss	1	0-0	2	2
Guzman	2	0-0	2	6
Bond	6	0-0	0	13
Orozco	1	0-0	0	3
Landgraf	1	0-0	3	2
Romero	1	0-2	4	2
Stamberger	0	0-0	1	0
R. Strouss	1	1-2	1	3
Nanez	4	0-0	4	10
Totals	17	1-4	17	41

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Stillman Valley	15	27	39	49
Mendota	8	15	26	41

Three-point goals: Mendota - Guzman 2, Bond 1, Orozco 1, Nanez 2; Stillman Valley - Davidson 2, Pierce 1

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SPORTS

Trojans to participate in Plano Classic Dec. 27-30

PLANO – The Mendota Trojans will participate in the 58th annual Plano Varsity Christmas Classic on Dec. 27-30.

There are 16 teams in the tournament with seeds awarded to the top eight teams. Unseeded Mendota will begin tournament action against No. 4 seed Chicago CICS/Longwood on Monday, Dec. 27 at 5:30 p.m. If the Trojans win their first-round game, they will advance to the winner's bracket to play either Northridge Prep or Plano at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28. A first-round loss will bump Mendota to the loser's bracket for a 12:30 p.m. contest on Dec. 28.

The tournament will continue with eight games on Dec. 29 and the finals on Dec. 30.

Peoria Notre Dame is the top seed in the tournament, followed by Yorkville Christian, Burlington Central, Longwood, Northridge Prep, Ottawa, Morris and Streator.

Plano Varsity Christmas Classic

Monday, Dec. 27

1 - #3 Burlington Central vs. Coal City – 9 a.m.
2 - #6 Ottawa vs. Hinckley-Big Rock – 10:30 a.m.
3 - #7 Morris vs. Lisle – 12:30 p.m.
4 - #2 Yorkville Christian vs. Sandwich – 2 p.m.
5 - #5 Northridge Prep vs. Plano – 7 p.m.
6 - #4 Chicago Longwood vs. Mendota – 5:30 p.m.
7 - #8 Streator vs. Kaneland – 3:30 p.m.
8 - #1 Peoria Notre Dame vs. Newark – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

9 – Loser 3 vs. Loser 4 – 9 a.m.
10 – Loser 1 vs. Loser 2 – 10:30 a.m.
11 – Loser 5 vs. Loser 6 – 12:30 p.m.
12 – Loser 7 vs. Loser 8 – 2 p.m.
13 – Winner 1 vs. Winner 2 – 3:30 p.m.
14 – Winner 3 vs. Winner 4 – 5:30 p.m.
15 – Winner 5 vs. Winner 6 – 7 p.m.
16 – Winner 7 vs. Winner 8 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

17 – Loser 11 vs. Loser 12 – 9 a.m.
18 – Loser 9 vs. Loser 10 – 10:30 a.m.
19 – Winner 9 vs. Winner 10 – 12:30 p.m.
20 – Winner 11 vs. Winner 12 – 2 p.m.
21 – Loser 13 vs. Loser 14 – 3:30 p.m.
22 – Loser 15 vs. Loser 16 – 5:30 p.m.
23 – Winner 13 vs. Winner 14 – 7 p.m.
24 – Winner 15 vs. Winner 16 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 30

25 – Loser 17 vs. Loser 18 – 9 a.m. (15th place)
26 – Winner 17 vs. Winner 18 – 10:30 a.m. (13th place)
27 – Loser 19 vs. Loser 20 – 12:15 p.m. (11th place)
28 – Loser 21 vs. Loser 22 – 1:45 p.m. (7th place)
29 – Winner 19 vs. Winner 20 – 3:15 p.m. (9th, consolation)
30 – Winner 21 vs. Winner 22 – 5 p.m. (5th place)
31 – Loser 23 vs. Loser 24 – 6:30 p.m. (3rd place)
32 – Winner 23 vs. Winner 24 – 8 p.m. (championship)

Mendota JV cagers to compete in Plano Classic

PLANO – The Mendota Trojans will participate in the Plano Junior Varsity Christmas Classic on Dec. 27-30.

There are 16 teams in the JV tournament with seeds awarded to the top eight teams. Unseeded Mendota will begin tournament action against second-seeded Yorkville Christian at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27. If the Trojans win their first-round game, they will advance to the winner's bracket to play either Ottawa or Marmion at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28. A first-round loss will send Mendota to the loser's bracket for an 11:30 a.m. game on Dec. 28.

The tournament will continue with eight games on Dec. 29 and the finals on Dec. 30.

Burlington Central landed the tournament's number one seed, followed by Yorkville Christian, Northridge Prep, Kaneland, LaSalle-Peru, Hinckley-Big Rock, Ottawa and Morris.

Lady Trojans entered in Amboy Holiday Tourney

❑ Mendota to play Serena in opener

AMBOY – The Mendota Lady Trojans will participate in the Amboy Girls' Holiday Tournament to be held Dec. 27-30 at Amboy High School.

The tournament is divided into two pools. The Black Pool consists of Mendota, Amboy, Marquette and Serena. The Red Pool includes Hall, Roanoke-Benson, Indian Creek and Somonauk.

The Lady Trojans will begin action at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27 when they play Serena in the old gym. Mendota and Amboy will battle at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28 in the new gym, and the Lady Trojans will conclude pool play against Marquette at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29 in the old gym.

Team records in pool play will determine the playing schedule for the final day of the tournament on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Amboy Girls' Holiday Tournament

Monday, Dec. 27

4:30 – Serena vs. Mendota (old gym)
4:30 – Hall vs. Roanoke-Benson (new gym)
6:00 – Indian Creek vs. Somonauk (old gym)
6:00 – Amboy vs. Marquette (new gym)

Tuesday, Dec. 28

4:30 – Marquette vs. Serena (old gym)
4:30 – Roanoke-Benson vs. Somonauk (new gym)
6:00 – Hall vs. Indian Creek (old gym)
6:00 – Amboy vs. Mendota (new gym)

Wednesday, Dec. 29

4:30 – Mendota vs. Marquette (old gym)
4:30 – Somonauk vs. Hall (new gym)
6:00 – Indian Creek vs. Roanoke-Benson (old gym)
6:00 – Amboy vs. Serena (new gym)

Thursday, Dec. 30

3:00 – 7th place game
4:30 – 5th place game
6:00 – 3rd place game
7:30 – Championship game
(all games in new gym)

