



Tyke Lopez, left, and Jeany Donovan with their dog, Daisy Mae. Lopez and Donovan installed several pet waste stations around the lake area in Mendota in memory of Daisy Mae, who passed away in June. (Photo contributed)

Remembering Daisy Mae

Pet stations installed around lakes in memory of Mendota couple’s dog

By BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

MENDOTA—Several new pet waste stations are in place at Lake Mendota and Lake Kakusha thanks to the efforts of Jeany Donovan and her fiancé Tyke Lopez. The young couple had spent many happy hours playing at the park with their beloved dog, Daisy Mae, but they noticed that people were not very good about picking up after their dogs. After Daisy Mae passed away this year, Donovan knew she wanted to do something special in her dog’s memory and came up with the idea of pet waste stations.

“We talked to the city to see if they would approve and they thought it was a great idea,” Donovan and Lopez said. “They said they had

been thinking about installing pet waste stations but it just hadn’t happened yet.”

After the couple bought the first three stations, their friends and family heard about it and wanted to pitch in as well. “They donated enough money to buy two more,” Lopez noted. “Now there are four at the lake and one at Lake Kakusha.”

The couple explained just how special Daisy Mae was to them. Donovan had received the lab-pit puppy as a 16th birthday present and she quickly became a constant companion. “Her name was Daisy Mae but we called her Moo Moo because she had big cow eyes,” Donovan said.

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A headstone marks the passing of Daisy Mae, the dog who inspired Tyke Lopez and Jeany Donovan to put up pet waste stations around the lake in memory of their dog. (Reporter photo)

Trick or Treat hours scheduled in Mendota

Two opportunities for children to get treat

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council set Trick or Treat hours and approved several requests at its Sept. 7 regular meeting.

There will be two opportunities for children to Trick or Treat in Mendota this year. The first will be on Friday, Oct. 29 from 3-5 p.m. at participating Mendota businesses throughout the community. The second date will be on Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m. Mendota residents who would like to participate in handing out treats to the children should turn on their porch light.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman John Hesserberger presented a request from Aaron Elston to extend a privacy fence six feet past the neighbor’s house at the Elston residence, 400 11th Ave. The request was approved.

During Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick’s report, the council approved a request from Special Olympics to use Lake Mendota for its Polar Plunge event on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022.

Fitzpatrick informed the council of a petition filed by Jim Ambler and Mike Organ for the city to vacate a portion of Third Street between Eighth Avenue and West Seventh Avenue. The area is just north of Organ’s insurance office. A hearing will be conducted to consider the petition, and if approved, the property will revert half and half to the owners on each side.

OTHER ITEMS

A resident from the 1200 block of Jefferson Street asked for the city’s support in trying to control an issue of vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed through the alley behind her property. She said there are children playing and elderly people tending to their lawns and gardens that could be in harm’s way of a speeding vehicle. She informed the council that she has put in make-shift speed bumps to try to inhibit speeding vehicles. Mayor David Boelk said the council will take the matter under advisement.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

New capital program aimed at revitalizing main streets in Illinois

By KEVIN BESSLER
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois has a new economic recovery program aimed at revitalizing commercial corridors that were hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced a \$50 million capitol program designed to spur investments in main street areas statewide. The latest installment of the Rebuild Illinois capitol program will leverage funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to provide grants for construction, repair and modernization of public infrastructure and amenities.

“We are inviting cities, towns, chambers of commerce, private developers just to name a few, to apply for these funds that will revitalize their communities and the local economy,” said DCEO spokesperson Aly Grady.

Projects eligible for the grants must be located in a commercial center or downtown area. They could include roadways, parking and public way improvements, parks and plazas for public use, and transit-oriented development.

Project awards will range from \$250,000 to \$3 million

“We know that more work is needed to restore economic activity to the places hit hardest during the pandemic.”
—Sylvia Garcia, DCEO

in funding. The program incentivizes local match with private businesses or organizations required to provide a minimum 50% match. Public projects will receive higher priority if they include a local match component.

Smaller towns and their businesses in downstate Illinois have been hit hard by the pandemic, and attracting more people to live there will be a challenge in a state that is losing residents. The total population in Illinois is about 12.8 million, a decline of over 18,000 since the last census count. Only two other states, West Virginia and Mississippi, lost residents.

“While Illinois has made significant progress in combatting COVID-19 and reopening our communities, we know that more work is needed to restore economic activity to the places hit hardest during the pandemic,” said DCEO Acting Director Sylvia Garcia.



Oldies but goodies

Classic cars and trucks line Main Street in Sublette during the Sublette Country Car Show on Sept. 11. The show featured Kaiser-Frazer, Hudson-Nash and Willys Overland vehicles, while many more makes and models of cars, trucks and motorcycles were included in the show. Food was available during the five-hour event and a 50/50 drawing was held. Activities continued in Sublette the next day with the Pullin’ in the Park Truck & Tractor Pull, which also included fun and games for children. (Reporter photo)



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Mendota FFA Alumni recognizes State Degree recipients

MENDOTA - The Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters is an organization with the purpose of supporting agricultural education and the Mendota FFA Chapter at Mendota High School. They provide support for student events and competitions, and supplies for activities.

Recently the Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters recognized Mendota High School students Jack Beetz (Class of 2021) and Elizabeth Schillinger (Class of 2022) for earning their State FFA Degrees. Both students were recognized at the 93rd Illinois FFA State Convention, which was held at various locations on different dates throughout the state in June of this year.

Beetz maintained his Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project records on his work for the family farming operations, Sam Beetz & Sons. Schillinger's SAE project involved growing, harvesting, and marketing various fall produce products such as pumpkins, Indian corn, squash, and gourds.



Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters officers congratulated State FFA Degree recipients at Mendota High School's Waldorf Agriculture Education Center. Left to right, are Steve Newcomer (Alumni secretary); Cory Biers (Alumni treasurer); Jack Beetz (Class of 2021); Elizabeth Schillinger (Class of 2022); Megan Faber (Alumni vice president); and Brian Atherton (Alumni president). (Photo contributed)

In addition to meeting the requirement with their SAE projects, both students demonstrated a knowledge and understanding of both the FFA organization and Parliamentary Procedure as well as logging the necessary community service hours to earn their degrees. Each student was presented with an endowment of \$500 from the Mendota FFA Alumni &

Supporters.

The Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters meets the second Monday of the month from November to April in the Mendota High School agriculture classroom (404). Anyone is welcome to attend and join the group regardless of whether they were a member of the FFA as a student or not.

For more information

about the Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters or to learn more about the National FFA Organization, high school agricultural education, or Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs at Mendota High School, please contact Matt Meyer by e-mail at mmeyer@mendotahs.org or phone (815) 539-7446, ext. 534.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

SNHU president's list

MANCHESTER, N.H. - Garret Patti of Compton has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

We have completed our second full week of school. It's been a very smooth start to the year. The students are making new friends, meeting staff, learning rules and practicing procedures. It's great to have everyone back in the building and ready to have a fantastic year!

We have three new staff members at Blackstone this year: Shannon Baker (Paraprofessional), Shannon Nichols (Paraprofessional) and Anna Hernandez (Paraprofessional). Sylvia Orvis (Health Aide) will be joining us soon. Welcome new staff members! They are off to a great start and are already a part of our Blackstone family.

I will again keep our school's webpage updated throughout the year with important dates, information and events at Blackstone. The district website is www.mendota289.org. Please take time to check out the district, Blackstone and teacher webpages to keep up to date on what is going on in school.

The Mendota Fire Department assisted us with a mandated fire drill on Aug. 31. The students and staff did a great job of evacuating the building and following the procedures for the fire drill. Thank you to Dennis Rutishauser and the Mendota Fire Department for assisting us.

