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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 2021

ONE DOLLAR, 25 CENTS

'A Mendota Christmas'



Santa Claus gives the 'thumb's up' after Elle Zinke of Mendota told him what she wants for Christmas during Santa's stop at 'A Mendota Christmas' on Dec. 4. (Reporter photos)



Children and adults enjoy a ride in a horse-drawn carriage to get them in the holiday spirit.



A crowd gathers as Mendota band students play Christmas music on Illinois Avenue.

Council hears of '21 tax levy, new broadband option

☐ Fiber optic Internet will be available

By KIP CHEEK Staff writer

MENDOTA - The Mendota City Council heard preliminary figures on the city's tax levy and were informed of a new broadband option being offered to Mendota at its Dec. 6 regular meeting.

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Alderman John Hessenberger presented a zoning variance request from Craig Truckenbrod at 703 Third Ave. for a shed to be constructed within five feet of the lot line. The request was approved.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick told of a broadband company, Surf Broadband Solutions, that will be installing fiber optic lines

and offering their services to every household and busi-



ness in Mendota. With that. the council approved rightof-way and understanding of cooperation agreements with Surf to begin its process of installation.

Terry Barr, Central Illinois Regional Manager for Surf, said the company will be installing main lines at the street, and then homeowners that choose to subscribe to the service will feed off of that line with one run to the house, most likely placed underground if possible. Weather permitting, Surf hopes to be up and running in Mendota sometime next

Surf Broadband Solutions currently provides service to Northwest Indiana, Northeast Illinois and Southwest Michigan. Barr said other area cities that the company will enter are Rock Falls. Sterling, Dixon, Ottawa and Oglesby.

In other action from Fitzpatrick, the council approved a contract with TEST, Inc. (Total Environmental Service Technologies) for the waste water treatment plant.

Fitzpatrick said special hours are set for Christmas tree drop-off at the burn pit. The burn pit will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday,

Lastly, Fitzpatrick thanked Ekana Nursery for its donation of plants and trees for Lake Mendota Park and the soccer fields.

Mayor David Boelk presented a request from NCI ARTworks/Triple Service for a donation for the railroad depot art mural project. The city approved a \$10,000 donation with money coming from the hotel/motel tax fund, and also a donation of four light poles, bricks and pavers. It was also stated that the north entrance to the First State Bank parking lot will be moved.

Alderman John Holland presented the city's Risk Management Insurance renewals. He said last year's premium was \$443,244

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Application portal opens for new round of Illinois rental assistance

□ \$297 million is available to those facing pandemic hardships

By JERRY NOWICKI Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD-The application portal is now open for another \$297 million of rental assistance for Illinoisans who lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Illinois Rental Payment Program, or ILRPP, money comes from the federal American Rescue Plan Act signed into law by President Joe Biden in



March. It will be administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

The application portal is available at illinoishousinghelp.org. To be eligible, a tenant must have an unpaid rent balance on a rental property that is their primary residence. They must have experienced a financial hardship due to the pandemic, have a household income below 80 percent of the Area Median Income and must be an Illinois resident

Proof of citizenship is not required, and assistance is available for renters of state- or federally-subsidized housing.

The portal for the latest round of funding will be open until 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 9. IHDA said it expects that 32,500 households will receive assistance through this round of funding. Approved applicants will receive one-time grants of up to \$25,000, paid directly to their landlords on their behalf, and IHDA said it would begin releasing funding by the end of the year.

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Consumer watchdog group opposes ComEd rate hike

By KEVIN BESSLER

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD - A consumer watchdog group is crying foul over the recent approval for a rate hike for the power company Com-

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monwealth

proved a \$46 million rate hike for what the company said was needed to cover various reliability investments and effort to make the transition to renewable energy.

This comes on the heels of the approval of Nicor's third increase in four years to the tune of \$240 million and will raise winter heating bills even more than the nearly 50% already forecast.

"This is horrible timing



by ComEd in the middle of a pandemic and we already have an expensive winter," said Jim Chilsen director of communications for the Citizens Utility Board. "Customers are already dealing with high gas bills and now they are going to get hit with a ComEd rate hike."

Beginning in January, the average customer will see monthly bill increases of about 16 cents, in addition to the 29 cents being added to bills to cover energy efficiency programs.

The increase affects delivery charges, essentially what customers pay to have electricity delivered to their homes. ComEd's delivery rates are set according to the state's 2011 Energy Infrastructure and Modernization Act, or the "smart grid bill." The law uses a formula to determine ComEd rates annually to cover system upgrades.

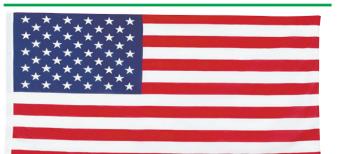
CUB was opposed to the smart grid legislation, citing too few consumer protections.

The power company made the news headlines in 2020, but for all the wrong reasons. Four people were indicted in the ComEd bribery scheme to influence former Illinois House Speaker Michael

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Christmas Tree Decorating Contest returns to Graves-Hume Public Library

MENDOTA - Friends of the Library cordially invites the community to the Second Annual Graves-Hume Public Library Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. To participate, pick up a minitree at the library through Dec. 10. No library card is required; one tree per family.

Decorate your tree however you wish, using any sort of materials. Drop off your decorated tree at the library by Dec. 13, and invite your friends and family to vote with dollars. Voting begins Dec. 13 and ends on Dec. 23.

All proceeds from the contest will help Friends of

the Library provide future library programs. The Friends Group is a separate, charitable entity that supports the library with monetary donations for books and programs not in the library's budget.

"Last year we had so many great entries! We cannot wait to see what the trees will look like this year," said Emily Kofoid, library director.

The tree with the most

money collected will receive the Grand Prize of a \$30 Mendota Chamber Gift card. The second place winner will receive a \$20 Mendota Chamber Gift Card. Help



decorate the library with your festive ideas.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

The students nominated for the Principal Award pizza lunch this past week included Raegan Willow Evans, Carter Stallings, Emiliano Moreno, Camila Flores, Maggie Bloomfield, Jude Espinoza, Colton Wynne and Lyla Trumper. The winners were Micah Farley, Jay'Cion Ventura, Christian Ruiz and Finley Bonnell. Congratulations to all of you.

There will be no After School Program the week of Dec. 13-20 before the holidays. We will resume the program in January.

Now that the weather has begun to get colder, parents should make sure to dress their child appropriately to be outside. We still go outside in the winter except when the temperature is below zero. Students should come prepared each day with a

warm coat, hat and gloves to be outside before school and at lunch recess.

The Club Choice pick up had to be rescheduled due to a delivery issue. If you participated in this fundraiser, the new pick up date is Thursday, Dec. 9

from 3-6 p.m. at Lincoln School.

Due to COVID, Blackstone will not hold the traditional Christmas program this year. Mrs. Kieffer is still working with the students to put something together that will be shared with parents. More details will be shared with parents soon.

Winter break is coming up. Students will have early dismissals on Dec. 20 and 21. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:20 p.m. and first grade at 1:30 p.m. We will be serving lunches on those days. Winter break begins on Wednesday, Dec. 22. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 3.

NORTHBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

♦ Trimester 1 Honor Rolls ♦

MENDOTA—Northbrook Middle School has announced Trimester 1 High Honor Roll and Honor Roll students for the 2021-22 school year.

FIFTH GRADE

High Honors: Aisaac Arteaga, Mia Arteaga, Rafael Arteaga, Charles Beaty, Mallory Beck, Brianna Betz, Lila Bielema, Jacqueline Bryson, Bella Bute, Arian Chavez, Pryar Christmann, Leighton Davis, Aliya Delao, Mikaela Dunne, Isaac Espinoza, Jemma Finley, Illan Garcia, Kaitlyn Giberson, Joshua Granados, Callum Indigo, Eli Kaecker, Ava Mahaffey, Analy Martinez, Allison McNutt, Alana Melendez, Olivia Perryman, Samuel Reyes, Christopher Salazar-Loera, Lumen Setchell, Derrick Snyder Jr., Myleigh Sproston, Liam Strait, Samantha Stremlau, Laurali Thompson, Gavin Tolley, Camila Vallejo, Emerson VanHorn, Brayden Wilhelm, Maci Winn

Honor Roll: Sebastian Arteaga, Madison Baxa, Lilliana Bucio, Ember Castaneda, Hayden Cedillo, Parker Cole, Sergio Correa, Jaxen Daley, Gabriela Diaz, Gina Diaz, Evangeline Flores, Bradley Fultz, Ari Gambrel, Giana Godina, Brianna Gonzalez, Giovani Goy, Emmaneul Guzman, Kenya Harris, Esmeralda Hermosillo, Brandon Hougas, Ayden Jasper, Abriana Klein, Christopher Komitas, Jazmine McIntosh, Elizek Milus, Benjamin Montgomery, Kenneth Mullins, Nevaeh Munoz, Elizandro Orozco, Aileen Perez, Giselle Perez, Sophia Ramos, Ivory Rodriguez, Tatjana Rucker, Romeo Sanchez, Alexis Saylor, Georgia Schwaegerman, Juliana Seablom, Sophia Vargas, Dylan Welch SIXTH GRADE

High Honors: Mia Barringer, Cooper Beetz, Summer Bodie, Abigail Botts, Isaac Caracheo, Cannon Chaon, Cruz Chavez, Olivia Corrigan, Hayden Cunefare, Riley Erlenborn, Dalton Gallagher, Savannah Lenert, Trevor Lengsfeld, Anthony Martinez-Morales, Daisy Mendez-Santana, Samantha Nelson, Karlee Organ, Om Patel, Anahi Perez, David Reyes, Mason Rich, Gracie Smith, Paola Solorzano, Ashtyn Stamberger, Haylee Stevens, Tori Stevens, Trinitie Thompson, Fernanda Valdes, Parker Waldron

Honors: Viktor Angulo, Shelby Armstrong, Tyson Barkman, Alejandro Becerra, Avery Bugiyne, Riley Carlson, Daniel Correa,

Zariah Escatel, Hugo Falcon Santoyo, Jocelyn Garcia, Gage Griffith, Khloe Henry, Cesar Hernandez, Kevin Herrera, Jax Hiner, Kade Jackson, Klaire Knaff, Kyra Lindsay, Heriberto Lopez, Lewis McNelis, Joseph Muller, Isaac Murillo, Alexis Nave, Levi Ossman, Guadalupe Sandoval, Grace Schlesinger, Germain Serrano, Miaka Shepherd, McKenzie Sproston, Adrian Trejo, Samantha Tunk, Oliver Turner, Jorge Valdez, Jovan Washington, Rylee Woods

SEVENTH GRADE

High Honors: Brooklyn Baxa, Drew Becker, Ivan Botello, Abygail Buettner, Alexa Carlos, Cesar Casas, Evelyn Cervantes, Monserrat Chavez, Lexi Cocanour, Michelle Cuevas, Kyra Finley, Karen Flores, Karissa Freeman, Berat Imeri, Marcelah Jackson, Cole Kleckner, Ada Krull, Dawson McPheeters, Sophia Orozco, Eden Pecher, Addison Perryman, Bailey Ryan, Owen Schroeder, Emily Sondgeroth, Gavin Stevenson, Kathryn Strouss, Cam Wasmer, Miranda Wheeler, Ryder Woods

Honors: Karla Ascensio, Melanie Carlos, Briza Cervantes, Ava Christmann, Julisa Coronel, Meghan Dewey, Adan Estrada, Gianni Figueroa, Harlow Foltynewicz, Caleb Ganther, Julian Gonzalez, Alyna Guerra, Benoni Hernandez, Rashaad Mayfield, Alexys Melendez, Madilyn Muller, MaKenzie Mumm, Angel Negron, Lukas Nelson, Daniel Pierce, Jazzlyn Polk, Favian Romero, Brianna Russell, Karson Sundberg, Cayden Taliani, Stormie Whildin

EIGHTH GRADE

High Honors: Johnathan Beaty, Kate Biers, John Biggs, Gracie Botts, Janae Carr, Litzy Celis, Johan Cortez, Airam Cuevas, Sara Diaz, Harlan Gallagher, Sofia Gomez, Colin Kain, Hannah Kunz, Stephanie Medina, Katelyn Mikolasek, Ramiro Palacios, Jessica Reel, Leah Stamberger, Carlos Toribio, Anna Valdes, Talia White

Honors: Allyssah Arteaga, Keegan Beetz, Vivian Begley, Ruby Bielema, Christionah Brown, Aaden Castle, Ally Denault, Caeleb Ensor, Gracelyn Fouke, Marcella Futrell, Vivian George, Hector D'Angelo Gonzalez, Sienna Gonzalez, Brody Kaecker, Aubrey Land, Hannah Mann, Brennan Northcutt, Luis Nunez, Zoey Polk, Lily Rocha, Janelle Rodriguez, Mauricio Salinas, Ariana Sanchez, Brady Schultz, Anthony Seablom, Keegan Stewart, Sydney Tolley, Giselle Vallejo, Jayden Wehrs

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LaSalle Co. qualifies for flood insurance savings

LASALLE COUNTY - LaSalle County continues to take part in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS). CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

LaSalle County has a rating of class 8. With this class rating, homeowners with flood insurance in unincorporated LaSalle County save approximately 10 percent on their flood insurance policies annually.

To receive credit for one of the activities in the program, LaSalle County must review its flood mitigation strategies annually. This review was completed and the updated 2021 strategies and other flood mitigation resources are available for review at https://lasallecounty. org/lasallecounty-floodplain-information/.

Free virtual program features 'The Nutcracker' ballet classic

LA SALLE - Experience the wonder of New York City Ballet's iconic holiday classic, "George Balanchine's The Nutcracker,' on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. when the LaSalle Public Library virtually presents a film recording of the 2001 performance.