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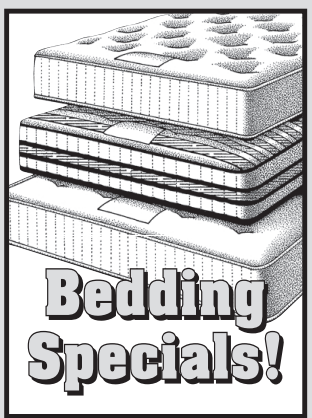
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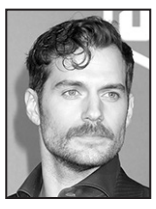
Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Henry Cavill is on the short list to become James Bond! He's certainly qualified, after three Superman films (combined grosses of $2 billion) and a season of Netflix's "The Witcher" (season 2 just premiered, and there's already a pickup for season 3). He's currently shooting "Enola Holmes 2" and preparing "Argylle" for Apple TV+, with Sam Rockwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bryan Cranston, Catherine O'Hara, John Cena and Samuel L. Jackson, the first of three in a franchise. In "Argylle," Cavill plays a larger-than-life action hero (with a wink). That will be followed by the "Highlander" reboot (for which he's getting $5 million), the start of yet another franchise for him. His last 007-type film, "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." (2015), grossed only $107 million, which didn't cover its $85 million-plus price tag.



H. Cavill

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Hollywood studios are famous for their creative bookkeeping. Big-name stars are warned to get their money up front because the back-end profits often suffer from studios "cooking the books"! Anthony McCarten, writer of "Bohemian Rhapsody," recently sued 20th Century Fox because it claimed "Bohemian Rhapsody," which cost $55 million, lost $51 million. He was contracted to receive 5% of the profits, from the back end, but hasn't seen a cent of the $900 million it grossed, so he filed a more than 50-page lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court.

In 1989, James Garner sued Universal Pictures for $16.5 million for syndication royalties from his "Rockford Files" series. He was only paid only $249,000 of the $119 million royalties, but six years later he settled out of court for an undisclosed sum (rumored to be $6 million).

In 2013, Don Johnson sued Rysher Entertainment for foreign-syndication monies owed for his "Nash Bridges" series (of which he was part owner). He sued for $50 million, and a panel of judges ruled he be paid $15 million. He persisted and was awarded an estimated $19 million and 50% of the copyright of the series.

In July 2012, "Happy Days" cast members Anson Williams, MariOn Ross, Don Most, Erin Moran and Patricia Bosley, widow of Tom Bosley, sued CBS for the unpaid use of their likenesses and names in merchandising and got $65,000 in their settlement. Stars Ron Howard and Henry Winkler had their own deals and were already amply paid.

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It had to happen: "General Hospital" stars Steve Burton (Jason Morgan, on and off since 1991) and Ingo Rademacher (Jasper Jax since 1996) were "dropped" from the show when they refused to get vaccinated after a Nov. 1 vaccine mandate. The other three soaps, "The Bold and The Beautiful," "Days of Our LIves" and "The Young and The Restless," have relied on testing, social distancing and other CDC guidelines. Will they get the point? Stay tuned.

Couch Theater

"Being the Ricardos" (R) -- The long-awaited story of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz as their iconic characters of Lucy and Ricky Ricardo has finally arrived. Not since Tom Cruise was cast as the vampire LeStat has there been so much quizzical buzz about casting, namely Nicole Kidman as Lucy. While the story focuses on a time when "I Love Lucy" was facing cancellation, interwoven is the effect of the McCarthyism of the time, rampant sexism, Ball's desire for control and the relationship between Lucy and Desi (played by Javier Bardem). J.K. Simmons has received applause for his performance as neighbor Fred Mertz, but early reviews of both Kidman and the entire presentation are mixed. (Prime Video)

"Don't Look Up" (R) -- The plot for this dark comedy with a message is remarkably timely as NASA is planning on hitting an asteroid that's coming too close to Earth for comfort. On screen, Leo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence play low-level astronomers desperately trying to warn the government, the media and the world of impending doom and certain death via a giant comet, only to be met by indifference, laughs and disbelief. The rest of the cast is about as jam-packed with fellow Oscar nominees and winners as you can get, including Meryl Streep, Jonah Hill, Timothee Chalamet and Cate Blanchett, plus Matthew Perry, Ariana Grande and more. Premieres Dec. 24. (Netflix)

"You Keep the Kids!" (NR) -– In this subtitled Spanish language comedy (AKA "Mama o Papa"), main characters Flora and Victor are parents of three kids. Upon deciding to divorce and each pursue their own dream career opportunities, they realize that neither of them considered remaining the custodial parent of their brood. What follows is a weird game of the parents trying to convince their own children that they'd really prefer living with the other parent. It's a bizarre battle stemming from the selfishness of adults trying to have it all for themselves. (HBOMax)

"King Tut in Color" (NR) -- There was a time in the 1980s when scads of old black and white movies were being colorized thanks to advances in digital colorization. One set that had escaped color until now is the 1922 newsreel footage of the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb. This 44-minute NatGeo documentary shows the excavation process of British archaeologist Howard Carter and his team as they unearth Tut's tomb in the Valley of the Kings over 3,000 years after his death, in all of its golden glory. Premieres Dec. 24. (Disney+)

"Reno 911! The Hunt for QAnon" (NR) -- All I can ask is, why hasn't this special gotten to us sooner?! If anyone will fail at tracking down the leader of an anti-government faction, it's this dysfunctional and easily distracted crew of the Reno Sheriff's Department. While doing recon at a QAnon convention, the group gets stranded at sea, and then finds themselves stuck at none other than Jeffrey Epstein's former island. Awkward! All the favorite characters return, including shorty-shorts-wearing Lieutenant Dangle (Thomas Lennon) and Deputy Clementine Johnson, played by Wendi McLendon-Covey. Premieres Dec. 23. (Paramount+)

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: How is Michael J. Fox doing since he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease years ago? Will he ever return to television? -- ***R.V.***

A: Michael J. Fox became a household name when he played Alex P. Keaton on the hit NBC sitcom "Family Ties" and transitioned into movie-star status with the film "Back to the Future." At age 29 he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a neurodegenerative disorder that usually strikes in middle to advanced age. Fox didn't go public with his diagnosis until seven years later, after he felt pressure from the paparazzi.