We are very excited to offer 5 B's BBQ fundraiser this year! 5 B's offers delicious pork chops, grilled chicken, or a combination of both. Each meal costs \$14 and includes applesauce, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls and butter. Ask around, anyone who has eaten 5 B's will tell you how wonderful it is! This dinner will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Order forms have gone home with all students and are also available on the Blackstone webpage. Please carefully fill out all of the information and return the order form with a check payable to Mendota District #289 no later than Friday, Sept. 17. You can drop your order form off at any of the three schools. We appreciate your support with this fundraiser as we will use the profit to continue to support students, classroom activities and fun school programs for all of our students!

Starting this past week, we began our Principal's Award program. Teachers will nominate one student from their class who is deserving of the Principal's Award each week. This student can earn this achievement by making good choices, being a great friend and working to the best of their ability.

The students nominated for this week's Principal's Award include Cameron Saunders, Liam Benenhaley, Valeria Gomez, Mateo Gonzalez, Isabel Reyes, Nayeli Carbajal, Brynlee Carden and Gwen Pecher. The winners were Koreeann Riniker, Jonah Randolph, Raelynn Albers and Julian Rojas. Congratulations to all of you!

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Celebrating 50 years at Woodhaven Lakes

SUBLETTE - The Sublette community recognized the 50th anniversary of Woodhaven Lakes on Sept. 4 by serving birthday cupcakes at the campground to thank Woodhaven campers and staff for supporting Sublette over the years.

The celebration was sponsored by the Sublette Business Association, the Village of Sublette, Woodhaven Realty and the Woodhaven Association.

Cupcakes were baked by Local Cup and Cake, served by Kim Leffelman and Laura Jackson. Other Sublette business people were on hand to greet Woodhaven guests.



Kim Leffelman, left, and Laura Jackson served cupcakes that were baked by Local Cup and Cake in Sublette at the 50th anniversary recognition of Woodhaven Lakes on Sept. 4. (Photo contributed)

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Accepting a clothing donation are, left to right, Debbie Ward of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, Fran Piper, Carol Vaessen, Marilyn Weeks and Marilyn Blaine of St. Patrick's sewing group, and Joyce Peterson of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. (Photo contributed)

Group sews dresses and shorts for Christmas boxes

MAYTOWN - The sewing group from St. Patrick's Parish of Maytown recently met with Debbie Ward and Joyce Peterson, representatives from Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, to donate clothing for their Christmas program.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child had requested donations of dresses and shorts for the Christmas boxes, which are sent to children in need around the world.

The Maytown sewing group was able to donate 50 dresses and 37 pairs of shorts at this time.

St. Patrick's sewing group meets weekly at the parish hall for sewing and fellowship. Since being established in 2011, the group with the help of others has made 5,600 dresses and hundreds of shorts.

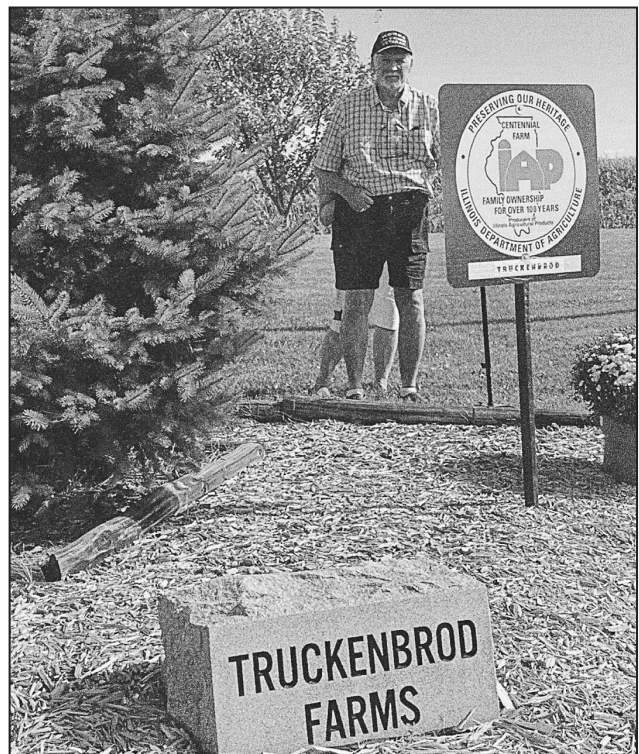
Please feel free to contact Marilyn Weeks at (815) 638-2202 for more information.

Truckenbrod Farm marks 100 years

SUBLETTE - Larry Truckenbrod is happy to announce that his Sublette Farm became a Centennial Farm this year. The farm was purchased by Larry's grandfather, John Truckenbrod on Feb. 21, 1921 and it then passed to Larry's dad, Norvel Truckenbrod. After Norvel's death, the farm went into a trust for brothers, Larry, Stan and Sid.

Larry purchased the farm from his brothers and in 2007, he built a new home on the family farm where he resides today. The only original building still standing is an old tool shed and most of the original trees were damaged over the years, so Larry planted several new ones.

Larry relates the story of a mishap that occurred when he was 3 years old and fell into the farm well. Larry's father rescued him with a ladder but when they reached the top, Larry slipped out of his father's hands and fell back into the well. His mother, who was pregnant with their second child, Alice dropped to her knees and prayed. The



second rescue attempt was successful and Larry only sustained a lump on his jaw. It was deemed a miracle that such a small child could keep floating in 12 feet of water.

Larry's farm received recognition this year during

the Illinois State Fair when his name and those of all of the farms that acquired Centennial status this year were read to commemorate this milestone. Larry also received a sign for his yard and a certificate.

BPW scholarship offered

MENDOTA - The Mendota Business and Professional Women's group is offering a \$500 scholarship to a woman who is furthering her college education.

Applications are available on the BPW Facebook page, by e-mailing athertonj64@gmail.com, or contact the Mendota Chamber of Commerce office for a paper copy.

The deadline for all submissions is Oct. 1, either by e-mail or regular mail. The scholarship recipient will be chosen on the basis of academic promise, community involvement and financial need.

Please contact Jeri Atherton via e-mail if additional information is needed.

Central Bank's Hessenberger graduates from banking school

PERU - Rick R. Clary, Community Bank President, announces the graduation of Linda Hessenberger from the Graduate School of Banking for Central Bank Illinois.



Hessenberger

Linda Hessenberger of Mendota was awarded a diploma on Aug. 13 at commencement exercises during the 76th annual session of the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Hessenberger also received a Certificate of Executive Leadership from the Wisconsin School of Business Center

for Professional and Executive Development for completing the rigorous GSB leadership curriculum.

The school, sponsored by state bankers' associations from across the central United States, as well as the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was established in 1945 to provide bankers with an opportunity for advanced study and research in banking, economics and leadership. Instruction at the Graduate School of Banking takes place during two-week sessions for three consecutive summers, along with comprehensive study between summer resident sessions. The curriculum focuses on the management of strategic issues faced by banking executives and financial services industry professionals. The Graduate School of Banking enrolls approximately 600 U.S. and international

professionals each year. More than 85 esteemed academicians, economists, government officials and industry professionals comprise the school's faculty.

Clary stated, "Linda is a key part of our management team in our Peru market. This education will enhance her and the bank's ability to serve our customers."

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CARL'S QUIZ

The word 'deadline' originated during what war?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The loganberry is a hybrid of the North American blackberry and the European raspberry. The fruit resembles the blackberry but is dark red in color. Loganberries were an accident of berry breeding in 1881 by a Santa Cruz, Calif. judge and horticulturist, James Harvey Logan for whom they are named.