In this production, Tschaikovsky's beloved melodies will transport viewers to the magical world where mischievous mice besiege a battalion of toy soldiers, and an onstage blizzard leads to an enchanted Land of Sweets. The choreography shines amidst awe-inspiring set pieces, ornate costumes. and one-of-a-kind visual effects, like the one-ton Christmas tree that grows to 40 feet. "George Balanchine's The Nutcracker," based on the Alexandre Dumas version of E.T.A. Hoffmann's, "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" is one of the most complex ballets in New York City Ballet's active repertory.

A program guide will be available free to download at lasalle.lib.il.us. The film lasts about 1 hour, 40 minutes and is free and open to all via Zoom. Register online at https://bit.ly/3cX5MOE.

For information, contact the LaSalle Library at (815) 223-2341.

CARL'S QUIZ

In what classic Christmas movie would you hear the following quote? "No one's walking out on this fun, old-fashioned family Christmas."

The answer to last week's quiz is: Handshakes are seen as far back as ancient times where they are depicted in art, but at that time were not commonplace and had several meanings. In more recent times, some historians believe handshakes were popularized by 17th century Quakers who saw this type of greeting as more egalitarian than bowing or hat tipping. Over time, handshakes were used more frequently and by the 1800s, etiquette manuals often included guidelines for proper handshaking technique.

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at www.mendotareporter.com

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy

skies with a high temperature of 37°.

humidity of 58%. South wind 6 to 9

mph. The record high temperature for

Wednesday is 58° set in 1966. Expect

mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night

Southeast wind 6 to 14 mph. The

wind chill for Wednesday night could

reach 17°. The record low for

Wednesday night is -9° set in 2005.

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with an overnight low of 25°.

OSF Medical Group-Orthopedics welcomes three new providers

OTTAWA-OSF Medical Group-Orthopedics in Ottawa is pleased to be working in collaboration with OrthoIllinois physicians, Kevin Carlile, MD, Michael Harvey, MD and Trevor Schott, MD. This collaboration will provide patients with state-of-the-art orthopedic and musculoskeletal care throughout the I-80 market.

Dr. Carlile pursued his medical degree at Ohio State University College of Medicine and completed his residency at McGaw Medical Center Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. Following his residency, he completed a fellowship in orthopedic trauma surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in affiliation with Drexel University and Temple University Colleges of

Dr. Harvey grew up close by in Geneva, obtained

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Education is offering an

online sparkling wine

appreciation class from

6-7 p.m. on Monday, Dec.

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Regional Cities

Wednesday

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35/23

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Normal rainfall 0.60"

Departure-0.52"

Average temp......42.4°

Average normal 28.4°

Departure +14.0°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

2:52 a.m

Moonrise Moonset

4:26 p.m. 11:30 a.m. 9:24 p.m.

4:26 p.m. 12:03 p.m. 10:35 p.m.

4:26 p.m. 12:53 p.m. Next Day

4:26 p.m. 1:15 p.m. 12:47 a.m.

4:26 p.m. 1:36 p.m. 1:50 a.m.

1:58 p.m.

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 61 in Red Bud, Ill. The Southeast will

experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest

temperature of 77 in Kendall West, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 81 in

7:12 a.m. 4:26 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 11:43 p.m.

City

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Freeport

Moline

Peoria

Last Week's Local Almanac

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Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Sunset

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National Weather Summary This Week

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38/21

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35/19

<u>Sunrise</u>

7:11 a.m.

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Wednesday 7:10 a.m.

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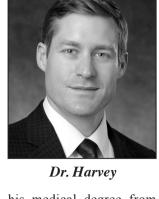
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his medical degree from Chicago Medical School, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. His orthopaedic training began at the University of Missouri in Kansas City and at Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, where he completed a fellowship in Adult Reconstructive Surgery.

Dr. Schott graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Har-



Dr. Carlile

vard Combined Orthopedic Residency Program in Boston, Mass. He pursued additional training by completing a Hand and Upper Extremity Fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City and the Ganga Institute for Microvascular Surgery in Coimbatore, India, to learn specific techniques in delicate microvascular and reconstructive surgery.

Drs. Carlile, Harvey, and Schott will have a weekly



Dr. Schott

clinic and surgery hours at OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. OSF Medical Group-Orthopedic office is located at 1050 E. Norris Drive, Suite 3A in Ottawa. These new providers will join Kenneth Korcek, MD, also from OrthoIllinois, Megan Brandt, APRN, and Kate Jaegle, APRN, in the OSF Medical Group-Orthopedic clinic. Appointments can be made by calling call (815) 431-5746.

New cookie helps Girl Scouts launch cookie sales

♦ Online sales begin Dec. 13, free shipping on Dec. 17–18

MENDOTA-Local Girl Scouts will kickoff the 2021–22 Girl Scout Cookie Program with online sales beginning Monday, Dec. 13. Digital Cookie 8.0 allows Girl Scouts to take electronic orders for cookies. Customers can order and pay for cookies online and have the option to have cookies shipped directly to them (shipping charges apply), have a Girl Scout offer contactless delivery of cookies to their door, or donate cookies (no additional handling fees). New this year, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) will offer free shipping on all direct ship orders of 10 or more cookie packages placed Dec. 17–18.

If customers would like to have Girl Scout Cookies for holiday gift-giving (or for themselves), they should tell the Girl Scout in their lives to send them an email from their personalized website as soon as possible. Don't know a Girl Scout? Email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org to connect with local entrepreneurs who would love to add you to their customer lists.

Digital Cookie 8.0 is an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps Girl Scouts run and manage their cookie businesses online. Now in its eighth year, Digital Cookie brings Girl Scout programming into the future by providing invaluable business and science experience, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for next century leadership. Local Girl Scouts will also take cookie

orders safely in-person (and online) Jan. 5-29.

A new Girl Scout Cookie, Adventurefuls, is

an indulgent, brownie-inspired cookie with caramel flavored crème and hint of sea salt. The full cookie lineup features favorites including Thin Mints (vegan), caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter Tagalongs, crunchy Do-si-dos, buttery Trefoils, S'mores, toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free), and more. Cookies are on sale for \$5 per package. During Girl Scout Cookie season, each young entrepreneur sets out to sell cookies

while also building entrepreneurial and business skills imperative for leadership and future success. All net revenues raised - 100 percent - stay within the northern Illinois area. GSNI uses cookie earnings to power amaz-

ing experiences through programming, while Girl Scouts and troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more.

Mendota Weather

Seven Day Forecast Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 37 Low: 25



Mostly Cloudy High: 45 Low: 31

Friday



Rain & Snow Possible High: 51 Low: 33 Saturday

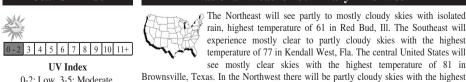


Sunday Sunny High: 44 Low: 29









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

www.WhatsOurWeather.com Weather Trivia

long does Γ cumulus cloud last?

Answer: Ten to 15 minutes on

Weather History Dec. 8, 1988 - Santa Ana winds buffeted

temperature of 70 in Forsyth, Mont. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest

Southern California, with gusts to 92 mph reported at Laguna Peak. The high winds unroofed buildings and downed trees and power lines, igniting five major fires and numerous smaller ones.

temperature of 86 in Buellton, Calif.

Dec. 9, 1987 - The fifth storm in nine days kept the northwestern United States wet and windy. Winds along the coast of Washington gusted to 75 mph at Oceans Shores and the northern and central coastal mountains of Oregon were drenched with three inches of rain in 10 hours.

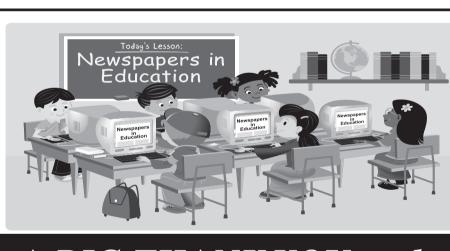
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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Paul A. Boeing

MENDOTA-Paul A. Boeing, 81, of Mendota, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Heritage Health, Mendota on Dec. 2, 2021.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec.

8 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with a 4:15 p.m. Rosary. Mask wearing is required and appreciated by the family. Paul was born Feb. 9,1940 in Breese to Henry and Irene

(Sautman) Boeing. He married the love of his life, Janet Rose on Oct. 19,1963 in Kewanee.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years; two children, Julie (David) Dimitry of Manchester, Mo. and David (Noreen) Boeing of Purcellville, Va.; four grandchildren, Sarah Baker, Bryan Boeing, Hannah Dimitry and Matthew Dimitry; three siblings, Phyllis (Robert) Faust of Aviston, his twin, Peter Boeing of St. Rose and John (Donna) Boeing of Palos Heights.

He was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws; one brother, Michael in childhood; one sister, Mary Christ (Jack); and one sister-in- law, Mary Kay Boeing.

Paul grew up on a farm near St. Rose and attended St. Rose Grade School. He graduated from Aviston Community High School in 1958. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. His first job out of college was at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. His career took the family many places, including Richardson, Texas, Mattoon and finally settling in Mendota when he started working for Conco in 1978. He retired in 1999 as director of engineering at B&B Electronics in Ottawa. He was a very active retiree and was a member of Mendota Kiwanis and Holy Cross Knights of Columbus and loved to volunteer. He loved fishing and the outdoors, especially bird watching. Paul and Janet spent 17 winters in Harlingen, Texas where they made many friends from all over the country and had lots of adventures.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross Church or the Illinois Audubon Society. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Jarrod W. Moore

AMBOY - Jarrod W. Moore, 46, of Amboy died Nov. 26, 2021 at his home.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services be at 1 p.m. on Saturday after the visitation at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Binghampton Cemetery in Amboy. Jarrod was born Nov. 24, 1975

in Rochelle to Joe and Ruby (Spencer) Moore.

Survivors include his children Keegan G. Moore, Colton A. Moore, Alexandria D. Moore and Jordan W. Moore; his mother, Ruby Moore of Amboy; one brother, Joe W. Moore III of Amboy; and one sister, Jessica (Kevin) Isaccs of Vir-

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Moore. Jarrod was a small engine repair man and owned his own shop. He was also employed as a diesel mechanic.

A memorial has been established. Online condolences may be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

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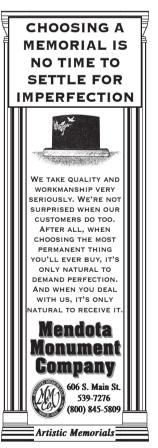
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Brick pillar at Lutheran Cemetery

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MENDOTA - Judith E. Poisel, 81, of Mendota, passed away Dec. 4, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family after a difficult battle with kidney disease.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 10 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemeterv. Mendota. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday

at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Judie was born Nov. 24, 1940 in Mendota to Floyd and

Thursa (Spaulding) Jones. She married James Poisel on June 20, 1959 at Holy Cross Church. Survivors include her husband, James of Mendota; four

daughters, Kimberly Lewis of Mendota, Sandra (Lyle) Kreiser of Wisconsin, Connie (Joe) Crawford of Mendota and April Poisel of New York; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ronald Jones.

Judie was a 1959 graduate of Mendota High School. She was an EMT for Mendota Ambulance for 20 years and was recognized for serving on 1,500 calls. She enjoyed bird watching, especially cardinals.

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

Victor R. Burkey

HILES, Wis. - Victor R. Burkey, 63, of Hiles, Wis. passed away Nov. 27, 2021.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10 at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon, Wis. Memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. with Daniel Childers officiating. Victor was born April 22, 1958 in

Princeton to Raymond Burkey and Ruby White (Christman). He was raised by Melanie (Polson) Burkey.

Survivors include one daughter, Jessica (Megan) McKay of Appleton Wis.; a step-daughter, Laurie Chapple of Argonne Wis.; significant other, Dustlyn Leet of Cadott, Wis.; granddaughters, Jen Spake and Bailey (Ian) Chapple of Laona, Wis.; grandson, Jacob Chapple of Argonne, Wis.; great-grandchildren, Brayden McKay and Bentley McKay of Appleton, Wis., and Marley Daniels and Jaxon Chapple of Laona Wis.; and six siblings, Susan Roulston, Robert Burkey, Terry Burkey, Barb Dickens, Scott Christman and Dale Burkey He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy McKay-Burkey.

In 1985, Victor moved to northern Wisconsin with his family to operate the Frontier Bar in Hiles. His family brought him the greatest joy. He worked many years in the home construction industry operating his own business known as Northland Builders. For decades, he volunteered countless hours as a volunteer fire chief for Hiles Company A. His willingness to volunteer also included being an EMT and first responder. When he wasn't busy working and volunteering, he could be found watching old western movies especially those with John Wayne.

Condolences may be left at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

MENDOTA - Michael J. Carlson, 72, of Mendota, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 6, 2021 in his home.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Private burial will be at Lawnridge Cemetery, Rochelle.

Michael was born March 11, 1949 in Rochelle to Clarence and Mildred (Miller)

Survivors include his daughter, Tonya Carlson of Oregon; son, Josh (Beth) Carlson of Wheaton; brother, Eugene (Janice) Carlson of Holcomb; four grandchildren, Skylar Carlson, Devin Carlson, Adam Carlson and Danielle Carlson; three nephews, Mark Carlson of Arizona, Brett (Deb) Carlson of Holcomb and Bradley Carlson of Missouri;

grand-niece, Layla

Carlson of Missouri;

and his cat, Hippy. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son,

Patrick Carlson. Mike was a graduate of Rochelle High School and served in the U.S. Marines. He

worked as a welder for Caterpillar in Aurora for over 30 years. He was a good-spirited person concerned about the well-being of everyone. Peace and love to all.

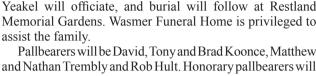
Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.





Koonce, 92, guided by song and the love of his family, left this life for his eternal reward in Heaven to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to reunite with his life-

long sweetheart on Dec. 3, 2021. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10 at United Pentecostal Church, Mendota. Additional visitation will be from 11 a.m. until



and Josh Edwards. Harold was born April 8, 1929 in Vandalia to Roy and Merena (Jay) Koonce. He married the love of his life, Juanita Bernice Spicer on Nov. 20, 1948 in Vandalia. She preceded him in death on Nov. 7, 2020.