Fox eventually returned to acting with recurring roles in prime time shows like "Rescue Me," for which he won an Emmy; "Curb Your Enthusiasm," where he played a version of his real-life self; and "The Good Fight" and "The Good Wife," where he played an attorney who used his Parkinson's symptoms to his advantage.

He's written four books, including his most recent memoir, "No Time Like the Future: An Optimist Considers Mortality." I would imagine that Fox, now 60, is most proud of what The Michael J. Fox Foundation has done for research. Eighty-eight cents of every dollar the organization earns goes to research programs for Parkinson's disease. You can read more about it -- and Michael -- at MichaelJFox.org.

Smulders

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Q: I thought Cobie Smulders was fantastic as Ann Coulter in "American Crime Story: Impeachment." Does she have any other shows or movies coming out? She's really good at impressions. -- ***J.J.***

A: Cobie Smulders is best known for her starring role on the sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," but didn't really get to show us her range until taking on the role of political pundit Ann Coulter and her unusual cadence. Next up she'll reprise the role of Marvel's Maria Hill in the Disney+ series "Secret Invasion." Smulders is married to former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Taran Killam, who played Paula Jones' husband, Steve, in "Impeachment."

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Q: I have been a loyal, longtime fan of "Fixer Upper," but reruns are the only episodes shown since the show changed to another channel. Can you tell me if HGTV will be airing any new episodes? -- ***B.B.***

A: In the fall of 2017, Chip and Joanna Gaines announced that "Fixer Upper," their hit home renovation show on the HGTV network, was ending. They set their sights even higher and teamed up with Discovery to launch their very own network, Magnolia.

If you have the DIY channel on your cable, satellite or live TV streaming app, it'll be renamed the Magnolia Network beginning Jan. 5, 2022. That evening at 9 p.m. ET, a new episode of "Fixer Upper" will premiere titled "Fixer Upper: Welcome Home."

The Magnolia Network will include a few former DIY channel shows along with new content, including a new cooking show with Joanna called "Magnolia Table," "Homegrown," featuring Atlanta urban farmer Jamila Norman, and "Restoration Road," where woodworker Chip Harp will take viewers on a tour across the country.

You can learn about all the programs that Magnolia will offer at Magnolia.com/network.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

• Trivia Test •

1. MOVIES: What is the name of the department store where Kris Kringle works in the 1947 "Miracle on 34th Street"?
2. LANGUAGE: What is the English equivalent of the Latin phrase, "Cui bono"?
3. TELEVISION: Why do the other reindeer tease Rudolph in the Christmas TV movie?
4. AD SLOGANS: Which family restaurant advertises itself as a place "where a kid can be a kid"?
5. ASTRONOMY: What is a sunspot?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was a classically trained pianist?
7. THEATER: What musical features a group of women called The Schuyler Sisters?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a smorgasbord?
9. GEOGRAPHY: In what body of water does the island of Barbados lie?
10. LITERATURE: Which famous 19th-century novel begins with the line, "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents."

Answers

1. Macy's
2. Who benefits?
3. Rudolph has a shiny red nose
4. Chuck E. Cheese
5. A cooler, darker area on the surface of the sun
6. Richard Nixon, who also could play four other instruments
7. "Hamilton"
8. A buffet with a variety of dishes
9. Caribbean Sea
10. "Little Women," by Louisa May Alcott

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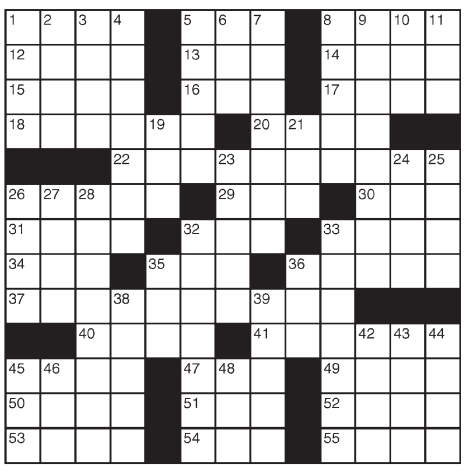

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* The Greek playwright Aeschylus was killed in 455 B.C. when an eagle, mistaking his bald head for a rock, dropped a tortoise on it. According to Pliny, Aeschylus was spending a lot of time in the open to avoid a prophecy that he would be killed by a falling object!

* Rats cannot vomit. Neither can horses.

* Soviet tenor Victor Ivanovich Nikitin had such an appealing voice that when he sang to his Soviet comrades during World War II, German troops on the Eastern Front ceased fire to listen.

* The human heart can squirt blood up to a distance of 30 feet.

* The American football huddle was invented in 1892 by Paul Hubbard, a quarterback from then all-deaf Gallaudet University, to stop the opposing team from reading their signs.

* A woman who was blinded in an accident developed multiple personalities -- some of which could see.

* An average raindrop falls at a speed of roughly 7 mph.

* When it comes to educating future billionaires, Harvard University holds the lead with an astonishing 29 billionaire alumni as of 2021.

* A town named Hell in Norway freezes over quite regularly.

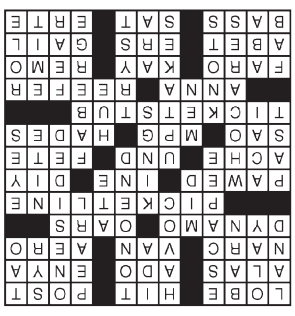
* Do your lips get annoyingly dry in the winter? Better read the ingredients in that lip balm, as quite a few of them contain salicylic acid, which can exacerbate the problem and cause your lips to peel -- necessitating even more lip balm.

* The first plant to flower and produce seeds in space was Arabidopsis thaliana, grown in 1982 by the crew of the Soviet Salyut 7 on the International Space Station.

* It is illegal to step on money in Thailand because you would be insulting the king by treading on his picture.

— King Crossword —

Answers



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Two keys to enjoying your life every day

How do you feel about your life? Would you say you love it? Or do you just get through each day, enduring the things you don't want to do, putting up with the things that frustrate you, wishing you had someone else's life? Do you believe you will finally be happy someday… when you have this or that?

People often say things like: "I'll be happy when I have a different job." "I'll be happy when I'm married." "I'll be so glad when the weekend gets here!" "I'd be so happy if I had children." And then after the children come… "I'll be so happy when these kids are finally grown and out of the house!"