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

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Mendota Weather

Sept. 15, 2021

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 80 Low: 56

Thursday
Sunny
High: 84 Low: 64

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 85 Low: 65

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 86 Low: 66

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High: 88 Low: 69

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 87 Low: 67

Tuesday
Sunny
High: 85 Low: 66

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 80°, humidity of 49%. East wind 3 to 6 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 92° set in 1971. Expect clear skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 56°. East wind 5 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 32° set in 2007. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high of 84°, humidity of 54%.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	80/57	pc	83/64	s
Champaign	80/60	t	84/64	s
Chicago	76/63	sh	81/68	s
Freeport	78/53	s	83/62	s
Joliet	80/57	sh	84/64	s
Moline	80/57	s	84/65	s
Peoria	80/60	t	84/65	s
Rockford	79/54	s	84/63	s
Springfield	81/62	t	85/66	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall	Normal rainfall	Departure
Monday	85	60	77/55	0.00"	0.05"	0.05"	-0.05"
Tuesday	91	61	77/54	0.05"	0.05"	0.05"	0.00"
Wednesday	80	55	76/54	0.00"	0.05"	0.05"	-0.05"
Thursday	78	54	76/53	0.00"	0.05"	0.05"	-0.05"
Friday	81	55	76/53	0.00"	0.05"	0.05"	-0.05"
Saturday	86	63	75/53	0.00"	0.05"	0.05"	-0.05"
Sunday	89	72	75/52	0.00"	0.05"	0.05"	-0.05"

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Wednesday	6:37 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	4:24 p.m.	12:21 a.m.	New 10/6
Thursday	6:38 a.m.	7:03 p.m.	5:13 p.m.	1:26 a.m.	
Friday	6:39 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	5:52 p.m.	2:36 a.m.	
Saturday	6:40 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	6:24 p.m.	3:47 a.m.	
Sunday	6:41 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	6:51 p.m.	4:57 a.m.	
Monday	6:42 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	6:05 a.m.	First 10/12
Tuesday	6:43 a.m.	6:54 p.m.	7:37 p.m.	7:10 a.m.	

Local UV Index

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

UV Index

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

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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 88 in Washington, D.C. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in East Dublin, Ga. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 96 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 83 in Sheridan, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 108 in Bullhead City, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

How far can dust storms travel?

Answer: They have been known to travel across entire oceans.

Weather History

Sept. 15, 1752 - A great hurricane produced a tide along the South Carolina coast that came close to inundating downtown Charleston. However, just before the tide reached the city, a shift in the wind caused the water level to drop five feet in 10 minutes.

Sept. 16, 1989 - Showers and thunderstorms, representing what remained of Hurricane Octave, brought locally heavy rains to California, impeding the drying process for raisins and other crops. Sacramento, Calif. was soaked with 1.53 inches of rain in six hours.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Kenneth R. Purvis

SUBLETTE - Kenneth R. Purvis, 76, of Sublette, passed away Sept. 9, 2021 at Rochelle Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 15 at First United Methodist Church, Mendota with Pastor Mary Bohall officiating. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Cremation rites were accorded after the funeral and private family burial will be held at a later date at Restland Cemetery, Mendota.

Kenny was born June 16, 1945 in Mendota to Clarence and Beulah Purvis. He married his first wife, Janis Tuttle, on April 30, 1967. Kenny married his current wife, Barbi Brunner, on June 6, 1987.

Survivors include his wife, Barbi; four children, Janelle (Mike) Theisen of Sandwich, Amy Purvis of Bastrop, Texas, Julie (Brian) Greenberg of Phoenix, Ariz. and Kim Cleary of Paw Paw; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one sister, Colleen (Denny) Hagemann; and a sister-in-law, Linda Purvis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Roger Purvis; a niece Lynette Purvis; a nephew, Jerry Hagemann; and one grandson, Jimmy Cleary.

Kenny grew up in LaMoille and graduated from LaMoille High School and then attended college in St. Louis. He worked at Hart Carter in Mendota and later opened his own business, Cuke Inc. He designed and patented the cucumber harvester and performed welding and fabrication for 31 years. He was very active in supporting his community as a lifetime member of the Mendota Elks, Moose and VFW clubs. He was the founding member of the Mendota Optimist Club. Kenny was also a 54-year director of the Tri-County Fair as well as the chairman of the Truck and Tractor Pulls. He was awarded an Excellence of Service award by the Illinois Department of Agriculture in 2017 for his involvement with the fair association. He was inducted into the LaSalle County Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2014. He and his wife, Barbi were also awarded the HD Hume award for outstanding service in 2015. In addition to his community and civic organizations, Kenny was an avid Nascar fan and enjoyed camping at their second home at Mendota Hills Campground. He was a master of the grill and could often be found serving up sweet corn or sandwiches as part of his community organizations or with his own business, Barbi and Ken's concessions. Kenny, along with his wife Barbi, also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending their various sporting events and activities throughout the years.

Memorials can be made in Kenny's honor for the family to choose a benefactor. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Raymond L. Edwards

COMPTON - Raymond L. Edwards, 83, was called to be with the angels on Aug. 10, 2021 in Grants Pass, Ore.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 24 at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Compton with Rev. Jeff Schlesinger officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Ray was born Dec. 22, 1937 in Rockford to Eldon and Velma Edwards. He married Karen Schroeder. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include four children, Steven Edwards, Peter (Penny) Edwards and



Jose Guadalupe Perez

MENDOTA - Jose Guadalupe Perez, 49 years young, passed on to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on Sept. 5, 2021.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony was held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 11 at Christ Church, Mendota followed by refreshments. Those attending were strongly encouraged to wear a mask due to COVID-19. A Zoom link was also shared for those unable to attend. Merritt Funeral Home assisted the family.

Survivors include his wife, Lupe; three children, Eduardo, Esmeralda and Isaiah; and eight siblings, Guille, Antonio, Juan, Alex, Daniel, Hernan, Esmeralda and Maria.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose G. Perez and Maria Del Refugio Diaz, and a stillborn daughter, Valerie Perez.

Jose was a natural born leader. From the start he was a good man with good intentions, but by his mid/late 20s he had already suffered the loss of his father and a miscarriage with his wife, Lupe. In some ways, he was a bit lost but shortly thereafter, he and his wife welcomed their firstborn son, Eddie, into the world. Around the same time, they both came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior and be saved by the Grace of the Lord. Once Jose's journey with Christ began, his love and guidance was available to anyone who was open to receive it. Along the way he led many people to Christ. He was a true and proud servant of the Lord and his home was always open to those who needed support. Many knew him and continued to refer to him as "Coach." He loved soccer and coached his first son and daughter's teams from their first soccer games and throughout the off-seasons of their high school careers. He taught life lessons to many of his students through the game and provided unconditional support to those he coached. There were not many people he encountered who did not walk away with positive thoughts and since his passing, many have come to his family and flooded them with the sincere memories and thoughts of the great man that Jose was. For that, the family is forever grateful.

Knowing him meant knowing what it was to be a loving son, brother, husband, father, friend and leader. Jose dedicated his life to those he loved, especially his wife and children. He will forever be in their hearts and be greatly missed. His wife, children, siblings and their children, along with countless more have all felt the grace of the Lord through Jose. As his heart beat its last beats, he was surrounded by many people who loved him. In a room full of people who Jose had led to Christ, they guided him gracefully into the Lord's hands. He will be remembered, missed and loved forever and always.

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



Joan J. (Maurer) Eiberger

MENDOTA - Joan J. (Maurer) Eiberger, 87, of Peru passed away peacefully on Sept. 10, 2021 at Heritage Healthcare in Mendota.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 14 at St. Patrick's Church in LaSalle with Rev. J.A. Small officiating. Visitation was prior to Mass from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church on Sept. 14. Hurst Funeral Home in LaSalle assisted the family with arrangements.

Joanie was born Feb. 4, 1934 in LaSalle to Leo and Veronica (Jesiowski) Trempalla. She married Richard Maurer and then married Eldon Eiberger.

Survivors include by one son, Mark (Karen) Maurer of Peru; one daughter, Sharon (Paul) Henry of Mendota; four grandchildren, Mark Maurer Jr., James (Kim) Maurer, Lisa (Craig) Znaniecki, and Erica Henry; four great-grandchildren, Logan and Leah Maurer and Carter and Raegan Znaniecki.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldon Eiberger; her parents; and one brother, Donald Trempalla.