Survivors include three sons, Danny (Vicki) Koonce of Brownstown, Michael (Kay) Koonce of Vandalia and Rev. Timothy (Polly Ann) Koonce of Wapella; two daughters, Devra (Rev. Charles) Yeakel of Mendota and Jana (James) Trembly of Mendota; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren with one on the way; and two sisters, Arlene Gerwolls of Monroe City, Ind. and Linda Sue (Charlie) Townsend of Vandalia.

He was preceded in death by his wife; four brothers, Bob, Don, Bill and Keith; and four sisters, Alene Trulock, Dorothy Gerhart and two sisters in infancy. Harold gave his life to the Lord at age 18, answering a

call that would lead him to be a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, service leader, preacher, pastor and presbyter. He began at the First Pentecostal Church of Vandalia and served there for 18 years. He planted the Mulberry Grove United Pentecostal Church in 1966 remaining until 1977. From 1977 until 2003, he served as pastor of the United Pentecostal Church of Mendota, then followed as Pastor Emeritus from 2004 until the present. From 1985 until 2007, he served as Section 11 Presbyter of the Illinois District of United Pentecostal Church International, then was designated an Honorary member until 2021. During the time he was pastoring in Mendota, he began and helped on the restoration of the Ottawa United Pentecostal Church. Later in life after retiring, Harold enjoyed playing games with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed gardening, sharing his harvest with family and friends. He always worked with his hands, building houses and churches, and was a handyman in electrical, heating, cooling, painting and mechanics. He was also an author of two books, "From the Plow to the Pulpit" and "Miracles of God" along with a third book to be published posthumously. Though talented and helpful with all those tasks, his greatest accomplishment was serving the Lord and others. He wasn't afraid to live and in the end, he wasn't afraid to die. He looked forward to the prize before him.

Memorials may be directed to United Pentecostal Church of Mendota. Condolences may be left for the family at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



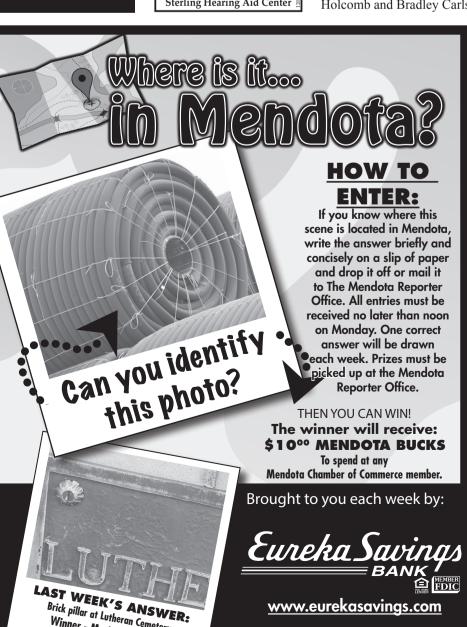
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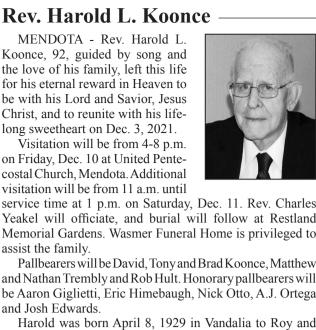
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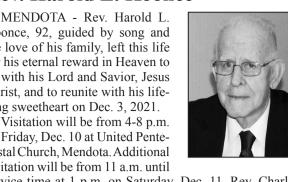
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The launch date was pushed back one month from the initial November date announced by Gov. JB Pritzker so that the portal could undergo additional testing. A spokesperson for IHDA said the portal had already received more than 3,000 applications Monday and the department no longer had any concerns about its ability to handle the load after working through technical issues over the past month.

Rent owed from June 2020 through April 2022 is eligible for repayment, with renters able to receive up to 15 months of back rent and three months of future rent. If a landlord chooses not to participate in the program, tenants may be able to receive payments directly, according to IHDA.

A renter may still apply if they have previously received federal rental assistance, but they cannot cumulatively receive more than 18 months of assistance. IHDA said it would adjust grant amounts for those who have already received partial assistance. IHDA said it would pri-

oritize households earning less than 50 percent of the area median income and those that have one or more members who have been unemployed for at least The latest round of

federal rental assistance is the third distributed by

More than 62,400 applications were approved and \$571 million paid out to renters throughout the state in the previous round. According to IHDA, about 55 percent of approved applications were from households where a member had been unemployed for more than 90 days, and the program provided an average of \$9,152 per household.

More than \$800 million has been distributed by the state for rental assistance since 2020, helping 108,500 Illinoisans with back rent. According to the latest report from the U.S. Treasury outlining distribution of the previous rounds of rental funding, Illinois had distributed over 90 percent of funds received thus far.

"The initial round of the Illinois Rental Payment Program highlighted the continued need for assistance as we continue our recovery from this terrible pandemic," IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust said in a statement. "As we reopen this vital assistance program to help Illinois families, seniors and the most vulnerable, Gov. Pritzker is continuing to work with (the U.S.) Treasury and our elected officials to advocate for additional funding to ensure no one is forced from their home as a result of COVID-19.

The Illinois Department of Human Services also has rental assistance available, and assistance is also available through a courtbased program. IDHS also provides utility and legal assistance, which can be accessed at https://www.illinoisrentalassistance.org/.

The state is also preparing to launch a Homeowner Assistance Fund program to distribute federal resources for mortgage assistance in the spring. Information on that program is also available at illinoishousinghelp. org, where those seeking mortgage assistance can sign up for a mailing list for program updates when they are available.

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IVCC finance committee discusses tax levy

OGLESBY - The Illinois Valley Community College board audit finance committee meeting on Nov. 29 covered the 2021 tax levy, compensation study, audit update, and financial considerations for a dental lab expansion, among The committee discussed the ten-

tative \$13.9 million 2021 tax levy that includes a 9.3 percent increase over last year's \$12.5 million levy. The levy is based on a nearly 9 per-

cent increase in the district's equalized assessed valuation (EAV). The levy will keep the tax rate nearly flat for tax payers, said Vice President for Business Services and Finance Matt Seaton.

With the EAV increasing more than 5 percent, the board will hold a truth-in-taxation hearing Dec. 9.

The committee also reviewed a compensation study conducted by the business office in consultation with the Business Employment Skills Team to address employee turnover in several hourly positions – mostly in technology- and accounting-related services.

"The study provides research the board and administration can use when making compensation decisions for current and future employees," Seaton said.

Committee members also reviewed:

• Benefits of employing a third-party

vendor to manage the college's investments and strategies.

- Hiring CampusWorks at a cost of \$45,000 to do a 360-degree evaluation of IT services, protocols, security and staffing. If the full board approves, the contract would be paid for with HEERF
- An update on the audit being completed by Sikich. The Illinois Community College Board has extended the audit deadline to March 31.
- Employment of a full-time COVID-19 specialist paid in part by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Kimber King is also paid in part through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund.
- An update on the college's financial position at the half-way point of the 2022 fiscal year.
- · Proposals for spending down HEERF funding such as HVAC and technology upgrades and purchase of a master scheduling system. Spring semester students enrolled in 12 or more hours will receive \$1,000; those in 6-to-11, \$500. Payments will be made after April 7. In addition, high school students enrolled in all IVCC dual credit and some dual enrollment courses will have tuition waived.
 - A dental lab expansion is out for bid

at an estimated cost of \$852,000. Dental Assisting is moving to the upper floor of G-Building with a dental hygiene program being added in fall 2023

 Financial considerations for \$2.7 million in PHS projects including upgrades and repairs in Building C boiler room for \$206,195; parking lot 1 repairs for \$53,130; and removal and resurfacing of lot 5 for \$718,200. Complete renovation of the band room for \$1.7 million includes elevator replacement, asbestos abatement and removal of the raised floor. "If the levy is finalized in December, \$1.17 will be levied for these projects," Seaton said. Options for covering the remaining \$1.5 to \$1.6 million were presented.

• A plan to pay all newly-hired head coaches \$8,000 and assistants \$4,000 to be more in line with pay scales at other regional community colleges. Coaches who have not reached the threshold will have stipends increased to that level.

• A plan to reallocate athletic tuition waivers to retain in-district students and recruit out-of-district students. "Reallocating waivers so all IVCC teams can benefit helps us spread financial assistance more broadly and increase roster sizes," said Vice President for Students Services Mark Grzybowski.

Council

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and the 2022 premium is \$442,814, minus cyber liability insurance. The renewal was approved by the council. He also gave pension

levy requests from the police and fire departments, and also the city's general tax levy. The fire levy request is \$179,820 and the police request is \$568,956. He said the fire pension is funded at 75.8 percent and the police at 64.4 percent. The requests will be placed on file before being acted on.

The city's proposed tax levy is \$2,068,576, a slight increase from last year. Holland said there will be minimal effect on property taxes. The levy will be placed on file and voted on at the next meeting. MPD VEHICLES

FOR SALE

The police department is accepting bids on three retired police vehicles. They are a 2013 Ford Explorer (72,033 miles, minimum bid of \$13,000), a 2014 Dodge

of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Charger (59,396 miles, minimum bid of \$10,000) and a 2014 Dodge Charger (65,822 miles, minimum bid of \$10,000). Bids must be turned in by noon on Wednesday, Dec. 15. For more information, contact the police department at 815-539-9331. The next regular meeting

Rates

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Madigan. The company admitted the bribery scheme in the summer of 2020 and subsequently agreed to pay a \$200 million fine and cooperate with investigators. ComEd did not respond to

a request for comment about the rate hike.

IVCC News Briefs

IVCC Wind Ensemble to perform

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Wind Ensemble offers a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre. The performance will include the music of Robert Long-

field, Eric Whitacre, Brian Balmages, Samuel Barber, Richard M. and Robert B. Sherman, and Leroy Anderson. Selections include Lux Aurmque, Symphonic Episodes,

selections from Walt Disney's Mary Poppins, and A Christmas Festival, amongst other selections.

IVCC offering "Winter Intersession"

OGLESBY – For the first time, Illinois Valley Community College is offering students the opportunity to pick up online college credit over holiday break. IVCC's new "Winter Intersession" begins Dec. 21 and runs through Jan. 7.

"These courses provide an opportunity for our students to get ahead and for university students home for break to pick up a class at our low tuition rate," said Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski.

The 18-day session includes online courses in:

- Introduction to Chemistry (CHM1000) with Promise
- · Wellness (HPE1000) and First-Aid (HPE1004) with • Introduction to Psychology (PSY1000) with Jill Ur-
- Marriage and Family (SOC1002) with Rick Mangold; and
- Intercultural Communications (SPH1003) with Cory

For information, call Student Services at (815) 224-0361.

IVCC extends tuition deadline

OGLESBY - Illinois Valley Community College has extended its tuition payment deadline out more than a month to allow students and parents more time to prepare for the spring semester. The deadline was extended from Dec. 8 to Jan. 12 – two

days after the spring semester begins Monday, Jan. 10.

"As the gift-giving season approaches, students and parents face added financial pressure. By extending the deadline well past New Year's, they will have more time to cover tuition or set up a payment plan," said Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski.

Students enrolling in at least six credit hours are eligible for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

- Those taking 12 or more hours will receive \$1,000; those in 6-to-11, \$500. HEERF payments will be made after April 7.
- High school students enrolled in IVCC dual credit and some dual enrollment courses will have tuition waived.
- Spring enrollees will receive a \$100 IVCC Bookstore gift card. (IVCC employees and high school dual credit students are not eligible for the gift cards.)

For payment information, call the cashier's office at (815) 224-0213.



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around, Illinois Chamber says said. "That energy policy is By ELYSE KELLY

Elevated inflation could stick

The Center Square contributor

SPRINGIELD - Prices are up for everything from gas to food to Christmas presents and some warn it's going to stick around.

Compared to 2020, prices in October were up 6.2%, according to a recent U.S. Labor Department report. From September to October, they rose 0.9%.

President Biden is losing approval over it, but that is where the blame should rest say some, including Todd Maisch, Illinois Chamber of Commerce CEO and president. He says the reasons are complex, but energy prices are the best example.

"The Biden Administration refused to build a new pipeline that would have gotten safe and secure energy from Canada to the United States," he said.

He points out they are also discussing shutting down an existing one that supplies heating oil to the Midwest.

"At the same time they're shutting down North American energy supplies, they're haranguing OPEC for not pumping enough oil," he sheer lunacy and that is the single biggest thing that they could change very quickly if they ever figured it out." Not counting volatile food

and energy costs, inflation is still up 4.6%. While it may not keep climbing, Maisch thinks el-

evated inflation will be with us over a long period of time. "Even an inflation rate of 4% is something that Illinois families are going to notice, and it's still double the rate

of what the Federal Reserve

tells us they're targeting in

terms of inflation rate," he

said. "So even if we were to cut the rate by a third, we're still well above historical norms and it's going to be with us for a while.' Maisch says a combination of an easy money policy from the Fed, bad energy policies and the labor short-

age are main reasons why Illinoisans will have to pay more for Christmas. "Families that normally spend three, four hundred dollars on their Christmas giving, they're going to be spending maybe \$450-\$500

to get the same amount of

gifts for family, friends and

charitable giving," he said.

"Illinois consumers deserve a lot better," Chilsen said. "ComEd has hit them with multiple rate hikes over the years and we have this corruption scandal, and that is why we are suing ComEd in state court and working to secure refunds for customers harmed by the scandal."





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Seeing the same thing differently

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD - The Kyle Rittenhouse trial and verdict is a bit like those ink blot tests psychologists sometimes have patients examine.

A half-dozen folks can look at the same thing and see something different.



Reeder

I've heard Rittenhouse described as a "hero" by right wingers and as a "criminal" by those on the left. But when I look at him, I see a wannabe.