It's a mistake for us to go through life thinking we can't be happy until we have something we want or our circumstance changes. The truth is we'll always find something to be unhappy about until we learn to be happy in the Lord.

I know about this from personal experience. I got a very bad start in life, and it made me a miserable, angry, insecure person who didn't trust anybody because I believed if I didn't take care of myself, nobody else would. And that caused me to be very selfish and self-centered.

But God didn't create us to live selfish lives, spending all our time trying to get what we want. He put a desire in us to have pleasure, but we will never really experience His blessings – His peace, joy, love, and all the good things He wants to give us – if we live with a "What about me?!" mentality.

John 10:10 (AMP) says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]."

The enemy – the devil – wants to steal our joy and destroy our lives. But Jesus came and died on the cross to give us abundant life, "to the full, till it overflows"! And it's a tragedy when born-again Christians don't enjoy their lives because they have a "barely getting by, hanging on till Jesus comes to get me" mentality.

If you're unhappy and want to enjoy your life, I want to give you two keys to help you get there.

The first key is to make an attitude adjustment.

Having a negative, critical attitude and feeling sorry for ourselves sours everything. We all have things we could complain about, but it doesn't do any good, so we're just wasting our time and energy when we give in to it.

Make a determined decision to have a more thankful attitude in your day-to-day life. Thank God for the good things you can think of right now, and actively look for more things to add to the list each day. This will help you stay focused on God's goodness.

Another way to improve your attitude is to get your mind off yourself and think about others more. Ask God how you can be a blessing and help make someone else's life better. When we're paying attention to others, it's easy to find something we can do, whether it's giving an encouraging word or compliment, a random act of kindness, or a hug. There's really no end to the ways we can show God's love to someone around us.

The second key is to have a proper perspective.

Loving or hating a thing often comes down to how you look at it. It's possible you can have more joy in your life simply by looking at it from a different perspective.

Whatever you focus on, that is what you're going to get. If you focus on trouble long enough, that's all you'll expect, and it will likely develop.

What we choose to focus on gets larger in our lives. If we don't have a proper perspective of it from God's point of view, it will grow and get out of balance. For example, in marriage, people sometimes get so focused on the things they don't like about their spouse that they totally forget all the good things they love about them.

I know life is not easy, and we all have to deal with hardship at times. But when you're struggling, realize that although you have some trouble, things could be worse.

I certainly don't mean to make light of a serious issue you're facing; my purpose with this point is to help you keep your perspective based on God's Word and His promises. Because when you choose to trust Him in every circumstance, He will always be bigger than your problems!

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by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. Isaiah, who prophesied about the birth of Christ, lived about how many years prior? 50, 150, 400, 700
3. Where does the Bible tell us that Jesus was born on Dec. 25? Does not, Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:1, Luke 7:7
4. From Luke 2:2, who was governor of Syria at the time of Jesus' birth? Augustus, Barabbas, Cyrenius, Dalphon
5. What priest was told he would not die until he saw the Savior? Joazar, Matthias, Simeon, Elioneus
6. Who informed Joseph that the baby's name was to be Jesus? Herod, Pilate, Mary, An angel

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 700; 3) Does not; 4) Cyrenius; 5) Simeon; 6) An angel

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All Milk	$18.50	$20.25
Products (per pound)	**2021**	**2022**
Butter	$1.72	$1.91
Cheese	$1.67	$1.76

Source: USDA November estimates

Dairy farmers could see $20 milk in 2022

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

Dairy farmers who endured paper-thin margins in recent years have reason for optimism in the year ahead.

USDA's current price projections for 2022 surpass the $20-mark (at $20.25 per hundredweight) for all milk, with Class IV and Class III average price estimates close behind at $18.70 and $17.75, respectively.

If realized, the price increases for the three milk classifications would range between 80 cents and $2.70 per hundredweight above USDA's November 2021 estimates.

"There's reasons to finally be upbeat in dairy," Dan Basse, president of AgResource Company in Chicago, said recently at the annual Agricultural Bankers Conference. "It's taken us eight years to get back to where we were in 2014 (if milk prices surpass $20)."

Basse estimates Class III and IV milk prices could reach as high as $21 to $23 next year, driven by surging demand, a possible smaller supply and inflationary pressure.

Longer-term, a proposed shift in ag policy in the European Union could shift the EU market from a net exporter to net importer of dairy.

"World demand for dairy products remains strong," Basse said. "I believe exports are the bullish driver of the future."

The U.S. exported an all-time high of 16% of milk solids produced nationwide in 2020. And, exports so far this year, from January through September, bubbled a whopping 14% above last year's record pace.

"As we head into 2022, we'll have another record year for dairy exports," Basse said. "One of the bigger buyers is China. They use a lot of whey as a milk replacer for piglets."

U.S. dairy cow numbers increased 2% from 2020 to July 2021 to 9.5 million head. But, Basse believes the yearly total could decline due in part to strength in the beef market, with slaughter up 14%.

"U.S. dairy cow slaughter has been elevated. Cull prices have been strong," Basse said. "That's a big margin enhancer for dairies."

But what effect will price inflation have on demand for dairy products and beef?

"Inflation is not going to be leaving us any time soon. I think it will be around at least the next 12-18 months," the analyst said. "There's no indication of protein switching. World demand for dairy products remains strong."

That includes surging demand for cheese and butter, with global butter demand growing at a 7% clip.

"U.S. butter supplies are ample. It's an export opportunity now," Basse said. "World butter prices have been rising."

Price inflation also represents one of the biggest risks for the dairy industry heading into 2022, as well, with feed costs near historic highs.

"We're bullish for the milk market. But, my biggest concern is the price of feed. It could be the Achilles heel of the dairy industry," Basse said. "It's how you manage risk. Lock up profitable margins."

Potential growth in the dairy industry also could be squeezed by processing bottlenecks.

"We're almost at maximum (milk processing) capacity," Basse said. "We need more capital and investment."

Overall, Basse believes farmers are in the midst of a commodity supercycle that could last 2-3 years.

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Climate Change & GLOBAL WARMING

USDA releases adaptation & plan to address climate change threats

By TIMOTHY EGGERT
FarmWeek

A changing climate poses a serious threat to American farmers and the future growth of agricultural productivity.

That's one of five top-line conclusions listed in a 40-page climate adaptation and resilience plan released by USDA.

"We are operating in new territory, and the changing climate creates immense uncertainty and threatens the resilience of the American agriculture and forestry sectors," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack wrote in the plan.