Joanie graduated from St. Patrick's School in LaSalle, St. Joseph's Commercial School, and later in life earned an Associate's degree from IVCC. She worked at Westclox, EUC, Holiday Inn, Sam's Steakhouse, Illinois Secretary of State, and retired with the Federal Court of Appeals Social Security division at the tender age of 77. She had a lifetime of various personal accomplishments which included her love of singing. She performed at church services and various functions. Later, she became active in theatre where she performed in many productions. She was named by the NewsTribune "Woman of the Year" for her leadership role in the Annual Style Show put on by the Civic Women's Club. She and her husband also made a yearly trip with baked goodies to the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Her family was her source of happiness and pride.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue or the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.hurstfuneralhomes.com.

Norma L. Kessinger

MENDOTA - Norma Lee (Dutton) Kessinger, 87, of Mendota passed away Sept. 7, 2021 at Stonecroft Village Retirement Community, Mendota.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 10 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Ken Foster officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the funeral home.

Norma was born May 23, 1934 in Woodland Township to Eldon and Garnet (Husted) Dutton. She married Richard "Dick" Kessinger on March 4, 1955 in Alexis. He preceded her in death in 2004.

Survivors include three daughters, Jackie (Jeff) Zinke of West Brooklyn, Linda (Steve) Zuber of LaMoille and Wanda (David) Mauch of Mendota; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; one sister, Patricia "Patsy" (Larry) Castor of Aledo; one brother, David (Linda) Dutton of Alexis; and a sister-in-law, Ruth Ann "Oliver" Dutton of Aledo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two brothers, Phillip Dutton and Carol Dutton.

Norma was a 1952 graduate of Little York High School and 1966 graduate of LaSalle School of Beauty. She operated Norma's Beauty Shop from their home in Compton and then from their home in Mendota until her retirement in 2009. She was a member of Compton United Methodist Church for over 50 years serving on the board as well as WSCS and was a Sunday school teacher. She was most recently a member of LIFE Connections in Mendota for eight years.

Memorials may be directed to Graves-Hume Public Library or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Nancy A. Stevens

MENDOTA - Nancy A. Stevens, 82, of Mendota passed away Sept. 9, 2021 at her home.

Celebration of Life visitation was held from 10-11:30 a.m. on Sept. 15 at Wasmer Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded and a memorial inurnment was at Wisner Cemetery.

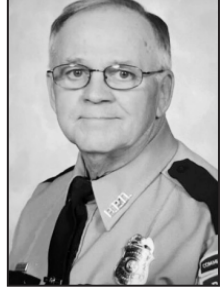
Nancy was born March 3, 1939 in LaSalle to Nicholas and Lucille (McDowell) Christman. She married Robert Stevens on Aug. 2, 1969 in Ottawa. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 2019.

She will be deeply missed by two sons, Bill (Jamie) of Peru and Mike (Angie Needs) Stevens of Mendota; three daughters, Dessa (Bill) Keigley of Mendota, Shelli (Bryan) Henderson of Mendota and Donna Stevens of Mendota; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one granddaughter, Destiny Kerchner; and two brothers, Albert Christman and Craig Christman.

Nancy worked in assembly and as a riveter for Hart-Carter for many years and was an aide working in home health until her retirement.

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



Dena (Wayne) Wenger, all of Rockford and Monica Edwards of Peru; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Schroeder of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Ray worked at Borg-Warner and Ingersoll in Rockford. Before retiring, he enjoyed his time as a Community Service Officer with the Belvidere Police Department.

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

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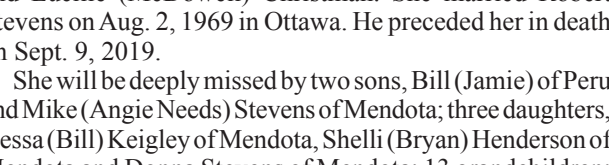
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Pet

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As a puppy, Donovan had her hands full with Daisy Mae calling her a “terror.” But over time, she grew to be a great dog who loved to run and play and also loved wearing accessories, everything from colorful bandanas to coats in the winter. She also enjoyed her special treats including an occasional sundae from McDonald’s. “We had to watch her diet but once in awhile, we would let her have a sundae,” Donovan said. “After awhile the employees at the drive-through knew us so well, they just knew not to give us a spoon because the sundae was for the dog.”

But life was not all fun and games for Daisy Mae who developed an array of medical problems over the years. Donovan said there was everything from allergies to rashes and then in 2016, Daisy Mae went blind. Two different veterinarians told the couple it was SARDS (Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome), a disease in dogs that causes sudden blindness and there was nothing they could do. But the couple persisted and took her to an eye doctor for animals in Wheeling. That doctor determined that the blindness was not caused by SARDS but by an autoimmune disease, which was treatable.

“We put her on medication and she got her vision back in a month, but she still had the autoimmune disease,” Donovan said. “We took her to numerous vets over the years. We drove for hours and even went to the University of Illinois a couple times. We took her everywhere we could to keep her healthy.”

But during a regular check up about a year and a half before Daisy Mae died, the vet felt a lump in the dog’s neck and thought it was just a fatty tumor. When the lump kept growing, more tests were done and it turned out to be thyroid cancer. It was too late to operate because the lump had grown too big. Being a large dog that weighed in at 83 pounds, it would have been hard to notice a lump in the very early stages when an operation may have been possible.

“We took her to the U of I again, we were willing to do anything,” Donovan said. “They said they could put her on an expensive chemotherapy pill but she would have to stay there for several days for each treatment. But she had separation anxiety and I knew she couldn’t be away from me that long. She went everywhere with us - even slept with us and had her own pillow right by ours.”

As the illness progressed, Daisy Mae got weaker and eventually stopped eating. After talking to their vet, the couple finally decided that it was time to let her go. “That was so difficult,” Donovan said. “I had her for 11 years, one month and one day and we would have done anything for her.”

Near one of the pet waste stations at Lake Mendota, there is a memorial stone with Daisy Mae’s picture on it surrounded by a flower bed. “We go and water the flowers and some of the neighbors also water them,” the couple said. “We knew when she got sick that we wanted her memory to live on and we thought that if people took a little time to pick up after their animals, the park would be a much nicer place. We also have bags at the stations so there is no reason not to pick up after them. We’re just glad to see that people are using them now.”

Donovan said they really appreciated the city allowing them to do this in memory of Daisy Mae. “If they had said no, we wouldn’t have been able to honor her this way. It was awesome.”



New trustee Bill Hunt speaks with fellow board member Jane Goetz before the Sept. 9 meeting. (Photo contributed)

Former Mendota resident Hunt appointed to IVCC Board

OGLESBY – Newly appointed trustee Bill Hunt of Oglesby was welcomed by the Illinois Valley Community College board on Sept. 9.

Hunt was appointed at a special meeting a week earlier to fill a nearly two-year vacancy created by the July 8 resignation of trustee David Mallery. Hunt is a former 12-year Mendota City Council member. His term runs through the April 2023 consolidated election.

In other business, trustees approved:

- Treasurer’s bond insurance for controller Kathy Ross from R. J. Galla for three years for \$29,744.

- A five-month contract extension for digital marketing with Cumulus Media Chicago for \$20,000. Cumulus has driven enrollment via digital display banners, pre-roll video, social media placements and streaming audio.

- The appointment of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Bonnie Campbell as Interim Dean of Nursing Programs.

Trustees learned:

- 167 summer graduates earned 187 degrees and certificates compared to 132 graduates earning 142 degrees and certificates last summer.

- Brittany Pierski was hired as third shift custodian.

- Resignations were received from payroll and benefits coordinator Tracy Schwemlein, accounting clerk Shante Avila, Learning Resources specialist Katie Pratt, part-time Adult Education instructor Zachary Zrust and assistant women’s soccer coach Jerry Ellerbrock. In her resignation letter, Avila said, “I have basically grown up at IVCC during my 15 years and I’m not just leaving co-workers but people who have become my family.”