Thirty-some years ago, when I was a reporter at the Ouad-Cities Times, there was a teenager who bought an old police car at an auction, painted it white, put a CB radio on the console and trolled around town like he was a cop.

The high school kid's antics got eye-rolls from the real police officers.

And I'd get calls while working the newsroom's night desk that a "plainclothes policeman" was seen someplace. Inevitably, it would be the kid playing dress-up.

He never really said he was a cop, but when folks would see his four-door sedan with its whip antenna they would hit their brakes and watch their speedometers. This kid enjoyed feeling important.

Watching Rittenhouse testify, I couldn't help but think

of that mystery teenager from more than 30 years ago. Today he'd be well into middle age. I never found out if he moved from being a wannabe to being a get-to-be.

Did he move from a life of pretend to a career of service?

I wonder about Rittenhouse too. My hope is that he will move beyond this new-found notoriety and settle down and live a productive life. Killing two men and wounding another is not something to be proud of.

Can anyone say beyond all reasonable doubt that he wasn't in fear of his life when confronted by sometimes violent protestors? I can't. And that is the burden of proof those 12 jurors had to unanimously reach if they were to convict him.

But what I can say with certainty is that a 17-year-old shouldn't have been there in the first place. If a teenage civilian feels the need to carry a rifle for self-protection when leaving home, it's time to rethink his destination. Human life is precious. Things aren't.

That lesson was taught to me by my parents. Growing up on a farm, we found that occasionally thieves would take advantage of the remoteness of our location and that of our neighbors and steal gasoline or tools late at night.

A farmer we knew pointed a rifle at someone stealing his tools and held him at bay until a deputy sheriff arrived. The next day the sheriff was praising the farmer on the front page of the Galesburg Register Mail.

I wanted to be a hero too. So, in my teenage enthusiasm I told my parents if I saw a thief, I would take my .22 rifle and confront him.

My folks set me straight.

There is no tank of gas or power drill so valuable to warrant the taking of a human life. If I saw a theft in progress they said to make sure I was safe in the house and to call the sheriff.

That is the difference between the reasoning of a teenage boy and an adult.

I wish someone had sat Kyle Rittenhouse down and told him the same thing. A used car lot in Kenosha isn't so valuable that it warrants the taking of a life.

Comedian and social commentator Trevor Noah said, "Nobody drives into a city with guns because they love someone else's business that much."

I'm sorry, Trevor, you are thinking like an adult. A teenager's brain isn't fully formed.

Teenage boys sometimes do really stupid things. And parents need to parent.

Rittenhouse is a working-class kid who worked after school as a fry cook and a janitor. Some members of Congress have recommended him for a Congressional Gold Medal. Another congressman said he might offer Kyle an internship.

Killing two people and wounding another perhaps in self-defense doesn't merit an award. If he was truly in fear of his life, his reward is still being alive. My hope is that Kyle doesn't cash in on his new-found fame but instead pursues an education and picks a career of service.

That way, he'll no longer be a wannabe but a get-to-be. (Scott Reeder, a staff writer at Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com)

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Enjoying a post-war holiday – 1946

Backtracks

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Dec. 4, 1996.)

By Jessica Nashold

As the holidays neared, 50 years ago, a festive mood prevailed. The "dim out," which had banned Christmas lights, was lifted the second year and in Mendota, strings of colored lights were "crisscrossed" from one side of the street to the other.

Santa made weekly visits on Saturdays leading up to Christmas. On Dec. 7, 1946, he was accompanied by the Mendota High School band and by members of the saddle club "astride their beautiful horses.'

Stores remained open until 9 o'clock each evening from Dec. 16 until Christ-

The Retail Affairs Division of the Chamber of Commerce distributed Courtesy Awards for exemplary service in Mendota businesses. Jerry Elston, an attendant at Central Oil, Jefferson and Illinois, and Roberta Bauer, a sales lady at Goslin Drugs, received \$5 checks from the Chamber.

Elston had demonstrated remarkable patience when a "Chamber scout" made a \$1 purchase of gas then requested a tire inspection, water for his battery and a radiator check. Jerry did his stuff with a smile

and a very nice thank you for the \$1 sale. At Goslin's, Roberta Bauer attended

to a "rather raspy customer" who spent a half hour checking Christmas gifts without making a purchase. Roberta saw the customer off with a smile and an invitation to come again.

Austin Calderwood, chairman of Retail Affairs, was pleased.

This speaks well for our clerks.

At Lincoln School on Dec. 2, 1946, Mrs. Robert Black gave a talk on "Madonna Pictures" for the Lincoln School PTA. Mrs. Black had a collection of more than 1,500 Madonna pictures and brought a number of them to illustrate her talk. She said there were five types of Madonna pictures - Portrait,

Sidetracks

Enthroned, Enshrined, Pastoral and Madonna in Glory.

To set the mood for Mrs. Black's talk, Miss Betty Fitch sang "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Arden Campbell.

On Dec. 6, the Blackstone PTA sponsored a Christmas Bazaar from 2-11 p.m. at the Elks Club. Managing committee was comprised of Clara Jacob, Erma Merritt, Doris Hopkins and Irene Mealey.

There were booths for needle work, baked goods, toys, gifts, candy and home produce. A fish pond, where children could snag toys, was popular. Santa was present to hear requests and Henry Sauer conducted an auction of hard-to-get items. Two 5-pound bags of sugar went for \$2.50 each and a 1-pound box of brown sugar brought \$2.25. Bids on a small cellophane bag of marshmallows exceeded \$1. Bidding on nylon hosiery was not reported.

The bazaar cleared enough to buy playground equipment for Blackstone - the PTA goal.

Mendotans were able to see a film of a Chicago Cardinals-Chicago Bears game. It was shown at the State Theatre and was described as "one of the most thrilling professional games."

Mendotans can see their local star, Frank Seno, in action with the Cards.

Seno held a National League record for longest run and longest average for kickoff returns.

The MHS basketball season was off to a gratifying start, coached by Lloyd Doenier. In the opener against LaMoille, Al Loach contributed 17 points to Mendota's 65-36 win. In. 44-35 victory over Earlyille, Don Beitsch and Wallace Hawk "looked best on defense." While-

Lamar Brewbaker gave fans quite a thrill with his fancy shots.

Word was received that Rev. G.H. Doermann, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran in Sterling for 14 years, had accepted a call from St. John's in Mendota. He would begin on Jan. 1, 1947.

Art Sauer was in charge of arrange-

ments for a Mendota High School

Alumni Association dance to be held at the Kaskaskia Hotel in LaSalle. It would be open to the public with proceeds going to establish a scholarship fund to be administered by the Alumni group. The Kaskaskia was chosen to accommodate an expected large crowd. A five-act floor show at intermission was promised. This included an exhibi-

tion dance by an Arthur Murray dance instructor, partnered by Ellen Gillette, talented Mendota ballroom dancer. Tickets for the dance were \$1.20. Music was by Joe DeZutti and his "sweet

and swing" band. William Widmer applied for a build-

ing permit. He planned a 70x112-foot

garage at the southwest corner of Illinois and Monroe. LaSalle County physicians announced minimum rates: office calls-\$2; house calls day-\$4; house calls-

night-\$6; country calls-\$4 first mile,

\$1 each additional mile.

Bids were opened Dec. 14, 1946 on more than 70 buildings for sale at the Green River Ordnance plant near Amboy. The buildings ranged in size from 8x8 to 24x75.

Help wanted ads were running for Prescott's, Mendota Trouser Co., Black Bros., H.D. Conkey & Co. and Tower's, Inc.

Wayside Press offered training to married G.I.'s, after which –

They may earn \$200 per month in the press room.

The king James of hypocrisy By Rich Lowry

Nike's latest TV ad is another slick paean to individual empowerment and prevailing despite the naysayers.

Centered around Memphis Grizzlies star Ja Morant, the commercial features various people doubting that Morant can keep up his stellar play, to which someone always cheekily replies, "Says who?" Yes, Nike believes anything is possible -- so long as it

doesn't involve doing anything to cross one of the world's most hideously repressive regimes. The grotesque hypocrisy of the Nike-NBA industrial com-

plex and its biggest star, Lebron James, has been underlined in recent weeks by Boston Celtics player Enes Kanter, who has been on a one-man crusade against the Chinese Communist Party and those too cowardly or greedy to call it out. James -- the owner of four NBA championship rings who

has appeared in a jaw-dropping 10 NBA finals -- has views on all sorts of public controversies and doesn't hesitate to air them so long as they are comfortably within the fashionable woke consensus. On China, though, he's mute. So are his employers. They

all portray themselves as champions of social justice and of courage and striving, but their commitment to these causes and values stops at the water's edge -- and at their bottom line. When a couple of years ago, the Houston Rockets general

manager got thrown under the bus by the NBA for tweeting in support of pro-democracy protestors in Hong Kong, King James pronounced him "not educated on the situation." The Lakers forward affirmed a right to free speech --

thanks, GOAT! -- but said we have to be careful what we say. "So many people," he warned, "could have been harmed, not only financially but physically, emotionally, spiritually.' Never has so much harm been attributed to a small message

of public support for plucky idealists about to be steamrolled by a totalitarian government. During the Kyle Rittenhouse trial, by the way, James mocked Rittenhouse's tears on the stand, doubting they were

real -- apparently because he's an expert on what constitutes genuine signs of post-traumatic stress. If Rittenhouse had control over whether a vast market would be open to James and the corporations he's affiliated with, the Lakers star surely would have stayed silent.

When Kanter tweeted, "Money over Morals for the 'King," and wore sneakers portraying James bowing down to get crowned by Chinese dictator Xi Jinping for a Celtics-Lakers game, James brushed it off. He accused Kanter of "trying to use my name to create an opportunity for himself.'

Actually, Kanter's activism, calling out his league and a massively influential corporation, is what everyone says they value -- a lonely, unwelcome campaign against wellheeled interests too compromised to defy a powerful entity perpetrating rank injustices. After Nike got blowback in China for a relatively anodyne

statement expressing concern about forced labor in Xinjiang -- the epicenter of the regime's repression of the Uyghurs -- the company's CEO said Nike is "a brand of China and Nike lobbied Congress to weaken an anti-forced-labor

bill, lest a measure aimed at crimping a vast human-rights abuse discomfit the corporate giant too greatly. "Says who?" the new Nike ad asks. Clearly, the Chinese

"You can't stop us," intoned a viral ad last year. Well, actually you can, provided you are an authoritarian bully with an enormous consumer base.

"Just do it" went the most iconic Nike ad. No, second thought, better to "Just don't" if it might anger a government that disappeared a star athlete for the offense of accusing an official of sexual assault and is preparing to invade a

If China were to take Taiwan, would the NBA, Nike or Lebron James do anything more than offer vague expressions of concern and piffle about how the situation is complicated?

We certainly know what Enes Kanter would say. Which is why he rightly deserves a Nike ad celebrating his go-italone truth-telling, and why, of course, he'll never get one.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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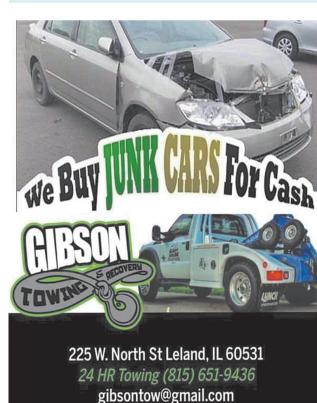
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POLICE BLOTTER

MOTORIST ISSUED THREE CITATIONS

Gerardo Gavina, 25, of 403 Second Ave., Mendota, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and improper lane usage after police officers investigated a single-vehicle accident at Main and Sixth streets at 10:46 p.m. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Francisco Vazquez-Peneran, 23, of DeKalb, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and East Fifth Road at 12:19 p.m. Dec. 4. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court

BATTERY, RESISTING ARREST CHARGES

Dale G. Roedl, 75, of 212 E. Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with two counts of aggravated battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and two counts of FOID card required violations after police officers responded to his residence in regard to a domestic disturbance at 7:16 p.m. Dec. 4. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail awaiting a court

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Edward Serna, 52, of 205 Sandra Ave., Mendota, was charged with disorderly conduct after police officers responded to the report of a fight in progress at 713 Illinois Ave. at 8:39 p.m. Dec. 5. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE **DEADLINES**

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Winter Weather Ordinances

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

• Ordinance 41.38 -Parking After Snowfall

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

Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for each violation of this ordinance and may be subject to towing said vehicle away. The cost of said towing shall be the obligation and expense of those violating this Section. • Ordinance 6.21 - Depositing Snow in Streets

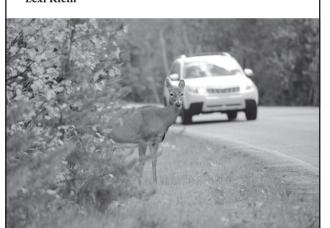
No person within the city shall remove any snow from his private property or from offstreet parking lots or right of way parking into any of the city streets or alleys. This Section does not apply to removal of snow from sidewalks. This Section is specifically directed to, but not limited to gasoline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

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public celebration, with refreshments, for all.

Police Department offers winter driving safety tips

MENDOTA - The Mendota Police Department would like to remind drivers of a few safety tips to keep everyone safe while driving in winter weather

Take the time to clean the snow and ice from all vehicle windows prior to driving on the road. Keep your speed down to assist in keeping control of your own vehicle when driving on slick icy roads. If traveling long distances remember to pack a few emergency items to take along in the event your vehicle should go off the roadway, including a cell phone, blankets and water.

If you are leaving town and need information regarding road conditions, call 800-452-4368.



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SPORTS



Mendota's Paige Manning has her shot contested by Lia Bosnich of St. Bede during a Three Rivers Conference varsity basketball contest on Dec. 2 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Mendota wrestlers struggle to find wins during busy schedule The Mendota Trojan wrestling team

suffered losses to Morrison and Oregon in a triangular meet at Morrison on Nov. 30.