"Not only does climate change have a direct impact on a producer's ability to plan and manage risk, it has wider impacts on the natural systems we rely on to support production of food and fiber, keep our waters clean, and maintain cultural resources," he wrote.

The department's plan – released alongside plans from 23 other federal agencies – dovetails a 90-day progress report published in May detailing recommendations for a climate-smart agriculture and forestry strategy.

Both follow executive mandates from President Joe Biden directing and codifying a whole-of-government approach to addressing climate change.

The threat to agricultural productivity, according to the department's plan, stems directly from changes in temperature and precipitation patterns, increased pest and disease pressures, decline in pollinator health, reduced crop and forage quantity and quality, and infrastructure damage.

It also can be vulnerable to impacts to water supply and increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, the plan reads.

Other than crop and livestock production suffering from climate change, soil quality can decline, pest and diseases can spread more easily and pollinator health can deteriorate, the plan warns.

And with more intense weather events forecasted, prices for insurances protections against those risks and other financial losses could rise significantly, according to the plan.

"Even with some adaptation actions taken by producers, climate change could lower domestic production of major commodities, leading to higher prices, higher premiums and, consequently, higher (Federal Crop Insurance Program) subsidies," the plan reads.

To address those vulnerabilities, the department intends to:

- Increase implementation of on-farm adaptation strategies and practices.
- Support active landscape-scale management and disturbance responses.
- Improve access to data and tools.
- Enhance systems for monitoring and mitigating vector and disease spread.
- Continue research into climate impacts on agricultural productivity and adaptation strategies and practices.

The four other major conclusions reached by the department are that climate change poses a threat to water quantity and quality; risks disproportionate impacts on vulnerable communities; causes shocks due to extreme climate events and stresses infrastructure and public lands.

To address those vulnerabilities and the threat to agricultural producers and productivity, the department ultimately proposes to:

- Build resilience across landscapes with investments in soil and forest health.
- Increase outreach and education to promote adoption and application of climate-smart adaptation strategies.
- Broaden access to and availability of climate data at regional and local scales for USDA Mission Areas, producers, land managers and other stakeholders.
- Increase support for research and development of climate-smart practices and technologies to inform USDA and help producers and land managers adapt to a changing climate.
- Leverage the USDA Climate Hubs as a framework to support USDA Mission Areas in delivering adaptation science, technology and tools.

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Application period open for 2022 Cover Crop Program

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) opened the third year of the Fall Covers for Spring Savings Program on Dec. 15. Applications are available at https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pages/default.aspx. Funding of eligible acreage will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Due to the program's success 100,000 acres are available for 2022, up from 50,000 the previous growing season. In 2020, the 50,000-acreage allotment was met in 12 hours and a total of 185,000 acres were requested by the time the application period ended.

The program is applicable for acreage in Illinois planted to cover crops in the fall of 2021 that will be planted to an insurable crop in 2022. Eligible applicants receive a premium discount of $5 per acre on the following year's crop insurance for every acre of cover crop enrolled and verified in the program.

Applicants will be required to certify that their cover crops are approved through their local Farm Service Agency office before applying. Applicants will also need their current FSA-578 and federal crop insurance policy number(s) for the 2022 application process.

The discount program was designed to promote additional acres of cover crops that are not covered by other state or federal incentives. IDOA will use a combination of tools to verify that acres applied for through this program are planted in cover crops. The program is only applicable for those with coverage through the United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency (USDA-RMA) crop insurance program. Confirmed applications will be forwarded to the USDA-RMA for processing and for application of premium discounts to 2022 crop insurance invoices.

Applications will be available until Jan. 15, 2022 on the Illinois Department of Agriculture website. Further information can be obtained by contacting the IDOA at (217) 782-6297.

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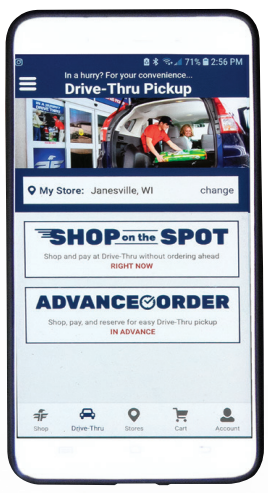

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By virtue of Section 10 of the Timeshare Lien and Security Interest Act, 770 ILCS 103/1 et. Seq., and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, LaSalle County, Illinois, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

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

EDWARD ABELLERA, 8800 S HARLEM AVE TRLR 1417, BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455, according to the Mortgage dated October 10, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9237, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0101, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 2

EDWARD ADAMS, DEBORAH HAGGINS, LECRECIA L CLAY, 1007 BOHLAND AVE, BELLWOOD, IL 60104, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 17575, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 18, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 164, Use Period Number(s) 27-O, Phase 1

EDWARD ADAMS, DEBORAH HAGGINS, LECRECIA L CLAY, 5917 W 26TH ST APT 23, CICERO, IL 60804, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 17575, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 18, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 164, Use Period Number(s) 27-O, Phase 1

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ASMAA K I ALAWSI, MUSTAFA ALAWSI, 1333 MODAFF RD UNIT A1, NAPERVILLE, IL 60565, according to the Mortgage dated November 08, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2016 16902, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 04, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 2, Use Period Number(s) 8, Phase 1

ASMAA K I ALAWSI, MUSTAFA ALAWSI, 709 GENEVA AVE, ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446, according to the Mortgage dated November 08, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2016 16902, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 04, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 2, Use Period Number(s) 8, Phase 1

CATHY L ALLISON-ZEINE, 2208 SAVANNA RD, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61705, according to the Mortgage dated November 14, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 13448, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0101, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2

JESUS H PARTIDA, ARELI M ARIAS, 636 WILD INDIGO AVE, ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446, according to the Mortgage dated November 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 20283, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0043, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1

JESUS H PARTIDA, ARELI M ARIAS, 253 GALEWOOD DR, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Mortgage dated November 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 20283, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0043, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1

CARLOS ARREDONDO, JESSICA ARREDONDO, 4315 DORIS AVE, ROCKFORD, IL 61101, according to the Mortgage dated January 27, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17222, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 27, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0032, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1

LINDSEY F AUBIN, WILLIAM JOSEPH AUBIN, 1202 CLAY ST, LA PORTE, IN 46350, according to the Mortgage dated December 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 13216, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 29, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0433, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 7