- A \$150,000 Capital Development Board appropriation for the Community Technology Center will be used for LED lighting in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

- Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEERF) funds will be used to expand the number of LED TVs for college communications across campus and Ottawa Center. In addition, HEERF dollars will replace the digital welcome sign at the intersection of Orlando Smith Road and County Highway 23 (Oglesby spur).

- This fall, IVCC will change its 403(b) third party administrator to Omni/TSA Services.

- IVCC’s home baseball field is now Veteran’s Park in Peru, home of the Prospect

League’s Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp. Annual fees in the five-year agreement range from \$2,650 in year one to \$2,982 in year five.

- The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) will release its Economic Impact Study of Community Colleges Sept. 29 focusing on the overall system and each individual college.

- Gov. JB Pritzker’s executive order requires higher education personnel and students receive their first COVID-19 vaccination by Sept. 19 or submit to weekly testing. “Getting a program like this up and running with accountability measures has been daunting,” IVCC President Jerry Corcoran said, adding, “our friends at ICCB, counterparts at other community colleges, university partners and our staff have come together to make it happen and I’m proud of the results.”

- The IVCC Foundation’s 21st Century Scholars Society dinner will be replaced with a virtual ceremony honoring four finalists, four merit winners and the Society’s 39 members.

- College personnel met with Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) representatives to discuss the status of the current dental assisting program and hear about plans for launching a dental hygiene program in fall 2023.

- IVCC has submitted its “Assurance Argument” to maintain accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission. “The HLC team reviewing our report offered feedback one week ago ... then followed up with a phone call saying overall IVCC is doing fine work and has much to be proud of,” Corcoran noted.

- IVCC is working with Heartland, Richland, Parkland, Illinois Central and Lincoln Land to market central Illinois “to employers who need what we can deliver” in terms of career and technical training, Corcoran said.

- English instructor Delores Robinson shared a “Spotlight on the Classroom” during public comment. “The pandemic has brought about a sea-change in educational environments. IVCC’s Educational Technologists train faculty on some of the most innovative ways to continue to deliver content while accommodating students’ schedules and home lives,” she said. Robinson then described the “HyFlex” teaching format several faculty are using successfully.

IVCC to host events for Hispanic Heritage Month

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College is hosting several events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

The kickoff event features the Hispanic Leadership Team Focus Group topic “Latinos in the Illinois Valley – Culture and Customs” at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 in Room C316.

Immigration attorney Sara Dady presents “Immigration Update” at noon Wednesday, Sept. 29 in Room C316.

In the culminating event, the Mexican Folkloric Dance group “De Colores” returns to IVCC to present traditional folkloric dances at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

Sponsored by the Hispanic Leadership Team Diversity Team and the Hispanic Partnership Council, these events are free and food and refreshments will be provided. For information, contact Sara Escatel at (815) 224-0355.

Biden’s vaccine mandate brings challenges for Illinois job creators

By GREG BISHOP
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – A leading small business group in Illinois said President Joe Biden’s mandate to require COVID-19 vaccination or regular testing will be costly and burdensome, compounding ongoing labor problems.

Last week, Biden announced vaccine mandates for federal workers. He also said private businesses with more than 100 employees must require the vaccine.

Conveying the National Federation of Independent Business’ reaction, NFIB state Director Mark Grant said the organization continues to review the impacts, including requiring private employers to give paid time off for those getting the vaccine.

“The businesses that could be subject to the costly and burdensome [mandates] include many small businesses the president’s plan noted ‘create two-thirds of net new jobs and employ nearly half of America’s private workforce,’” Grant said.

This will add to the ongoing challenges amid the pandemic.

“Small businesses face daily challenges from pandemic requirements, locating qualified workers, rampant inflation and supply chain

disruption,” Grant said.

Illinois Chamber of Commerce CEO Todd Maisch told ABC 7 in Chicago it’s already difficult for job creators to find employees, and Biden’s mandate could make that worse.

Grant said requiring businesses to test regularly for those that don’t get the vaccine and providing paid time off for those that do get the shot will cost.

“Additional mandates, enforcement and penalties will continue to further threaten small business recovery,” Grant said.

U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, D-Naperville, said in a statement people are ready to put the pandemic behind them, but he said that can only happen with unvaccinated people “take responsibility and do the right thing to protect themselves, their families and their communities.”

“I fully support President Biden’s decision to require vaccination for federal workers and federal contractors, as well as mandating businesses with more than 100 employees ensure their workforce is fully vaccinated or institute weekly testing requirements,” Foster said.

“They are our way out of this pandemic,” Foster said.

Lawsuits against Biden’s mandate are expected.

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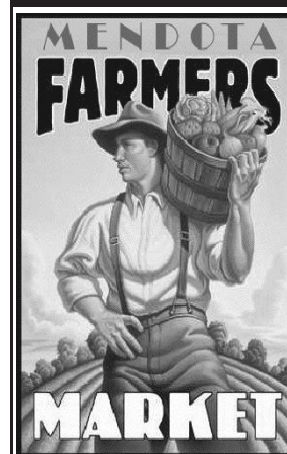


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The great worker shortage

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Leann Fox would seem to have most everything a small business owner would want: loyal customers, an established location and a recognized brand.

But one thing the owner of Leann’s Parkway Café doesn’t have enough of is employees.

“We’ve had to temporarily close because we just haven’t been able to hire enough people. I’m eager to open up soon. But I just can’t find enough workers,” she told me.

Now, before you write off Fox as an upstart naïve in the ways of business or someone unwilling to pay enough to attract good employees, it’s worth noting she has owned and operated her popular café on Springfield’s north side for 28 years and she offers competitive pay and benefits.

Unfortunately, her story is not a unique one. Throughout, Illinois, “Help Wanted” signs adorn stores, restaurants and other enterprises.

Some businesses have curtailed services and hours. For example, Panera Bread on Springfield’s west side has shut down its drive thru because it lacked sufficient employees to staff it along with its dining room. Retailers such as the Dollar General in Riverton have cut back hours because they don’t have enough employees to fill their schedule.

Fox said she chose to temporarily close her business over the summer because she believes it would have hurt it more in the long-run to have kept the doors open.

“When people have a bad experience at a restaurant, they remember it. If I don’t have enough waitresses, cooks and dishwashers to do a good job, I wouldn’t want my customers to have to deal with it. Because they would remember it – and not come back.”

Despite not having any revenue coming in, Fox has continued to pay her employees during the past three months.

“I pay them \$20 an hour for the average number of hours they worked each week before the pandemic,” she said. “I don’t want them to suffer while we’re shut down – and I also don’t want to lose them. They’re good workers and I want them to come back when we reopen.”

She had hoped to reopen on Aug. 28. Fox had scheduled 17 people to come in for interviews but only six showed up.

“And of those six, there really weren’t any I wanted to hire,” she said. “You look at a work history and see that someone had quit their last six jobs. I’d ask, Why? And the person would say something like, ‘They were all mean to me.’”

By any measure Fox is a progressive employer. Not only does she offer pay and benefits well above what state and federal law require but she hires people other employers avoid.

“I’m the queen of second chances. Just because someone has made a mistake in the past doesn’t mean I’m not going to give you a chance,” she said.

In fact, two of the employees she has kept on the payroll through the summer have done prison time.

She opened the business on the northside of Springfield in 1993, when she was in her mid-20s. And for decades her business has been packed every day at noon. The Parkway is famous for its ham and bean. I’ll admit it. The soup is almost as good as what my mother used to make.

Just why there is a worker shortage is a bit of an open question. When daycares were closed and schools were distance learning, many parents, particularly single ones, found it difficult to work outside the home. And before COVID-19 vaccines were readily available, fear of viral exposure was pervasive.

But with public schools again teaching in-person, daycare centers open and vaccines widely available, some now blame enhanced pandemic unemployment benefits as acting as an incentive for people not to work.