Mendota dropped a 48-18 decision to Morrison. Picking up wins for the Trojans were Rhett Watson with a pin at 132 pounds, and Ethan Hanaman (160) and JP Belmonte (170) with forfeit wins.

Oregon handed Mendota a 72-0 setback.

Morrison 48, Mendota 18 106 – double forfeit; 113 – Riffle (Mo)

won forfeit; 120 – double forfeit; 126 – Pruis (Mo) won forfeit: 132 - Rhett Watson (Me) pinned White (Mo), 0:54; 138 - Milder (Mo) pinned Jose Hermosillo (Me), 0:53; 145 – Reavy (Mo) won forfeit; 152 - Baker (Mo) pinned Lea Turner (Me), 0:35; 160 - Ethan Hanaman (Me) won forfeit; 170 – JP Belmonte (Me) won forfeit; 182 – White (Mo) won forfeit; 195 – McDonnell (Mo) pinned Diego Sandoval (Me), 0:54; 220 - double forfeit; 285 – Schaefen (Mo) pinned Danny Juan Gama (Me), 1:11

Oregon 72, Mendota 0

106 – double forfeit; 113 – double forfeit; 120 - Marlatt (O) won forfeit; 126 - Labay (O) won forfeit; 132 – Halvarson (O) pinned Watson (M), 1:03; 138 - Glendening (O) pinned Hermosillo (M), 1:00; 145 - Steven (O) won forfeit; 15 - Ruter (O) pinned Turner (M), 3:06; 160 – Eckerd (O) pinned Hanaman (M), 1:39; 170 – George (O) pinned Belmonte (M), 1:00; 182 – Winterland (O) won forfeit; 195 – George (O) pinned Sandoval (M), 1:00; 220 - Rote (O) won forfeit; 285 - Seler (O) pinned Logan West (M), 1:31

Mendota competed against Plano, Mooseheart and Coal City in a quadrangular meet at Plano on Dec. 1.

The Trojans and Mooseheart each won five matches and ended in a 30-30 tie. Hanaman pinned his opponent at 152 pounds, while forfeit wins went to Watson, Kailyn Jezewski, Belmonte and Sandoval.

Plano scored a 54-18 triumph over the Trojans. Hanaman picked up another pin in his match, while Watson and Cadence Thornton were forfeit winners.

Coal City won 13 matches and shutout Mendota, 78-0.

Dec. 1

Mendota 30, Mooseheart 30

106 - Murphy (Mo) won forfeit; 113 -Hopkins (Mo) pinned Thornton (Me), 5:18; 120 - Brileno (Mo) won forfeit; 126 - double forfeit; 132 - Watson (Me) won forfeit; 138 - double forfeit; 145 - Bufford (Mo) won forfeit; 152 – Hanaman (Me) pinned Wallace (Mo), 1:26; 160 – Kailyn Jezewski (Me) won forfeit; 170 - Belmonte (Me) won forfeit; 182 - double forfeit; 195 - Sandoval (Me) won forfeit; 220 – double forfeit; 285 – Gaye (Mo) pinned Gama (Me), 0:34

Plano 54, Mendota 18

106 – double forfeit; 113 – Thornton (M) won forfeit; 120 - Garcia (P) won forfeit; 126 - Hernandez (P) won forfeit; 132 - Watson (M) won forfeit; 138 – Gilford (P) won forfeit; 145 – Gilford (P) won forfeit; 152 – Hanaman (M) pinned Schoense (P), 1:25; 160 - Diaz (P) pinned Jezewski (M), 0:33; 170 - Ronning (P) pinned Belmonte (M), 3:13; 182 - Oliver (P) won forfeit; 195 - Amakari (P) pinned Sandoval (M), 0:29; 220 – Herralson (P) won forfeit; 285 - Diaz (P) pinned Gama (M), 1:27 Coal City 78, Mendota 0

106 - Lindenmuth (CC) won forfeit; 113 - Housman (CC) pinned Thornton (M), 0:47; 120 - double forfeit; 126 - Widlowski (CC) won forfeit; 132 – Piatak (CC) pinned Watson (M), 1:51; 138 – Dillon (CC) won forfeit; 145 – Latawiel (CC) won forfeit; 152 – Benson (CC) pinned Hanaman (M); 160 - Finch (CC) won forfeit; 170 - Dehlse (CC) pinned Belmonte (M), 1:40; 182 - Young (CC) won forfeit; 195 - Dearth (CC) pinned Sandoval (M), 0:45; 220 - Crone (CC) won forfeit; 285 - Gonzalez (CC) pinned Gama (M), 3:25

Two Trojan wrestlers placed in the top three of their respective weight classes in the Princeton Blackmark Tournament on Dec. 4.

Watson at 132 and Belmonte at 170 both finished in third place.

Illinois hunters harvested 50,300 deer during first weekend of 2021 Illinois firearm season

SPRINGFIELD - Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 50,300 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois firearm deer season between Nov. 19-21.

Comparatively, hunters took 47,147 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2020.

Preliminary deer harvest totals for area counties for the first weekend of the 2021 season are:

Bureau – 619; DeKalb – 86; LaSalle-409; Lee-323; Ogle - 391; Putnam - 243; Whiteside - 353.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season concluded Dec. 2-5. Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 10-12
- Late-winter antlerless-only and Chronic Wast-
- ing Disease deer seasons (in select counties only) Dec. 30-Jan. 2 and Jan. 14-16

 Archery deer season continues through Jan. 16.

For more details about deer hunting, open counties, and other information, check the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at https://www2.illinois.gov/ dnr/hunting/Pages/Deer-

Hunting.aspx

St. Bede deals 48-22 loss to Mendota girls

MENDOTA – St. Bede pulled away in the second half and handed Mendota a 48-22 setback in Three Rivers Conference girls' basketball action on Dec. 2 at the MHS gym.

The Lady Trojans hung around in the first half and were down 22-13 at the break, but St. Bede heated up in the second half and Mendota couldn't buy a basket. The Lady Bruins pumped in 16 third-quarter points compared to six for Mendota, and then the Lady Trojans were only able to muster three points in the fourth frame.

"We actually jumped out aggressive on offense and had an early lead, but then St. Bede got three second-chance threes and we lost momentum," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "We played really hard and scrapped, but the offensive struggles and turnovers just ultimately took their toll at the other end. We did some things we haven't done that I loved, we just have to hope we keep improving and don't

Paige Manning topped the team with seven points and four steals. Naitzy Garcia and Emily Stewart chipped in

with five points apiece, while Reanna Brant hauled down nine rebounds and Garcia had

six caroms. Mendota's scheduled games against Putnam County on Dec. 4 and Hall on Dec. 6 were canceled due

to COVID protocols. No

makeup dates have been

ST. BEDE 48, MENDOTA 22 St. Bede (48) Maschmann Smudzinski

determined.

Bosnich Hermes Gray De la Torre Morrow Ludford Hart Michels

Mendota (22) FG FT Jenner Tolentino Manning Brant F. Delao Stewart Wasmer Garcia

Totals SCORE BY QUARTERS St. Bede Mendota 13 Three-point goals: Mendota - Stewart 1; St. Bede - Gray 1, Smudzinski 1 Ludford 1, Hermes 1

"Middle School Night" set for MHS boys' hoop game

MENDOTA - The Mendota High School basketball program will be holding "Middle School Night" on Friday, Dec. 17, for the game against Bureau Valley. Anybody that plays for the Northbrook or Holy Cross seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball teams will get in free and be recognized at halftime of the varsity game.

Student-athletes should wear their jerseys or shooting shirts representing their school to the game. The sophomore contest starts at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity to follow at 7 p.m.



Mendota's Naitzy Garcia heads to the basket while being guarded by Jaden Hart of St. Bede on Dec. 2 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

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High team game (scratch) Mendota Agri-Products 719, Sports-N-Stuff 663,

Leagal Beagles 621 High team game (hdcp) - Bad Kats 926, Mendota

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Men's high game (scratch) – Tyler Schmitt

267, Ron Westphal 225, Matt Ramer 216 Men's high game (hdcp)

Tyler Schmitt 297, Aaron Holocker 253, Matt Ramer

Men's high series (scratch) – Ron Westphal 663, Tyler Schmitt 635, Matt Ramer 578

Men's high series (hdcp)

 Tyler Schmitt 725, Ron Westphal 720, Paul Ramer

Women's high game (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 211, Gail Sessler 190, Hannah Westphal 175

Women's high game

(hdcp) - Gail Sessler 246, Hannah Westphal 242, Debbie Berger 241 Women's high series

(scratch) - Kassidi Guerrero 582, Jessica Robinson 491, Gail Sessler 475

Women's high series (hdcp) - Debbie Berger 683, Jessica Robinson 680, Kassidi Guerrero 666

SPORTS

Nominations being accepted for Motorsports Hall of Fame

OTTAWA-Nominations are now being accepted for the LaSalle County Motorsports Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Hank Walsh at (779) 213-4473.

Notice of Proposed Tax Increase for Mendota Township High School District #280

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Mendota Township High School District #280 for 2021 will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Mendota High School, 2300 W. Main St, Mendota, IL 61342.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Jeff Prusator, Superintendent, at 815-539-7446.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$4,873,675 plus the amount abated by the taxing district prior to extension.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$5,171,144.

This represents an 6.10% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$360,607.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$362,500. This represents a .52 % increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$5,234,284.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$5,533,644.

This represents a 5.72% increase over the previous year.



Mendota's Karly Reel looks for an opening to get around St. Bede's Grace Maschmann on Dec. 2.

Features to look for when choosing a fitness center

Each January, individuals make New Year's resolutions that focus on getting fit. Soon afterwards, the phones at area gyms start ringing off the hook with men and women looking to become new members. In fact, according to IHRSA, The Global Health & Fitness Association, 12 percent of all new gym memberships begin in January.

Gyms are not one-sizefits-all organizations. Gyms that appeal to some might not appeal to others. The following are some features to consider when looking for a new gym.

• Cost: IHRSA says 46

percent of former gym members claimed the reason they quit was due to cost. Finding an affordable center is a top priority for many people. The good news is many gyms market themselves as low-cost options with low monthly fees with minimal annual add-on costs.

• Specialized programs: Some fitness centers focus on specific workout regimens, such as crossfit facilities. If a certain style of workout is compelling you to get in shape, research gyms that specialize in that program.

• Atmosphere: Two gyms may have the same equipment and group classes but may give off completely different vibes. Individuals should take tours to assess who is visiting the gym and what kind of atmosphere exists inside it. The goal is to find a comfortable, encouraging environment with like-minded people that will keep you going back.

• Hours of operation: A center that has flexible hours is important for people balancing careers, families and school schedules. Ask about the general hours of the gym; when trainers are available; whether certain sections of the gym or amenities close at certain times; and when classes are offered.

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• Guest privileges: Working out with a friend or family member can provide the healthy level of competition needed to keep workouts going. Ask about family mem-

bership discounts as well. Equipment: Equipment is an important consideration as well. Visit each gym you're considering to determine if equipment is modern, well-maintained and clean. Gyms that have several broken down treadmills or outdated strength training equipment may not be worth the membership fee. Determine which equipment is included in the cost of membership as well.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Where has Susan Sarandon been lately? She's my all-time favorite mov-

ie actress. How many Oscars has she won? --S.F.



Sarandon

san Sarandon has not slowed down. She first shot to fame at age 29 in the cult-movie comedy "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." She's no stranger to the Oscars, having been nominated five times before winning in 1996 for her performance as a nun opposite Sean Penn's death row inmate in ''Dead Man Walking.'

In recent years she's played movie star Bette Davis in the Ryan Murphy series "Feud: Bette and Joan," a movie mogul in Showtime's "Ray Donovan" and returned to comedy in the film "A Bad Moms Christmas." Next, she stars in the country-music drama series "Monarch," which premieres Jan. 30 at 10 p.m. ET on Fox.

Q: I make a point to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" ev-

ery December. Did Jimmy Stewart win an Oscar for the role or any other roles? He certainly deserved a whole mantle full. -- **D.J.**

A: With his distinctive voice, Jimmy Stewart was absolutely one of the all-time greats. Born in 1908, he went on to act in 80 films up until 1991. He was nominated five times for Best Actor in a Leading Role, including for "It's a Wonderful Life," but his only win was for "The Philadelphia Story."

"It's a Wonderful Life" was the first film Stewart made after serving as an Air Force pilot during World War II. He was reported to have suffered PTSD, and this certainly made an impact on his emotional performance as George Bailey in the film.

When he returned to acting. Stewart found that Hollywood had moved on without him. He wanted to do a comedy after having endured the trauma of war, but the only role offered was the despondent Bailey in the future Frank Capra classic. Stewart reluctantly agreed, and the rest is history.

Q: I saw a commercial where Will Smith goes on an outdoor adventure around the world. I didn't catch whether he's a character in a movie or what, but it looked so interesting. When does it come out? -- *K.E.*

A: Will Smith does have a new movie out, "King Richard," where he plays the father of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams in a story about their lives, but the commercial you saw is for a limited reality series with Smith as himself. In "Welcome to Earth," he goes on adventures around the world with Oscar-winning filmmaker Darren Aronofsky. Guided by experienced explorers, Smith climbs volcanoes and glaciers, journeys 3,000 feet below the sea, and gets up close and personal with wild creatures. It will be available for streaming beginning Dec. 8 on Disney+.

This year also has been one of reflection for the 53-yearold actor, as he recently published his memoir, "Will," which you can learn more about at WilltheBook.com.

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

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- If you're Leonardo DiCaprio, how do you top starring with Jennifer

Lawrence in Netflix sci-fi drama "Don't Look Up' (due Dec. 24) and with Robert De-



Niro in Martin Scorsese's \$200 million "Killer of the Flower Moon" (for Paramount+ and Apple TV)? Star, produce and play cult leader Jim Jones, who, in Jonestown, Guyana, on Nov. 18, 1978, fatally poisoned 900 followers and himself with cyanide-laced Flavor Aid. DiCaprio turned 47 on Nov. 11, the same age as Jim Jones when he died.