WILLIAM BABECKA, TONIA GONZALEZ, 8939 SKOKIE BLVD UNIT 3N, SKOKIE, IL 60077, according to the Mortgage dated December 19, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2016 14581, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 33, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1

YVETTE I BAEZ, ENRIQUE HERRERA, 3229 N OSAGE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60634, according to the Mortgage dated May 30, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 10613, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 20, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0113, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2

COREY BARNES, SARA DAILY, 1227 S 34TH ST, MILWAUKEE, WI 53215, according to the Mortgage dated December 26, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 13049, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 76, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1

NATASHA BARON, MICHAEL SCOTT, 429 ELLSWORTH ST, GARY, IN 46404, according to the Mortgage dated June 06, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 14592, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0008, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1

NATASHA BARON, MICHAEL SCOTT, 121 167TH ST APT 17, CALUMET, IL 60409, according to the Mortgage dated June 06, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 14592, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0008, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1

DONNA BASS, KEITH BASS JR, MARISSA N BASS, ALICIA D BASS, 2461 APACHE AVE, SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411, according to the Mortgage dated May 28, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 7716, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0375, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 3

KENNETH JAY BEECHY, TRENIE S BEECHY, PO BOX 576, TOPEKA, IN 46571, according to the Mortgage dated April 29, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 20306, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 20, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1

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CHARLES E BLOCK, MELISSA S BLOCK, 2413 BOXWOOD LN, PLAINFIELD, IL 60586, according to the Mortgage dated December 13, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20170 3667, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 17, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 21, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1

CARRETHA BONDS, KEVIN BONDS, PARIS LOVETT, 15959 HOMAN AVE, MARKHAM, IL 60428, according to the Mortgage dated January 29, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 10910, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 25, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0136, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 2

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JALISA BRYANT, 6408 S KING DR APT 1B, CHICAGO, IL 60637, according to the Mortgage dated March 18, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 15054, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 06, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0062, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 1

JAMES BYRD, CYNTHIA RIVERA, 14571 STAGE RD APT 3, LA MIRADA, CA 90638, according to the Mortgage dated April 09, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 18554, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 39, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1

JAMES BYRD, CYNTHIA RIVERA, 939 HARRIET AVE, AURORA, IL 60505, according to the Mortgage dated April 09, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 18554, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 39, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1

MARISOL CALLEROS FAVELA, 4609 S HARDING AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60632, according to the Mortgage dated December 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20160 8664, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 22, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0438, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 7

WILLIE J CONNER, 1113 S SAINT LOUIS AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60624, according to the Mortgage dated May 07, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 15460, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0199, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 4

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DETRICK L CURTIS, TOMEKA JOHNSON, 200 W 75TH AVE, MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410, according to the Mortgage dated November 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 11878, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2

SANDRA DAVIS-ROSE, 5620 SOHL AVE APT 304, HAMMOND, IN 46320, according to the Mortgage dated October 24, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 8711, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 03, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0109, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 2

ANN MARIE DUPLESSIS, 8445 NEW CASTLE AVE, BURBANK, IL 60459, according to the Mortgage dated October 03, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 19035, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 29, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 114, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2

JACQUELYN R ERICKSON, 1324 N KNOLLWOOD DR, PALATINE, IL 60067, according to the Mortgage dated June 09, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16745, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 19, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0045, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 1

KAREN ESPARZA, 1020 N MAIN ST, FARMER CITY, IL 61842, according to the Mortgage dated January 29, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20160 9944, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 12, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0436, Use Period Number(s) 6, Phase 7

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RUBY FREEMAN, 9317 S MERRILL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Mortgage dated June 12, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17426, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2

GREGORY FREUND, 9710 ARTHUR RD, ALGONQUIN, IL 60102, according to the Mortgage dated December 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2016 16906, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 04, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 287, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 4

MARCELLA GIBSON, 7441 S YATES BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60649, according to the Mortgage dated May 07, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 1538, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 06, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0430, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 7

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EDDRA LOUIS HARRINGTON, 303 W 13TH AVE, GARY, IN 46407, according to the Mortgage dated November 16, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20170 3719, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 17, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2

JACQUELINE M HARRIS, 2300 GENVENA ST, RACINE, WI 53402, according to the Mortgage dated September 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 7516, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 10, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 78, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1

DARRYL HARRISON, MEAGAN LUMPKIN, 4910 W VAN BUREN ST, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Mortgage dated January 03, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 8270, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 222, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 4

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TOMMIE SEDRICK HAYES-FONDER JR, BRITTANY MARIE HAYES-FONDER, 5443 CHEROKEE ST, DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48125, according to the Mortgage dated July 10, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 2470, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 53, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1

TOMMIE SEDRICK HAYES-FONDER JR, BRITTANY MARIE HAYES-FONDER, 1625 LINCOLN ST, NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064, according to the Mortgage dated July 10, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 2470, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 53, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1

PAUL D HODOLITZ, 916 N KANKAKEE ST, WILMINGTON, IL 60481, according to the Mortgage dated September 01, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 2436, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0050, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 1

JOHN HOWARD, TONYA HOWARD, 1614 S SAWYER AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60623, according to the Mortgage dated July 03, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 14598, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0129, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2

HILARY JIMMAR, DWIGHT JIMMAR, 15425 CROCKET LN, MARKHAM, IL 60428, according to the Mortgage dated December 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20170 3671, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 17, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 117, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2

DELORES M JONES, RONALD MADERE, 343 W 101ST PL, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Mortgage dated December 26, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20160 8190, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 14, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0065, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 1

AMY CATHERINE LANGE, 3670 S HAMPTON DR, BETTENDORF, IA 52722, according to the Mortgage dated May 26, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 1906, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 16, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0010, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1

RENE LARA, NYDIA C MENDEZ, 2854 W 40TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60632, according to the Mortgage dated April 24, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 6971, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 19, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0113, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 2

CLYDE R LEACH JR, DANA A YUCUIS, 505 WINDHAM TRL, CARPENTERSVILLE, IL 60110, according to the Mortgage dated November 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17439, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 24, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1

KATHERINE LOZADA, JUAN LOZADA, 405 E CREST AVE, BENSENVILLE, IL 60106, according to the Mortgage dated July 25, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2018 2491, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0064, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