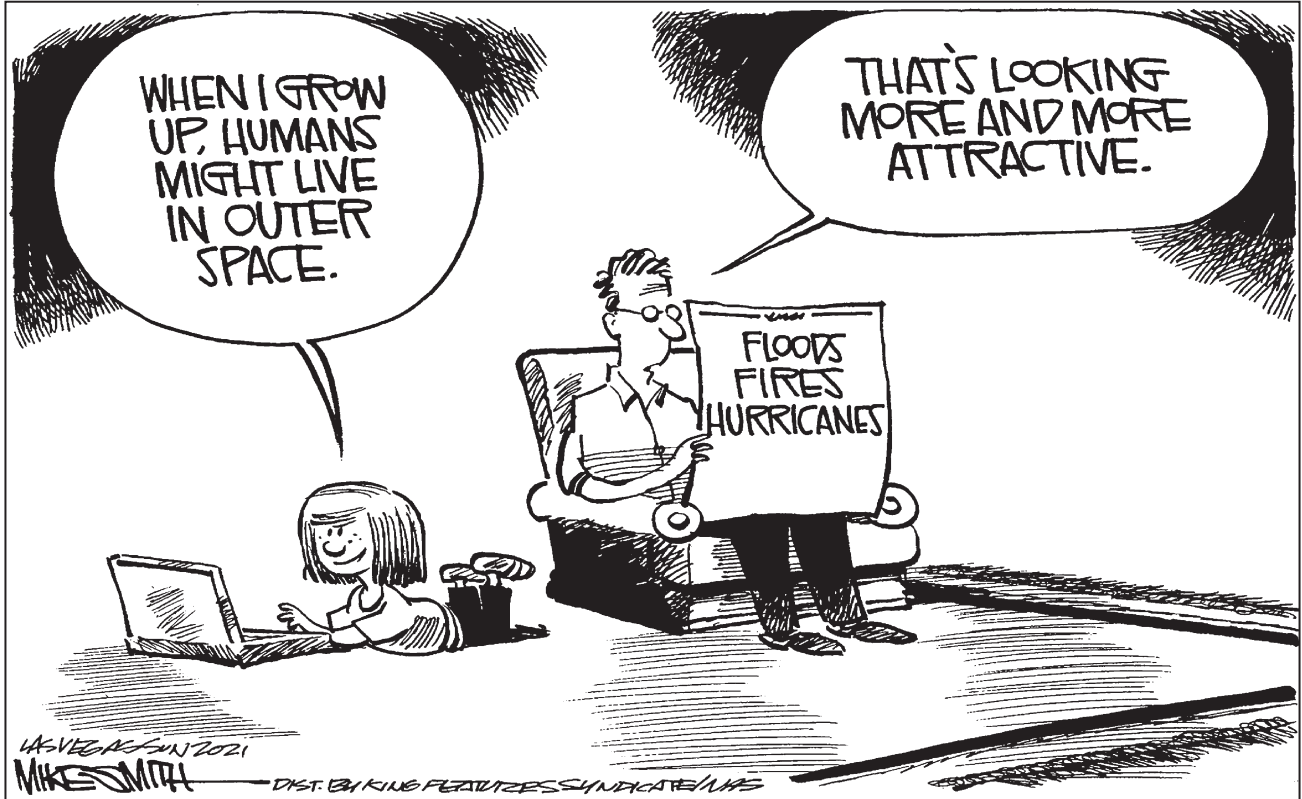
We’ll soon find out if that is the underlying cause. Because just a few weeks ago, enhanced benefits ended for Illinoisans.

In the Land of Lincoln, the 263,000 people who received unemployment payments through the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program and the 189,000 people through Pandemic Unemployment Assistance saw their benefits end Sept. 4.

But Fox is skeptical whether competition with generous government benefits are the only reason there is a worker shortage.

“During the pandemic people stayed home and spent more time with their kids and family. They liked that. And now they are reluctant to come back and work weekends and holidays. That’s when customers expect to eat and some people may be saying ‘That’s not what I want to do.’”

(Scott Reeder is a veteran journalist. He works as a reporter in the Springfield area. Scottreeder1965@gmail.com)



Mendota grows westward – 1974

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Sept. 15, 1999.)

By Jessica Nashold

City limits of Mendota moved west in September 1974 when the council approved a petition for annexation of 20 acres owned by Charles and Earl Waldorf.

It adjoined Mendota on the west along Route 34. The property had been rezoned at an Aug. 5, 1974 meeting. A tract of 8.16 acres had been rezoned from A1 (Agricultural) to R4 (Multiple Residential). A tract of 11.84 acres was rezoned from A1 to B1, Local Business. The city of Mendota was forbidden by the EPA to install additional sewer lines until improvements were made to the treatment plant. Consequently, the Waldorf petition for annexation was tabled at the time rezoning was approved.

Subsequently, the Waldorfs wrote a letter stating they would not seek additional sewer lines until the EPA withdrew its embargo. The letter was filed at the LaSalle County Recorder’s office, after which the aldermen approved annexation.

Police chief Art Dalton complained about the inadequacies of the patrol car radios.

We have no range.

A squad car could not communicate with the base station, even within a five-mile radius. There had recently been an accident to a squad car during a chase of a burglary suspect. Dalton said walkie-talkie units also needed to be replaced.

The Kanteen Mothers’ Board voted to reopen the youth center on a limited basis. The hours would be Friday and Saturday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. A questionnaire regarding the Kanteen had been completed by MHS students. It disclosed that 519 students wanted the Kanteen to open, 121 did not. There were 111 students with parents willing to chaperone, 474 students said their parents would not. When asked if they wanted smoking areas at the Kanteen, 338 voted “No” and 362 were in favor. Students willing to assist at the refreshment counter and game tables numbered 150 – unwilling to help, 478.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Letting organizations rent the Kanteen is being discussed.

The Mendota High School band had received its new uniforms in time for Homecoming. At the State Fair, in August 1974, the band had taken Best of Class A for the 12th time. Robert S. Baile was director. There were 109 aboard for the trip to the fair. In addition to other events, the band gave a 30-minute concert.

Jerry Prokuski, owner of Jerry’s Flower Barn, won a trophy at the annual Christmas Decoration Design School conducted at McCormick Place in Chicago by the Illinois Allied Florists’ Association.

His designs had accumulated the most points.

Prokuski had conducted Jerry’s Flower Barn for 12 years and had a staff of seven.

The Mendota Shrine Club received its official charter on Sept. 5, 1974. The charter night was held at The Loft with 42 members and wives in attendance. Officers installed were Bill Holliston, president; Keith Hanson, vice president; M.A. McCreedy, secretary; Floyd Setchell, treasurer; Gerald Snyder, board chairman.

Following the pardon of former President Richard Nixon by President Gerald Ford on Sept. 8, 1974, Reporter editor Michael O’Connor and staff writer Jim Kaye took to the street to assess local reaction.

In 15 interviews, eight approved the pardon without reservations, several thought it had happened “too fast.” Some expressed the opinion Nixon had suffered enough. A few maintained the decision should have been made by a court, not by President Ford. The Reporter summary –

Mendotans have their own opin-

ions about the wisdom of Ford’s historic decision.

At the State Theatre, Sept. 12 through Sept. 18, Mel Brooks’ “Blazing Saddles” starring Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder and Madeline Kahn.

Ground was broken Sept. 10, 1974, for a new headquarters building for A&B Excavating at 122 14th St. Present for the occasion were Bud Schneider, Ruby Sondgeroth, Art Eade, Martin Spitz and Carl Buster of A&B Excavating, and representing Phalen Steel Construction Co., George Steele and Bill Phalen.

Scheduled completion date is Dec. 15, 1974.

The Rev. Bill Steeger of Rineyville, Ky., purchased the pipe organ at the First United Methodist Church.

A new computerized organ is being installed.

The Rev. Steeger had seen the organ advertised in a Diapson Magazine. He came to Mendota to remove it himself. The organ had been moved once before from the old Methodist church on Sixth Avenue to the new church on Sixth Street.