Aaron Sorkin's film about Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, "Being the Ricardos," for Amazon will have the emphasis on drama, not comedy. Oscar-winners Nicole Kidman and Javier Bardem are Lucy and Desi, and it covers Lucy's investigation

by the FBI for registering to vote as a Communist in 1936 (to please her ailing grandfather) and her struggles in convincing CBS to hire Desi as Ricky so she could keep him from gallivanting all over the globe with his band ... and female fans. Oscar-winner J.K. Simmons and Nina Arianda play Fred and Ethel Mertz. The film opens in theaters Dec. 10 and starts streaming Dec. 21 via Prime Video. Next, Kidman reunites with her "Big Little Lies" husband, Alexander Skarsgard, in the historical thriller "The North Man," starring Bjork and Ethan Hawke, out April 8.

Gal Gadot was thrilled when original 1970s TV "Wonder Woman" Lynda Carter, now 70, played Asteria, the greatest Amazon Warrior in Greek mythology. She confessed, "Lynda has mentored me from the first moment I was cast as Wonder Woman. She's a true champion of what I've been doing." Carter will be back for the third edition of "Wonder Woman." Gadot hit screens Nov. 5 in "Red

Couch Theater

Notice," with Ryan Reynolds and Dwayne Johnson, and is upcoming in "Death on the Nile," out Feb. 11.

Here's a new one for you. More than 21,000 fans of the Broadway musical "Wicked" have signed a petition pleading with Universal Studios, which is making the film version, that "James Cordon in no way, shape or form be in or near the production of the movie." Cordon has a way of insinuating himself into movie musicals such as "Into the Woods," "Cats," "Cinderella" (which he also produced) playing a mouse, and Ryan Murphy's film of Broadway's "The Prom," with Meryl Streep. Cordon was singled out in Vanity Fair's review, which said, "Cordon, flitting and lisping around in the most uninspired of caricatures, misses all potential for nuance and thus never finds even a hint of truth in the role." Maybe he should stick to his late-night talk show instead of playing "Cats" and mouse with film audiences! (c) 2021 King Features

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Strange **But True**

By Lucie Winborne

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English law considered bagpipes not as a musical instrument, but a weapon of war, used to "instill courage in soldiers and put the fear of God into the enemy."

* The kitchen dishwasher was invented by a politician's socialite wife who was fed up with servants breaking her expensive dishes. *AuthorRogerHighfield's

1999 book "The Physics of Christmas: From the Aerodynamics of Reindeer to the Thermodynamics of Turkey' detailed a darker side to Rudolph's famously red nose -- not alcoholism, but some kind of parasitic infection.

* A tornado in Oklahoma once ripped a full motel off the ground. Its sign was later found in Arkansas. * Born in 1924, a horse

called Lady Wonder was considered by many to be psychic. Not only did she make predictions and answer questions for over 30 years and more than 150,000 people, she was credited with helping to solve several crimes.

* Chilean poet Pablo Neruda always wrote in green ink, which for him was a color of hope and abundance. * LeBron James's deci-

sion to leave Cleveland to join the Miami Heat was such a shocker that even Osama Bin Laden's translator, who was being held at Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba, wrote about it to his lawyers, declaring that "LeBron James is a very bad man. He should apologize to the city of Cleveland.'

Thought for the Day: Beauty is the moment when time vanishes and eternity arises." -- Amit Rav

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Solution time: 23 mins. **SI9WSUA King** Crossword -

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed legislation that made Christmas a national holiday?

2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of dragonflies

3. MOVIES: Who played the role of Father Chuck O'Malley in "Going My Way"? 4. FOOD & DRINK: In

what year was the famous Toll House chocolate chip cookie first made? 5. LANGUAGE: What is the

the letter M? 6. TELEVISION: What's the name of the mom on "Family

international radio code word for

Guy"?
7. PERSONALITIES: Which famous boxer's nickname is "The Manassa Mauler"?

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8. HISTORY: Over which empire did Genghis Khan rule?

10. MEASUREMENTS: How many milliliters are in

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3. Bing Crosby

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Jack Dempsey

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9. GEOGRAPHY: The Appian Way is an ancient road in

2. A swarm

4. 1938

5. Mike

8. The Mongol Empire

"King Richard" (PG-13) -- Long before Venus and Serena Williams were household names known worldwide, they were just two sisters in a family of seven living in Compton, California. Their father, Richard, was both homeschool teacher and athletic trainer. More importantly, he was the visionary providing the steady push behind the incredible athletes we know today. Will Smith gives a thoughtful performance as the Williams' patriarch, ever focused on paving a path for his daughters to hone their own greatness. Saniyya Sidney as young Venus and Demi Singleton as young Serena are each charming, convincingly athletic and talented at portraying the determined yet humble champions. (HBOMax) "A Very Boy Band Holi-

day!" (NR) -- It's OK if you missed the NKOTBSB tour, or failed to book a cabin on the New Kids Cruise. Because come Dec. 6, (almost) all of your favorite boy banders from the '80s and '90s are in one place at one time for

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an epic boys-travaganza of holiday delight! Dudes from *NSYNC, 98 Degrees, Boyz II Men, New Edition, New Kids on the Block and even O-Town converged to create the ultimate manly song-anddance special to rev up your holiday spirit. After it airs on ABC, it can be viewed the next day on demand and Hulu. (Hulu) "Snoopy Presents: For

Auld Lang Syne" (TV-G) -- Anyone under the age of 55 doesn't know life without the classic "Peanuts" cartoon TV specials. So having a brand-new holiday-themed special is a big happening. The plot of this future classic centers around three story lines: Lucy throwing herself a great New Year's Eve party, Charlie Brown attempting to successfully complete just one of his resolutions from the prior year (good grief!), and everyone being bummed because Grandma could not visit for the holidays. It remains unknown if a tuxedo-donned Snoopy will try to kiss Lucy at the stroke of midnight, but I'm hopeful. Premieres Dec. 10. (Apple TV+)

"Saturday Morning All Star Hits!" (NR) -- This eight-episode Netflix original series is a quirky melding of live action and animation that pays homage to the great cartoons that Gen X and Gen Y grew up watching. The creation of "Saturday Night Live" cast member Kyle Mooney and Ben Jones (of the animation studio Bento Box), this adult series promises to take viewers through the Saturday morning cartoon experience of our youth. Pour yourself a heaping bowl of sugary cereal and plop yourself on the couch ... this feels like a binge-watch selection. Premieres Dec. 10. (Netflix)

"Life Below Zero: Northern Territories" (TV-14) -- The NatGeo series takes viewers to the far reaches of northernmost Canada for a fascinating lesson on how people survive without many of the conveniences most of us couldn't live without for a single day. Sub-Arctic living takes significant heartiness of mind and spirit, and surviving off the grid in such unrelenting conditions is a non-stop effort. (Disney+)

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Turning interruptions into amazing opportunities

Jesus was a master storyteller. Many times when people asked Him questions, He responded with parables to help them understand the point He was trying to make.

For example, in Luke 10:25-28, a lawyer, who is described in The Amplified Bible as "an expert in Mosaic Law," asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" When Jesus asked him what the Law said, the lawyer's response was, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself" (v. 27).

When Jesus told him he was correct, the man then asked, "Who is my

neighbor?" and Jesus responded by telling him the story of The Good Samaritan.

In this parable, we read about a man who was going from Jerusalem to Jericho when he encountered robbers who stripped him and beat him, leaving him half dead. After this, a priest came along, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. Then a Levite (a very religious man) came by and did the same thing.

Verses 33-35 (ESV) say, "But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his

The Mendota Reporter and Mendota Money Saver will

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For the Dec. 20th edition of the Money Saver, the

For the Dec. 22nd edition of the Reporter, the

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own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more vou spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

I love how Jesus said the Samaritan "had compassion" for this man, so he stopped his journey to care for him and then take him to a place where he could safely rest and receive the help he needed until he was better. It wasn't a quick, easy job, either. And this Samaritan was going somewhere, just like the priest and the Levite, but he was willing to be interrupted to take care of someone in need.



Make Allowances for **Divine Interruptions**

We all have moments when something comes along that can interrupt our plan, and sometimes they are "divine interruptions" we should take. We shouldn't be so focused on doing what we want, or planned, to do all the time that we limit God when He wants to use us to help someone else. That's like walking around with a "Do Not Disturb" sign hanging around our necks.

I often hang this sign on my door at hotels when I don't want to be bothered, and that's okay. But it's not okay to have this attitude when God wants to interrupt our plan.

If we're really going to love people the way Jesus loves us—following the example He showed us of how to walk in love—then we can't have a selfish, self-centered mindset that says, "Don't bother me. I don't want you in my space!"

A Day in the Life of Jesus

Matthew chapter 8 gives us some insight about Jesus' life on Earth. Verse 1 says, "When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him" (ESV). Notice that Jesus "came

down from the mountain." He spent time alone with His Father before He went about His day, reaching out to others. If He needed to do this, then we need time alone with God even more! In verse 2, a leper

came to Jesus and asked Him to heal him. "And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I will; be clean.' And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." Jesus made Himself available to people in need as He followed God's plan each day. He was willing to go to people who had needs.

When we see people in need but it's not convenient for us to help them, it's easy to say, "God bless you! I can't stop what I'm doing to help you but I'll pray for you!" And there will be times when distractions and interruptions are not part of God's plan.

But I've found that many times, God wants me to allow Him to change the course of my day so He can use me to bless someone else. It could be a small act of kindness that only takes a few minutes or it could be something that totally changes my day. Either way, when I'm following Jesus, I never have

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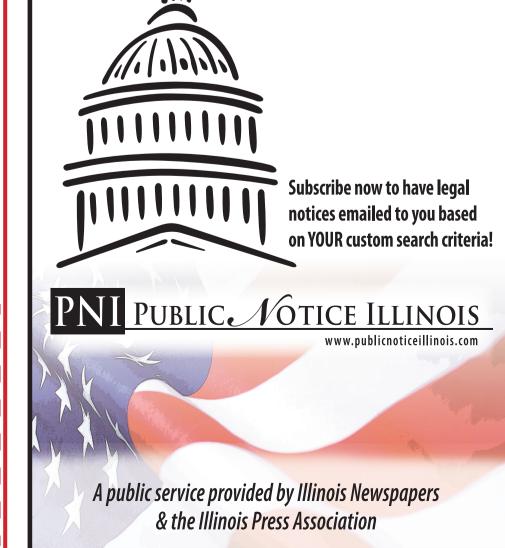
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Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ...?

2. From Matthew 1:18, when

Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers

3. How many times is "nativity" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, I, 2, 7

4. At the birth of Jesus, who was king of Judaea? Solomon, Herod, Balak,

5. What was the home city of Mary and Joseph?

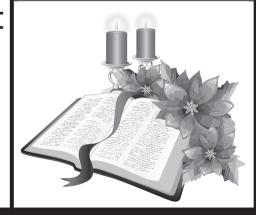
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Capernaum, Nazareth, Aphek, **Shechem** 6. Which of these wasn't a gift

> from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, **Frankincense**



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Funding aimed at recruiting early childhood workforce in Illinois

By KEVIN BESSLER The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD - The state is pouring more money into the early childhood sector in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Human Services announced that \$300 million in new relief grants will be made available to child care providers across the state to help recruit and retain workers. That brings the state's child care pandemic relief grant total to more than \$1

billion since the pandemic began.

To help recruit and retain staff, at least 50% of the grants must be invested in new personnel and workforce initiatives, with a focus on increasing compensation and benefits.

Applications for the newest round of funding are due in early January, with funding beginning to flow in February 2022 ad through January 2023.

The funding will support

child care providers with about \$25,000 per classroom per year, child care group homes with \$15,000 per year, and child care homes with about \$10,000 per year.

Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, said Illinois is spending money on programs like no other state.

"I look around us, whether it is Wisconsin or Indiana or Iowa or where ever, and I don't see what we have here in Illinois," Peters said. "This is an epic level of investment, an epic level of support." Some have questioned

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's power on how to dole out billions of dollars in federal pandemic relief money. His team said federal rules allow the governor to tap into the Illinois American Rescue Plan funds without an appropriation from the General Assembly. During budget talks last spring, Democrats in control in Springfield created a fund to give the governor authority over how to spend the money.



State Rep. LaShawn Ford, D-Chicago, said investment in early childhood programs is crucial because it is important that Illinois children get an early start.

"I always compare it to the housing developers,"

doubt if you don't develop a house right, one day you are going to find out that the house has problems. It is the same thing with child care and the development of a child."