CHRISTINE M LUCE, JASON P GIOE, 300 CATON FARM RD LOT 36, LOCKPORT, IL 60441, according to the Mortgage dated June 18, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 10699, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0165, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 1

CHRISTINA MASON, 530 JENNIFER DR, LYNWOOD, IL 60411, according to the Mortgage dated July 08, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17619, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 01, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0118, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2

ANN MARIE MASSARO, DANIEL E MASSARO, 10311 ASHLEY ST, HUNTLEY, IL 60142, according to the Mortgage dated August 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 15959, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11, 2017, are the owners

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of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 158, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2
ANGELINA D MEEKS, 1475 MEMORIAL DR, CALUMET CITY, IL 60409, according to the Mortgage dated July 17, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 11747, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 04, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0040, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1
SALVADOR MILAN, MARISELA MILAN, 233 WILLIS AVE, ROCHELLE, IL 61068, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 1614, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 07, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0145, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2
SALVADOR MILAN, MARISELA MILAN, 1286 SUNNYMEADE DR, ROCHELLE, IL 61068, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 1614, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 07, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0145, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2
KENDRA M MILLER, 9002 S HALSTED ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Mortgage dated March 14, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12213, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0431, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 7
DARRELL EUGENE MOSS JR, SHERRY HONEY MORGAN, 7042 MISTTOP LOOP, FAIRBURN, GA 30213, according to the Mortgage dated May 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17814, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 140, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2
DARRELL EUGENE MOSS JR, SHERRY HONEY MORGAN, 2130 CUMULUS CT, WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906, according to the Mortgage dated May 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17814, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 140, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2
PHILIP JAMAAL PALMER, 5734 N COVE RD, GAINESVILLE, GA 30504, according to the Mortgage dated August 19, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 7514, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 19, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 67, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1
LEDORA E PATE, KEVIN N PATE, AIMEE N PATE, 15040 OAK ST, DOLTON, IL 60419, according to the Mortgage dated January 16, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20160 9959, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 12, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0430, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 7
BHARATI RALLAN, 21340 S JEFFREY DR, MATTESON, IL 60443, according to the Mortgage dated August 27, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9200, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0154, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 2
DAISY L RAMIREZ, 3656 N OSAGE AVE APT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60634, according to the Mortgage dated March 19, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0426, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 7
MARTIN RAMIREZ PEREZ, 7200 S SOUTH SHORE DR APT B, CHICAGO, IL 60649, according to the Mortgage dated January 21, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 10375, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 20, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0415, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 7
TOMEKA RANDLE, 2712 N MERRIMAC AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60639, according to the Mortgage dated May 07, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 11111, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 27, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0435, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 7
MYRA RICE, LYNNE JONES, 139 E 122ND ST, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Mortgage dated December 17, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20170 3679, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 17, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 4
NATOYA ROBINSON, 144 NEWPORT DR, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Mortgage dated December 26, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 14636, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 208, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 4
NATOYA ROBINSON, 144 NEWPORT DR, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Mortgage dated May 21, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16167, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 13, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 165, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 1
JUAN M RODRIGUEZ JR, CARMEN M RODRIGUEZ, 3136 N DAVLIN CT FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60618, according to the Mortgage dated September 01, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 3252, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 21, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0048, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 1
JENNIFER A SANCHEZ, ANDRES CHAVEZ-PEREZ, 2538 HATFIELD CT, ELGIN, IL 60123, according to the Mortgage dated July 25, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12395, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 15, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0160, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 2
JENNIFER A SANCHEZ, ANDRES CHAVEZ-PEREZ, 1360 BROOK ST, ST CHARLES, IL 60174, according to the Mortgage dated July 25, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12395, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 15, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0160, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 2
SALLY J SAPP, 701 BRIARWOOD DR, JUSTICE, IL 60458, according to the Mortgage dated November 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20170 6840, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 18, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0023, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 1
EDWARD M SCHIED, JULIE M SCHIED, 5925 ROB ROY DR, OAK FOREST, IL 60452, according to the Mortgage dated April 30, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 14407, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 28, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 1
JUSTIN SCOTT, MARIAH MCCARTY, 1807 CYPRESS DR, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821, according to the Mortgage dated November 06, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 11886, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 210, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 4
JUSTIN SCOTT, MARIAH MCCARTY, 2608 BROWNFIELD RD APT 3, URBANA, IL 61802, according to the Mortgage dated November 06, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 11886, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 210, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 4
BLAIR SMITH III, ERICA SMITH, PO BOX 123, CRETE, IL 60417, according to the Mortgage dated November 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 15931, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0004, Use Period Number(s) 3, Phase 1
BLAIR SMITH III, ERICA SMITH, 232 DENELL DR, CRETE, IL 60417, according to the Mortgage dated November 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 15931, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0004, Use Period Number(s) 3, Phase 1
LARON GENE STANDARD, SWANSHA L SHIRLEY, 4011KLENER LANE, NEW ALBANY, IN 47150, according to the Mortgage dated July 11, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16219, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 13, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 50, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1
MELISHA TOYANNA STIGLER, 46 4TH ST E APT 505, SAINT PAUL, MN 55101, according to the Mortgage dated January 17, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 16437, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0118, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2
TIMOTHY A STOKES, CIERA K S SMITH, 176 GRADY DR, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Mortgage dated October 07, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17205, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 27, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0032, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 1
DELORA SULLIVAN, 20125 S ROSEWOOD DR, FRANKFORT, IL 60423, according to the Mortgage dated May 06, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 15246, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 29, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0383, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 3
KRYSTLE ROBYN SUTTON, JOSHUA M FRENCH, 407 POPLAR AVE APT ZE, ANTIOCH, IL 60002, according to the Mortgage dated July 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 8277, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 53, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 1
LEE D THREATT JR, ADRIENNA THREATT, 1480 E PECOS RD APT 2052, GILBERT, AZ 85295, according to the Mortgage dated July 10, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 7564, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 19, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 204, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 4
LEE D THREATT JR, ADRIENNA THREATT, 4308 176TH PLACE, COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, IL 60478, according to the Mortgage dated July 10, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 7564, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 19, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 204, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 4
CLAUDIA TORRES, MARCO F TORRES, 2798 CRANSTON CIR, YORKVILLE, IL 60560, according to the Mortgage dated July 07, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 2455, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 114, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2
MELINDA L TORRES, NEILS ANDREI TORRES, 7136 S CLEMENT AVE, OAK CREEK, WI 53154, according to the Mortgage dated August 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 8537, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 14, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 126, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2
TIA TOWNSEND, 4546 HOHMAN AVE APT 2F, HAMMOND, IN 46327, according to the Mortgage dated November 13, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 13444, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 33, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1
TIA TOWNSEND, 4546 HOHMAN AVE APT 2F, HAMMOND, IN 46327, according to the Mortgage dated May 06, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 8602, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 03, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0403, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 6
DAVID BENJAMIN TRIICK, HANNAH RENEE ANTKOWSKI, 9507 W FIEBRANTZ AVE, MILWAUKEE, WI 53222, according to the Mortgage dated November 10, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 2480, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0126, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
RAYMOND A VALENTINE JR, 2494 HARD RD, DUBLIN, OH 43016, according to the Mortgage dated June 13, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17574, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 01, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0036, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1
KRAIG VOGT, KARLA VOGT, 210 S PARK ST, KEWANEE, IL 61443, according to the Mortgage dated September 24, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9267, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0163, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1
KRAIG VOGT, KARLA VOGT, 210 S PARK ST, KEWANEE, IL 61443, according to the Mortgage dated September 24, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9261, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2
KRAIG VOGT, KARLA VOGT, 210 S PARK ST, KEWANEE, IL 61443, according to the Mortgage dated September 24, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9265, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0162, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 2
JOHN WASH, JENNIFER D STROWDER, PO BOX 440086, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Mortgage dated November 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 7682, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0437, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 7
JOHN WASH, JENNIFER D STROWDER, 1051 N MAYFIELD AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Mortgage dated November 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 7682, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0437, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 7
MARGARET WATSON, 4109 MARIE DR, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707, according to the Mortgage dated June 18, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17174, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 27, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0431, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 7
MARGARET WATSON, 4109 MARIE DR, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707, according to the Mortgage dated June 18, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17160, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 27, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0034, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1
ELIZABETH G WELLS, 1121 E CLEMMONSVILLE RD, WINSTON SALEM, NC 27107, according to the Mortgage dated April 03, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12211, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0426, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 7
ELISE D WEST, KEITH A CAQUELIN, 627 ORLANDO AVE APT 202, NORMAL, IL 61761, according to the Mortgage dated July 31, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 8144, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 08, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 55, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1
ELISE D WEST, KEITH A CAQUELIN, 925 W MADISON ST, OTTAWA, IL 61350, according to the Mortgage dated July 31, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 8144, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 08, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 55, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1
REMONA O WILLIAMS, 11 S SYCAMORE LN, GLENWOOD, IL 60425, according to the Mortgage dated April 03, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16543, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 18, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0085, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2
RUBY WINTERS, WILLIAM WINTERS, 850 FOXWORTH BLVD APT 415, LOMBARD, IL 60148, according to the Mortgage dated July 16, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 1908, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 16, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 17, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1
RUBY WINTERS, WILLIAM WINTERS, 7230 S OAKLEY, CHICAGO, IL 60636, according to the Mortgage dated July 16, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 1908, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 16, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 17, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1
BRITTANY WRIGHT, 606 3RD AVE W APT 216, BRADENTON, FL 34205, according to the Mortgage dated November 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 3723, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 17, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 140, Use Period Number(s) 3, Phase 2
DANIEL HOWARD WYNNE, 26268 N LILAC DR, MUNDELEIN, IL 60060, according to the Mortgage dated July 31, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16755, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 19, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 68, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1
KENNETH YOUNG, 1820 LAKE SHORE DR, ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446, according to the Mortgage dated July 21, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12414, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 15, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0436, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 7
KENNETH YOUNG, 1820 LAKE SHORE DR, ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446, according to the Mortgage dated July 21, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12406, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 15, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0427, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 7