Vita-Tone Cleaners held a grand opening to demonstrate new equipment installed at 809 Illinois Ave. It was a two-day affair at which visitors registered and a prize of \$10 in free dry cleaning was won by Sharon Untz in a drawing. Coffee and donuts were served by owner Cathy Weber, assisted by Ruth Smith.

Friday the 13th was not unlucky for coach Paul Kimrey on Sept. 13, 1974, when the MHS Trojans flattened the Ottawa Pirates by a score of 20-0.

Not since 1960 had Mendota devoured the Pirates.

Leading scorers that day were Kevin Phalen, Tom Kimrey, Mike Chandler, Tim Dessing and Dave Kromm.

Alderman Charles Huss reported that “after much work,” water was going into Lake Mendota. Also, work had started on drilling a well for drinking water at Snyder’s Grove. Alderman Huss was in charge of Parks, Buildings and Grounds.

No, Afghanistan not the end of American power

By Rich Lowry

It’s hard to imagine more humiliating images than what we’ve seen in Afghanistan in recent weeks, from the hasty evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul to the chaotic scenes outside the airport.

Our surrender to a band of AK-47-bearing guerrillas after 20 years has, understandably, occasioned autumnal thoughts about American power.

Even the Soviet Union, on the cusp of full collapse, managed to get out of Afghanistan in good order and leave behind a government that endured for several years.

What does it say that we couldn’t match that?

Writing in *The New Yorker*, Robin Wright says the pullout may serve as “a bookend for the era of U.S. global power.” Allister Heath, editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, argues that “the botched exit is merely the latest sign that the American era is ending.” Francis Fukuyama says the images in Kabul “have evoked a major juncture in world history,” although he thinks “the end of the American era had come much earlier.”

There is no sugar-coating our defeat in Afghanistan and the abject position we put ourselves in during the final days. The withdrawal is a blow to our counterterrorism capabilities, our prestige and our geopolitical position.

For all of that, though, no one in the world has the formidable advantages of the United States, which still outstrips everyone else, including China, on every material metric that matters.

Great powers don’t go away easily. The British could be forgiven for thinking that it’d be all downhill after losing their American colonies in a long war joined by their traditional rivals France and Spain. Instead, British imperial power had not yet peaked.

Our exit from Saigon in 1975, to this point the touchstone for modern American defeats, was followed by Communist advances all over the map. Yet, within 20 years, we’d win the Cold War and ascend to unprecedented global power.

We are still blessed with an extraordinarily favorable geographical position, as a continental nation with friendly neighbors, access to two oceans, enormous reserves of oil

and gas, and vast amounts of arable land.

We produce about a quarter of global GDP, a share that has held up over the years.

We are responsible for an astonishing 40% of all military spending in the world. It was ridiculous that Biden made a bragging point of the evacuation, but it’s true that no one else would have been capable of such an operation.

We dominate the list of top universities in the world.

There is no country people would rather come to. A Taliban spokesperson interviewed on Iranian TV, when challenged why so many people want to flee Afghanistan, rightly pointed out that if American planes were taking people out of Iran, there’d be a rush for the exits there, too.

In his book, “Unrivaled,” Michael Beckley of Tufts University and the American Enterprise Institute rebuts the notion that China is overtaking us.

American workers are more productive than workers anywhere else. China’s labor productivity has improved, Beckley writes, “but remains half that of Turkey, lower than Mexico’s, and roughly on par with Brazil’s.”

We have demographic challenges, but other big powers, especially China, will be aging faster. Over the course of the century, Beckley notes, China will lose half of its workforce, or 470 million people.

Our alliance system is an enormous force-multiplier, a network that, according to Beckley, “encompasses 25% of the Earth’s population and accounts for 75% of world GDP and defense spending.” China’s formal ally, in contrast, is North Korea.

None of this is to deny that the contemporary United States is racked by self-doubt, poisonous politics and institutional failure.

It is only to say that if we are determined to squander our global position, it will take much more time and folly to do it. A further downward slide, like the disastrous withdrawal from Kabul itself, will be a choice, not an inevitability.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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LOCAL AND AREA

DAR promotes Constitution Week – September 17 to 23

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution urges Americans to reflect on the United States Constitution during this month's annual observance in honor of this foundational document of national governance.

"There are two documents of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that functions to this day," said DAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren. "While Independence Day is a well-recognized and beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week, an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life."

The DAR initiated the observance in 1955, when the service organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate Sept. 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on Aug. 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915. The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution.

DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society. By fostering knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Constitution and the inalienable rights of affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's foundational liberties.

"In communities across America, Daughters will erect hundreds of community displays, sponsor municipal proclamations, ring bells and stage programs to raise awareness of the Constitution's tenets and importance. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating this powerful document, which has enabled our democracy within a republic for more than two centuries. We hope that all Americans will learn more about the Constitution and its immense impact on our nation," VanBuren said.

One of the largest patriotic women's organizations in the world, DAR has more than 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more.

For more information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org.



Vintage Hudson automobiles were among the classic cars and trucks featured at the Country Car Show in Sublette on Sept. 11. (Reporter photo)

Antique Power Days, other events planned for Sublette

SUBLETTE—From Sept. 24-26, a new event is being planned in Sublette – Antique Power Days. This will be held at Mendota Hills campground on U.S. 52 northwest of Sublette. The event will feature steam power, parades, hay rides, sawmilling and much more.

After a long period with few activities in town due to COVID, the village of Sublette is making plans to bring back many of its former events.

The annual Country Car

Show was held on Sept. 11 in downtown Sublette. This was a new location for the event.

On Sept. 12, the annual Pullin' in the Park was held behind the Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette Centennial Park. This included a tractor and truck pulling contest as well as lots of children's activities. Food was available on the grounds.

October will feature Halloween events and December will bring the annual "Christmas in the Village."

January will start off with the Machine Shed Classic Golf Tournament.

Recently, the Sublette 365 committee met and it is planning activities for 2022. This will include Dueling Pianos, Hops & Harmony, the 2022 car show and Pullin' in the Park.

Other organizations are planning the 2022 Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show in March, the Memorial Day Service in May and the Sublette One-Day Tractor Drive in August.

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Paw Paw residents fed up with storm chasers

PAW PAW - Concerns were brought up at the Sept. 8 Paw Paw Village Board about unsolicited "storm-chasers" coming to people's doors offering roof and siding repairs. Some residents said since the hail-storm, they have had numerous, repeated phone calls and people at their doors.

Residents were reminded that anyone soliciting in the village must have a permit, and no soliciting permits have been issued by the village since the start of COVID-19. If someone comes to the door, residents can advise them that they need a permit and that they will call the sheriff. The Lee County Sheriff's non-emergency number is (815) 284-6631.

In other business:

• Complaints were heard about unsightly properties. Solutions are being investigated and paperwork is in progress.

• A mirror will be installed on the north side of the Peru Street-Chicago Road intersection for northbound traffic to better see oncoming eastbound traffic.

• A request to make the sidewalk running from the cemetery to the village limits safer for walkers will be addressed.

• Concerns were voiced about the safety of children playing on Wabansi. With cars parked along the street, even dead-end streets can be hazardous for children. Motorists are asked to pay attention and remember that children are on that road and to exercise caution. The village may look into further signage designating children at play on that road.

• The village scheduled trick-or-treating hours in Paw Paw for 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

In other news, Paw Paw will have town-wide garage sales on Saturday, Sept. 18.

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Samuel Peterson, left, 12, of Muskego, Wis. won first prize in the Paw Paw Labor Day Auto Show 8-16 year-old category "Gas or Electric Bicycles" for his 2004 Schwinn Occ Chopper Sting-Ray motor-bike. Right, Lachlan Peterson, 14, of Muskego, Wis. won second place in the 8-16 year-old "Gas or Electric Bicycles" category for his red "Old School" 1971 Ruttman Horny Toad mini-bike.