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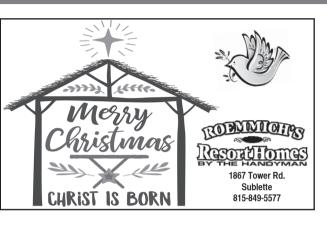
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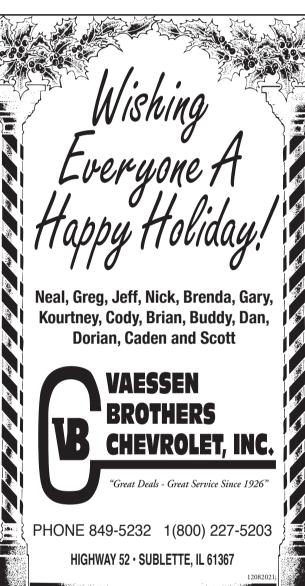


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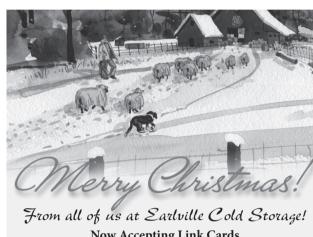
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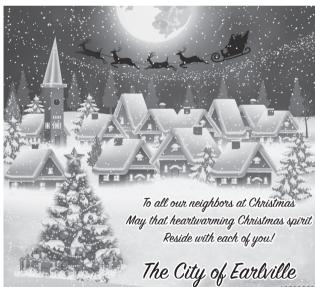


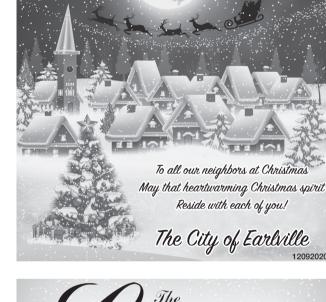




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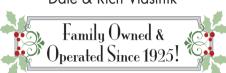




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60804, according to

the Mortgage dated

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Mortgage dated June

16, 2017 and recorded

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Illinois, on June 28,

2018, are the owners

of the timeshare estate

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ALAWSI, 1333 MODAFF RD UNITA1, 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 particularly described as Unit No. 2, Use Period Number(s) 8, Phase 1 ASMAA K I ALAWSI, MUSTAFA ALAWSI, 709 GENEVA AVE, ROMEOVILLE, the Mortgage November 08, 2015 and recorded Phase 2 under COREY File No. 2016 16902, in the Office of the LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 04, 2016, are the owners of the particularly described as Unit No. 2, Use Period Number(s) 8, CATHY L ALLISON-ZEINE, 2208 SAVANNA RD, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61705, according 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 INDIGO AVE, WILD ROMEOVILLE. more 60446, according to 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** BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to July 09, 2018, are the the Mortgage dated November 2016 estate to be foreclosed, and recorded under File No. 2017 20283. in the Office of the 0101, Use Period 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, 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, JOSEPH WILLIAM 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 Phase 1 CHARLES E BLOCK, 60077, according to MELISSA S BLOCK, the Mortgage dated December 19, 2015 2413 and recorded under File LN, PLAINFIELD, IL No. 2016 14581, in the 60586, according to the Mortgage dated DR, MATTESON, IL LAYETTE S HARRIS, December 13, 2015 60443, according to FOUNTAIN, DEMEL GENVENA

September 30, 2016, File No. 20170 3667, are the owners of the in the Office of the timeshare estate to Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 33, Use are the owners of the Period Number(s) 35, timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more BAEZ, particularly described ENRIQUE HERRERA, 3229 N OSAGE AVE. Period Number(s) 13, CHICAGO, IL 60634, Phase 1 CARRETHA BONDS, to Mortgage dated May KEVIN BONDS, **PARIS** LOVETT, under File No. 2017 **HOMAN** 10613, in the Office of AVE, MARKHAM, IL 60428, according the Recorder of Deeds to for LaSalle County, dated recorded under File 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate No. 2017 10910, in the to be foreclosed, more Office of the Recorder particularly described as Unit No. 0113, Use Period Number(s) 20, July 25, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare BARNES, estate to be foreclosed, SARA DAILY, 1227 S 34TH ST, MILWAUKEE, Period WI 53215, according 0136, Use to the Mortgage dated Number(s) 15, Phase 2 **FREDRICK** December 26, 2015 and recorded under BROOKS, File No. 2017 13049, in the Office of the 60640, according to the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, Mortgage dated March on August 25, 2017, are the owners of the 8757, in the Office of timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more the Recorder of Deeds particularly described for LaSalle County, as Unit No. 76, Use Period Number(s) 46, 2018, are the owners Phase 1 of the timeshare estate BARON. **NATASHA** to be foreclosed, more **MICHAEL** SCOTT. particularly described **ELLSWORTH** as Unit No. 69, Use ST, GARY, IN 46404, Period Number(s) 43, according Phase 1 to the Mortgage dated June JALISA BRYANT, 6408 06, 2016 and recorded S KING DR APT 1B. under File No. 2017 CHICAGO, IL 60637, 14592, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Mortgage dated March for LaSalle County, 18. 2016 and recorded Illinois, on September under File No. 2016 21, 2017, are the 15054, in the Office of owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 06, particularly described as Unit No. 2016, are the owners Period Use Number(s) 15, Phase 1 NATASHA BARON. particularly described **MICHAEL** SCOTT. as Unit No. 0062. Use 121 167TH ST APT Period Number(s) 11, CALUMET, 60409, according to the Mortgage dated STAGE RD June 06, 2016 and recorded under File APT 3, LA MIRADA, No. 2017 14592, in the CA 90638, according Office of the Recorder to the Mortgage dated April 09, 2017 and of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on recorded under File No. 2017 18554, in the September 21, 2017, Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more County, Illinois, particularly described November 16, 2017, as Unit No. 0008, Use are the owners of the foreclosed, more DONNA BASS, KEITH BASS JR. MARISSA N BASS, ALICIA D BASS, Period Number(s) 41, 2461 APACHE AVE, Phase 1 SAUK VILLAGE, IL **JAMES** BYRD, 60411, according to the RIVERA, CYNTHIA Mortgage dated May 939 HARRIET AVE, 28, 2017 and recorded AURORA, IL 60505, under File No. 20180 Mortgage dated April 7716, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds 09, 2017 and recorded for LaSalle County, under File No. 2017 Illinois, on June 20, 18554, in the Office of 2018, are the owners the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, of the timeshare estate Illinois, on November to be foreclosed, more particularly described 16. 2017. are the as Unit No. 0375, Use owners of the timeshare Period Number(s) 12, Phase 3 particularly more KENNETH described as Unit BEECHY, TRENIE S BEECHY, PO BOX No. 39, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1 576, TOPEKA, IN MARISOL CALLEROS 46571, according to FAVELA. 4609 the Mortgage dated **HARDING** AVE, April 29, 2016 and CHICAGO, IL 60632, recorded under File according the No. 2017 20306, in the Mortgage Office of the Recorder December 12, 2015 of Deeds for LaSalle and recorded under File No. 20160 8664, County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds are the owners of the timeshare estate to for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 22, be foreclosed, more particularly described 2016, are the owners as Unit No. 20, Use of the timeshare estate Period Number(s) 15, to be foreclosed, more particularly described Phase 1 KENNETH as Unit No. 0438, Use BEECHY, TRENIE S BEECHY, PO BOX Period Number(s) 12, Phase 7 WILLIE J CONNER, 576, TOPEKA, IN 46571, according to the 1113 S SAINT LOUIS Mortgage dated April AVE, CHICAGO, IL 03, 2017 and recorded 60624, according to the under File No. 20180 Mortgage dated May 8099, in the Office of 07, 2016 and recorded the Recorder of Deeds under File No. 2017 15460, in the Office of for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 27, the Recorder of Deeds 2018, are the owners for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more 2017, are the owners particularly described of the timeshare estate as Unit No. 12, Use to be foreclosed, more Period Number(s) 42, particularly described

as Unit No. 0199, Use

COOK,

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as Unit No. 22, Use

Period Number(s) 24,

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JACQUELINE

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Mortgage dated S December 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 13063, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to particularly described as Unit No. 0438, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 7 CHRISTOPHER CULP, VALARIE CULP, 6498 W 1600 S. REMINGTON, IN 47977, according to the Mortgage January 23, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20160 8524, in the Office of the Recorder County, Illinois, on under File No. 20180 June 21, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare described as Unit No. 0415. Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 7 DETRICK L CURTIS, 200 W 75TH AVE, MERRILLVILLE, 46410, according to and recorded 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 particularly described as Unit No. 0086. Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2 **SANDRA** DAVIS-ROSE, 5620 SOHLAVE APT 304, HAMMOND, IN 46320, according to the Mortgage dated No. 20180 8711, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle Illinois, July 03, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, particularly described as Unit No. Number(s) 24, Phase 2 MARIE ANN DUPLESSIS, 8445 CASTLE BURBANK, IL 60459, according to the Mortgage dated October 03, 2016 and No. 2017 19035, in the Office of the Recorder under File No. 20180 of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 29, 2017, are the owners of the particularly described timeshare estate to as Unit No. 39, Use be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 114, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2 JACQUELYN ERICKSON, 1324 N DR, KNOLLWOOD 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 ESPARZA, KAREN 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 LAYETTE FOUNTAIN, DEMEL FOUNTAIN, 8384 S KERFOOT AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Mortgage dated September 16, 2016 and recorded under and recorded under File No. 20180 2487, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 17, 2017, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to Period Number(s) 43, be foreclosed, more

FOUNTAIN, 5135 RACINE, WI 53402, S INGLESIDE CHICAGO. 60615, according to the Mortgage dated and recorded File No. 20180 2487, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 22, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 1 EUGENE FRANKLIN, FELICIA LEWIS, 2726 W FLOURNOY CHICAGO, IL 60612, according to Mortgage dated July 23, 2017 and recorded 8606, 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. 0435. Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 7 RUBY FREEMAN. MERRILL CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Mortgage dated June 12, 2017 and recorded 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, GREGORY FREUND 9710 ARTHUR RD. ALGONQUIN. 60102, according the Mortgage 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 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 Mortgage dated May 07, 2016 and recorded 1538, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds 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 FLORA Q GOMEZ, WILLIAM J PRICE, 622 FREELAND AVE, CALUMET CITY, IL 60409, according to the Mortgage dated September 23, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9407, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 11, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 5, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 1 KAREN L GREEN, 1526 LATHAM ST, ROCKFORD, IL 61103, according to Mortgage dated July 22, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16169, 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. 0426, Use Period Number(s) 32, S Phase 7 **EDDRA** LOUIS HARRINGTON, 303 W 13TH AVE, GARY, IN 46407, according to the Mortgage dated November 16, 2015 File No. 20170 3719, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125. Use

be foreclosed, more according the dated Mortgage 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 CHICAGO, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated January 03, 2016 and Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 09, 2017, are the estate to be foreclosed, particularly described as No. 222, Use Period LUCINDA M HARVILL, LEON K ALTMAN, 5047 E 3000N RD, BOURBONNAIS, 60914, according to the Mortgage dated July 11. 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16221, 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. 19. Use Period Number(s) 35, **SEDRICK** HAYES-FONDER JR, **BRITTANY** MARIE HAYES-FONDER. CHEROKEE **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. 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 **TOMMIF SEDRICK** HAYES-FONDER JR, BRITTANY **MARIE** HAYES-FONDER, 1625 LINCOLN ST, NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064, according to the 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 HOWARD. JOHN **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 JIMMAR, HILARY DWIGHT JIMMAR, CROCKET LN, MARKHAM, IL 60428, according to the Mortgage dated December 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20170 3671, Period Number(s) 13, Recorder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois, for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11, on March 17, 2017, are the owners of the 2017, are the owners of timeshare estate to the timeshare estate

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 Mortgage December and recorded under File No. 20160 8190, in the Office of the Recorder County, Illinois, on June 14, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare described as Unit No. 0065. Number(s) 7, Phase 1 LANGE, **HAMPTON** BETTENDORF. 52722, according to the under File No. 20180 1906, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Illinois, on February 16, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more 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 6971, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 19 of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0113, Use Period Number(s) 22, DANA A YUCUIS 505 WINDHAM TRL CARPENTERSVILLE to the Mortgage dated November 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17439, Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017 timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 24, Use Phase 1 JUAN 405 E CREST AVE, BENSENVILLE, 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, 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 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, described No. 0118, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 ANN MASSARO, DANIEL 10311 ASHLEY ST, HUNTLEY, IL 60142, according Mortgage dated August 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 in the Office of the 15959, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Illinois,

GRADY

Illinois,

FRENCH,

MARKETPLACE

RALLAN.