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Holiday Inn Club Vacations Incorporated
A Delaware corporation
By:
John Adams
Its: Agent
No. 1203 (Dec. 8, 15, 22)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
)
NO. 2021-P-261
FRANK MICHAEL KENT, DECEASED.)
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Frank Michael Kent, of Seneca, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 22, 2021, to Steven Robert Kent, of Seneca, IL, as **INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE,** whose Attorneys of record are **SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354.**
Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Downtown County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred.
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Dated: November 29, 2021
Greg Vaccaro
LaSalle County Circuit Clerk
Ottawa, IL 61350
No. 1204
(Dec. 8, 15, 22, 2021)

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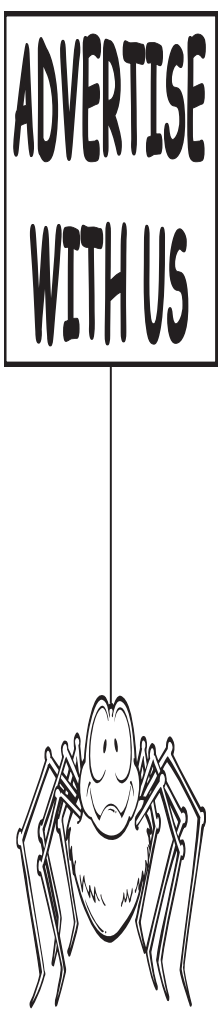

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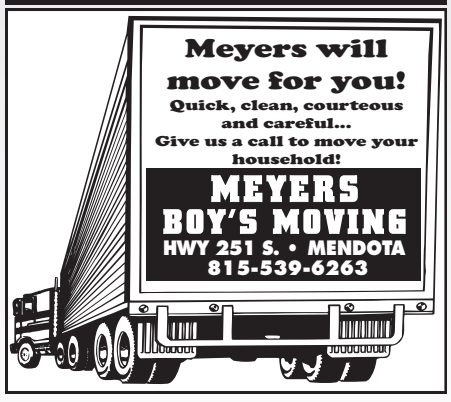

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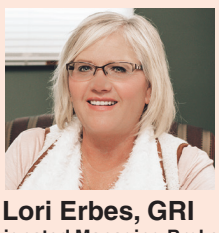

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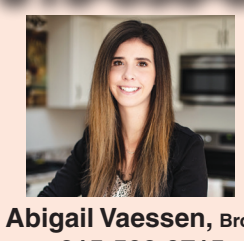

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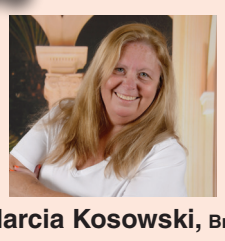

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