County,

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LaSalle County, Illinois,

on March 21, 2018,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to

be foreclosed, more

No. 20160 9959, in the

Office of the Recorder

of Deeds for LaSalle

July 12, 2016, are the

County,

Illinois. on

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,

to be foreclosed, more owners of the timeshare particularly described estate to be foreclosed, as Unit No. 158, Use more particularly described as Unit No. Period Number(s) 35, ANGELINA D MEEKS, Number(s) 13, Phase 7 1475 MEMORIAL DR. BHARATI 21340 S CALUMET CITY, IL JEFFREY 60409, according to the DR, MATTESON, IL Mortgage dated July 60443, according to the 17, 2016 and recorded Mortgage dated August under File No. 2017 27. 2017 and recorded 11747, in the Office of under File No. 20180 9200, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, the Recorder of Deeds Illinois, on August 04. for LaSalle Illinois, on July 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate 2018, are the owners to be foreclosed, more of the timeshare estate particularly described to be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 0040, Use particularly described Period Number(s) 46, as Unit No. 0154. Use Phase 1 Period Number(s) 14, SALVADOR MILAN. DAISY L RAMIREZ, MARISELA MILAN, WILLIS AVE, 3656 N OSAGE AVE 233 APT 3, CHICAGO, IL ROCHELLE, IL 61068, according to the 60634, according to the dated Mortgage dated March July 09, 2017 and recorded 19, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 under File No. 2017 1614, in the Office of 12209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 07, Illinois, on August 11, 2017, are the owners 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more to be foreclosed, more particularly described particularly described as Unit No. 0426, Use as Unit No. 0145, Use Period Number(s) 19, Period Number(s) 1, Phase 2 Phase 7 **RAMIREZ** SALVADOR MILAN. MARTIN MARISELA MILAN, PEREZ. 7200 1286 SUNNYMEADE SOUTH SHORE DR DR, ROCHELLE, IL APT B, CHICAGO, IL 60649, according to 61068, according to the Mortgage dated July the Mortgage dated 09, 2017 and recorded January 21, 2016 and under File No. 20180 recorded under File 1614, in the Office of No. 2016 10375, in the the Recorder of Deeds Office of the Recorder County, for LaSalle of Deeds for LaSalle Illinois, Illinois, on February 07, 2018, are the owners July 20, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more estate to be foreclosed, particularly described particularly as Unit No. 0145, Use described as Unit No. Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2 Number(s) 4, Phase 7 KENDRA M MILLER TOMEKA RANDLE. 2712 N MERRIMAC 9002 S HALSTED ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, CHICAGO, according 60639, according to the Mortgage dated March Mortgage dated May 14, 2016 and recorded 07, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 under File No. 2017 12213, in the Office of 11111, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 27, Illinois, on August 11, 2017, are the owners 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more to be foreclosed, more particularly described particularly described as Unit No. 0431. Use as Unit No. 0435. Use Period Number(s) 11, Period Number(s) 45, DARRELL MYRA RICE, LYNNE MOSS JR, SHERRY JONES, 139 E 122ND HONEY MORGAN. CHICAGO, **MISTTOP** 60628, according to LOOP, FAIRBURN, the Mortgage dated GA 30213, according December 17, 2015 to the Mortgage dated and recorded File No. 20170 3679, May 27, 2016 and recorded under File in the Office of the No. 2017 17814, in the Recorder of Deeds for Office of the Recorder LaSalle County, Illinois, of Deeds for LaSalle on March 17, 2017. County, Illinois, on are the owners of the November 03, 2017, timeshare estate to are the owners of the be foreclosed, more particularly described timeshare estate to as Unit No. 0281, Use be foreclosed, more particularly described Period Number(s) 16, as Unit No. 140, Use Phase 4 NATOYA ROBINSON, Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2 144 NEWPORT DR, EUGENE DARRELL BOLINGBROOK. MOSS JR, SHERRY 60440, according to HONEY MORGAN, the Mortgage dated 2130 CUMULUS CT, December 26, 2015 WEST LAFAYETTE, and recorded under File IN 47906, according No. 2017 14636, in the to the Mortgage dated Office of the Recorder May 27, 2016 and of Deeds for LaSalle recorded under File County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, No. 2017 17814, in the Office of the Recorder are the owners of the of Deeds for LaSalle timeshare estate to County, Illinois, be foreclosed, more November 03, 2017, particularly described as Unit No. 208, Use are the owners of the Period Number(s) 22, timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more Phase 4 particularly described NATOYA ROBINSON, as Unit No. 140, Use 144 NEWPORT DR, Period Number(s) 19, BOLINGBROOK, Phase 2 60440, according to the JAMAAL PHILIP Mortgage dated May PALMER, 5734 N COVE 21, 2016 and recorded RD, GAINESVILLE, GA under File No. 2017 30504, according to the 16167, in the Office of Mortgage dated August the Recorder of Deeds 19, 2016 and recorded for LaSalle County, under File No. 20180 Illinois, on October 13, 7514, in the Office of 2017, are the owners the Recorder of Deeds of the timeshare estate for LaSalle County, to be foreclosed, more Illinois, on June 19, particularly described 2018, are the owners as Unit No. 165, Use of the timeshare estate Period Number(s) 38, to be foreclosed, more Phase 1 JUAN M RODRIGUEZ particularly described as Unit No. 67, Use CARMEN M Period Number(s) 41, RODRIGUEZ, N DAVLIN CT FL Phase 1 LEDORA E PATE, CHICAGO, PATE. KEVIN Ν 60618, according to AIMEE N PATE, 15040 the Mortgage dated OAK ST, DOLTON, IL September 01, 2016 60419, according to and recorded under the Mortgage dated File No. 20180 3252, January 16, 2016 and in the Office of the recorded under File Recorder of Deeds for

particularly described are the owners of the as Unit No. 0048. Use timeshare estate to Period Number(s) 38. be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 0004, Use SANCHEZ, ANDRES CHAVEZ-PEREZ. 2538 Phase 1 LARON HATFIELD CT, ELGIN, IL 60123, according to STANDARD, the Mortgage dated July 25, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 NEW ALBANY. IN 12395, in the Office of 47150, according to the the Recorder of Deeds Mortgage dated July for LaSalle County, 11, 2016 and recorded Illinois, on August 15, under File No. 2017 2017, are the owners 16219, in the Office of of the timeshare estate the Recorder of Deeds to be foreclosed, more particularly described Illinois, on October 13, as Unit No. 0160, Use 2017, are the owners Period Number(s) 4, of the timeshare estate Phase 2 **JENNIFER** particularly described **ANDRES** as Unit No. 50, Use CHAVEZ-PEREZ, 1360 BROOK ST. ST Phase 1 CHARLES, IL 60174, MELISHA TOYANNA to Mortgage dated July APT 505, SAINT PAUL, 25, 2016 and recorded MN 55101, according under File No. 2017 to the Mortgage dated 12395, in the Office of January 17, 2017 and the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Office of the Recorder Illinois, on August 15, 2017. are the owners of Deeds for LaSalle of the timeshare estate County, to be foreclosed, more particularly described are the owners of the as Unit No. 0160, Use timeshare estate to Period Number(s) 4, be foreclosed, more Phase 2 SAPP, **BRIARWOOD** JUSTICE, ΙL Phase 2 TIMOTHY A STOKES, 60458, according to dated the Mortgage CIERA K S SMITH, and recorded under File No. 20170 6840, in the 60440, according to Office of the Recorder the Mortgage dated of Deeds for LaSalle Illinois, recorded under File May 18, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare Office of the Recorder estate to be foreclosed, of Deeds for LaSalle County, particularly described as Unit No. Use are the owners of the Number(s) 16, Phase 1 timeshare estate to EDWARD M SCHIED, be foreclosed, more JULIE M SCHIED. 5925 ROB ROY DR, Phase 1 60452, according to the Mortgage dated DELORA 20125 S ROSEWOOD April 30, 2016 and recorded under File DR, FRANKFORT, IL Office of the Recorder the Mortgage of Deeds for LaSalle May 06, 2016 and recorded under File County, Illinois, are the owners of the of Deeds for LaSalle timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more County, Illinois, particularly described September 29, 2017, as Unit No. 0046, Use are the owners of the Period Number(s) 22, timeshare estate to Phase 1 JUSTIN particularly described MARIAH MCCARTY, as Unit No. 0383, Use 1807 CYPRESS DR, Period Number(s) 45, 61821. according to KRYSTLE SUTTON, the Mortgage dated November 06, 2016 and recorded under POPLAR AVE File No. 2017 11886, ZE, ANTIOCH, IL in the Office of the 60002, according to the Recorder of Deeds for Mortgage dated July LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2017, under File No. 20170 are the owners of the timeshare estate to the Recorder of Deeds be foreclosed, more for LaSalle County, particularly described Illinois, on June 09, as Unit No. 210, Use 2017, are the owners Period Number(s) 24, of the timeshare estate Phase 4 SCOTT. JUSTIN particularly described MARIAH MCCARTY, 2608 BROWNFIELD Period Number(s) 26, RD APT 3, URBANA, Phase 1 LEE D THREATT JR. IL 61802, according ADRIENNA THREATT, to the Mortgage dated November 06, 2016 1480 E PECOS RD and recorded under File No. 2017 11886, AZ 85295, according to in the Office of the the Mortgage dated July Recorder of Deeds for 10, 2016 and recorded LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2017, are the owners of the for LaSalle County. timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more Illinois, on June 19, particularly described 2018, are the owners as Unit No. 210, Use of the timeshare estate Period Number(s) 24, to be foreclosed, more Phase 4 BLAIR SMITH as Unit No. 204, Use ERICA SMITH, PO Period Number(s) 20, BOX 123, CRETE, IL LEE D THREATT JR, 60417, according to the Mortgage dated 4308 176TH PLACE, November 09, 2015 and recorded under COUNTRY File No. 2017 15931, in the Office of the according to the Mortgage dated July Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, 10, 2016 and recorded on October 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more for LaSalle County, particularly described Illinois, on June 19, as Unit No. 0004, Use Period Number(s) 3, Phase 1 SMITH III. particularly described BLAIR ERICA SMITH, 232 as Unit No. 204, Use Period Number(s) 20, DENELL DR, CRETE, IL 60417, according CLAUDIA TORRES, to the Mortgage dated

2455, in the Office of Office of the Recorder for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, particularly described Period Number(s) 3, of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 114, Use SWANSHA L SHIRLEY, Period Number(s) 35, 4011KLENER LANE, Phase 2 MELINDA L TORRES. **ANDREI** NEILS TORRES. 7136 S CLEMENT AVE, OAK CREEK, WI 53154, according the Mortgage dated August 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 8537, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds to be foreclosed, more for LaSalle County, 2017, are the owners Period Number(s) 36, of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described STIGLER, 46 4TH ST E as Unit No. 126, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2 TOWNSEND, 4546 HOHMAN AVE recorded under File 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, particularly described on August 31, 2017, as Unit No. 0118, Use are the owners of the timeshare estate to Period Number(s) 20, be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 33. Use Period Number(s) 35, TIA TOWNSEND, 4546 HOHMAN AVE APT October 07, 2016 and 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 County, Illinois, on July 03, 2018. are the owners particularly described of the timeshare estate as Unit No. 0032, Use to be foreclosed, more Period Number(s) 13, particularly described as Unit No. 0403, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 6 BENJAMIN HANNAH 60423, according to dated RENEE ANTKOWSKI, 9507 W FIEBRANTZ MILWAUKEE, WI 53222, according No. 2017 15246, in the Office of the Recorder to the Mortgage dated November 10, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 2480, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for be foreclosed, more LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more ROBYN particularly described as Unit No. 0126, Use JOSHUA 407 Period Number(s) 13, APT RAYMOND VALENTINE JR, 2494 HARD RD, DUBLIN, 04, 2016 and recorded OH 43016, according to the Mortgage dated 8277, in the Office of 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. to be foreclosed, more are the owners of the as Unit No. 53, Use timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0036. Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1 APT 2052, GILBERT, KRAIG VOGT, KARLA VOGT, 210 S PARK KEWANEE. IL 61443, according to under File No. 20180 the Mortgage dated 7564, in the Office of September 24, 2017 the Recorder of Deeds 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 particularly described owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, particularly described as Unit No. 0163, Use Period ADRIENNA THREATT, Number(s) 31. Phase 1 KRAIG VOGT, KARLA **CLUB** VOGT, 210 S PARK ST, KEWANEE, IL 60478, 61443, according to the Mortgage dated September 24, 2017 under File No. 20180 and recorded under File No. 20180 9261, in the 7564, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2018, are the owners July 09, 2018, are the of the timeshare estate owners of the timeshare to be foreclosed, more estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138, Use Period

Illinois, on October 18, the Recorder of Deeds of Deeds for LaSalle 2017, are the owners County, Illinois, on of the timeshare estate July 09, 2018, are the estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0162, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 2 JOHN WASH, **JENNIFER** 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 **JENNIFER** STROWDER, 1051 N MAYFIELD AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60651, according 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 SPRINGFIELD, 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 62707, according to the Mortgage dated June 18, 2016 and recorded 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, ELIZABETH WELLS. 1121 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, ELISE D WEST, KEITH A CAQUELIN. 627 ORLANDO AVE APT 202, NORMAL, 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 D WEST, KEITH A CAQUELIN, 925 W MADISON ST, OTTAWA, IL 61350, according 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

Phase 1

Mortgage dated April

03, 2016 and recorded

under File No. 2017

16543, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County,

an amount equal to

all or a portion of the

amount due under the

mortgage(s) (and thus,

Other terms may be

credit bid).

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

MARCO F TORRES.

CIR, YORKVILLE, IL

60560, according to the

Mortgage dated July

07, 2016 and recorded

under File No. 20180

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to be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 0085, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2 WINTERS, RUBY 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 WINTERS. RUBY WILLIAM WINTERS, 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 WRIGHT, BRITTANY 606 3RD AVE W APT 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 LILAC MUNDELEIN, 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, 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 TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. Purchase price shall be paid in full at the time of sale by cash or certified and immediately available funds. In the event the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the Period Number(s) 30, timeshare estates, the holder of the mortgages REMONA O WILLIAMS, or its authorized agent 11 S SYCAMORE may offset against the LN, GLENWOOD, IL purchase price of the 60425, according to the timeshare estate(s)

By: John Adams Its: Agent No. 1203 (Dec. 8, 15, **PUBLIC NOTICE** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **THIRTEENTH** LASALLE COUNTY OTTAWA, ILLINOIS IN THE Notice efiled

MATTER LOUISE A. SHERIDAN,) Deceased. **CLAIMS NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of LOUISE A. SHERIDAN, of Ottawa, Letters of Office were issued on November 16, 2021 to MARY STERCHI, 406-A 5TH St., Mineral Point, WI 53565, as whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, County 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or representative, both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice Any claim not filed on or before the above stated dates is barred. E-filing documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts. gov/serviceproviders. htm to learn more and provider. If you need additional have trouble e-filing, illinoiscourts.gov/FAZ/ gethelp.asp. Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent YOUNG, Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been with the Clerk of Court. Dated this 17th day of November, 2021. David M. Kaleel Attorney for Executor 806 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342 815-539-5616 kaleel5@frontier.com Greg Vaccaro Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse 119 W. Madison St.. Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 1105 (Nov. 24, Dec. 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

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help

Kent, of Seneca, IL, as

INDEPENDENT REP-

RESENTATIVE, whose

Attorneys of record are

SCHWEICKERT LAW

GROUP, LLC, 2101

MARQUETTE ROAD,

Claims against the es-

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Clerk. Probate Divi-

sion, Downtown Coun-

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wa, IL 61350, or with

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both, within 6 months

from the date of the first

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tice. If the claim notice

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of the above estate,

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in the above entitled

PERU, IL 61354.

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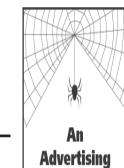
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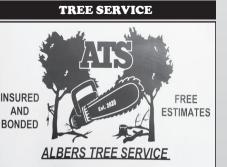
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approximately 6 miles to E. 10th Rd. then north ¼ mile.

Closing: Closing to take place on or before

December 30th, 2021 Sellers: Bauer Family Farm Attorney: Attorney Mark Anderson Anderson Law McConville Realty & Auctioneering Joe McConville 815/910-5673/Marty McConville 815/200-2233 For a complete list of terms, soil maps, aerial photos contact auctioneers or visit our website www mcconvillerealty.com



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