Obituaries

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Richard H. Bettner



PAW PAW - Richard Harold Bettner, 86, of Salt Springs, Fla., formerly of Paw Paw, passed away Sept. 8, 2021 at Advent Health Waterman Hospital in Tavares, Fla.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton with Rev. Jeff Schlesinger officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Richard "Dick" Bettner was born June 21, 1935 in Waterman to Harold and Minnie (Hampton) Bettner. He married Mary Engelhardt on Dec. 8, 1956 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death in 2010.

Survivors include his children, Dwight of North Carolina, Doug (Tina) of Silver Springs, Fla., Duane of Salt Springs, Fla., Dawn (Jason) Foster of Paw Paw, Mike Rauh of Salt Springs, Fla., Jeffrey of Colorado and Jake of Illinois; 10 grandchildren, Wendy Kay of Sycamore, Justin Bettner and Jennifer Bettner both of Odum, Ga., Samantha Niehaus of Silver Springs, Fla., Danielle Abbey of Ocala, Fla., Kaitlyn Broughton of Loves Park, Krystyn Bettner of Princeton, Tylar Foster of Petersburg, Taryn Foster of Nashville, Ga. and Trysta Foster of Russellville, Ark.; 11 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Lampson, Nikita Hardesty, Natasha Hardesty, Tucker Bettner, Cooper Bettner, Grayson Bettner, Raina Lou Niehaus, Sirus Niehaus, Emberlyn Abbey, Keira Hollenback and Jonah Barnes; and one sister, Sandra Beardin of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, David; his wife; one brother, Bill; and one sister, Delores Mershon.

Richard served in the U.S. Army, where he was a Duck Mechanic and received the Expert Marksman honor. After his time in the military, he was a deputy for the Lee County Sheriff's Department and a police officer for the Village of Paw Paw. In the 1970's, he helped start what was the Ambulance Service in Princeton and served as an EMT. He farmed and owned and operated Bettner Tiling and Paw Paw Realty for many years. He and Mary made their home in Paw Paw where they raised five children. He was always willing to help anyone in need, even if he didn't know them. His humor was not for the faint of heart, but to his family it was one of his best qualities. He was a firearms enthusiast and enjoyed wildlife in the Ocala Forest, including seeing the bears in his yard. He could frequently be found with his dog Minnie by his side, whether at home or driving around town.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Michael Walzer



STREATOR - Michael "Mike" Walzer, 76, of Chandler, Ariz., formerly of Streator, passed away peacefully on Sept. 2, 2021.

Cremation rites have been accorded and burial will be held at a later date at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Streator.

Mike was born June 12, 1945.

Survivors include two daughters, Lori (Robin) Walzer and Gina (Grayson) Billings, both of Arizona; two grandsons, Devin Pletsch of Ohio and Joseph Kieffer of Arizona; two brothers, Norman (Donna) Walzer of Dekalb and John (Patricia) Mushinsky of Louisiana; one sister, Linda Tutko of Streator; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Sandy Sangston and their son, Troy of Streator; and several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Victoria; and three sisters, Sandra, Verna and Barbara.

Mike graduated from St. Bede Academy in 1963. He was drafted in the U.S. Army and served at Fort Ord in Monterey, Calif. from 1965-1967. He returned to Illinois and worked at First National Bank in Peru and the U.S. Post Office in Ottawa. He was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Streator. He was an avid White Sox, Bears and Notre Dame fan and enjoyed dancing (Boot-kickers Dance Club), casino visits, reading and road trips. His family will treasure the memories of epic card games and great food.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.solontelford.com.



Mendota Moose blood drive report

MENDOTA - The American Red Cross held a blood drive on Aug. 24 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. There were 62 presenting donors and 70 good units were collected including 42 whole blood and 14 double cell donations.

First time donors were Kathy Otterbach and Todd Zimmerlein. Volunteers for the day were Sandy Schroeder, Margy Frey, Peg Mathesius-Cerveney, Lori Schlesinger and Lori Simonton. Mendota Subway again donated sandwiches for the donor luncheon. Black Brothers Company also sponsored sandwiches and chips for the drive. There was a great turnout and everyone's time and donation are greatly appreciated.

The next bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 19 the Mendota Moose Family Center. To make an appointment or ask a question, please call Lori at (815) 866-3582

Group 'Hike the Canal' outing set for Sept. 19

BUREAU COUNTY - The Friends of the Canal will hold their monthly Hike the Canal outing on Sunday, Sept. 19. This hike, which is 4.1 miles in length, has been named "Cottonwood" and goes from Bridge 50 to Bridge 52 on the feeder canal.

Hikers will meet at Bridge 50 on the northwest side at 1:30 p.m. and be shuttled to Bridge 52 to begin the hike. To get to Bridge 50, take Route 40 north from Route 6 (or 180) to Route 172, then west on Route 172 to where it crosses the feeder canal.

There is no fee for the hikes. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and bring a friend, but please dress weather appropriately.

The monthly hikes were developed by the Friends of the Hennepin Canal as an opportunity for everyone to get to know the Canal personally by hiking it from the Illinois River to the Mississippi (including the Feeder Canal) in small legs. Participants need not be members of the Friends to join any of the hikes.

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BATTERY
 Kirsten M. Ward, 37, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Mendota, was charged with battery at 7:25 p.m. Sept. 8. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY & BATTERY

Juan P. Santizo, 28, of 205 Sandra Ave., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery and battery at 4:07 a.m. Sept. 10. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
 Anil D. Bhate, 41, of 1718 Hillcrest Court, Mendota, was charged with domestic battery at 6:20 a.m. Sept. 10. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

WARRANT ARREST

Joseph T. Pecorardo, 20, of Chicago, was arrested at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 on a valid Winnebago County warrant for failure to appear/violation of bail bond. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

WARRANT ARREST

Christopher D. Moore, 23, of Tampa, Fla., was arrested at 10:53 p.m. Sept. 12 on a valid Lee County arrest warrant for failure to appear/dangerous drugs. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail for extradition to Lee County.

New laws for schools focus on inclusivity

By **ANDREW HENSEL**
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. J.B. Pritzker has signed two bills focused on student inclusion in Illinois public schools.

State Rep. Will Guzzardi's House Bill 120 amends the School Code to give the governing boards of each school district the ability to allow sports uniform modifications for modesty for religious and cultural reasons. This bill would allow student-athletes to consult with their school board rather than having to file a complaint with the Illinois High School Association, which governs most interscholastic sports in the state.

Maaria Mozaffar, director of advocacy and policy at the Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition, said that with so many athletes having to miss out on events due to uniform issues,

Illinois now has a lot to gain.

"We were missing out on seeing these athletes," Mozaffar said. "Now these athletes feel that they have a space and Illinois and the country is going to gain by allowing these athletes to be a part of the process."

Another measure signed by Gov. Pritzker is House Bill 234. The bill requires school districts to add media literacy instruction to the computer literacy curriculum.

State Sen. Karina Villa, a Democrat and chief Senate sponsor for the legislation said that while students are online more than ever, they are still vulnerable to misinformation.

"The internet has become the main public square for young people, they debate and discuss politics and news but are also vulnerable to misinformation," Villa said.

The bill has seen some pushback from Republican lawmakers, including state Rep. Adam Niemerg. He called it an "anti-Trump, anti-conservative" reactionary bill, which he said is an attempt by the left "to get into our school systems at a young age and teach them the means of mainstream media."

Both laws go into effect immediately.

BLESSED EVENTS

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SPORTS



Mendota's Izaiah Nanez executes a sidewinder kick toward the goal during the Trojans' contest with Yorkville on Sept. 11 at the Mendota field. (Reporter photo)

MHS continues soccer domination

Mendota pulled away in the second half and defeated Yorkville, 5-1, in varsity boys' soccer action on Sept. 11 at the MHS field.

The Trojans' Yahir Diaz scored the only goal of the first half. Yorkville tied the score early in the second half, but Mendota tallied four

consecutive goals to claim the victory.

Diaz finished with pair of goals for Mendota, while Rafael Romero, Jose Ruiz and Isaac Guzman had one apiece. Assists went to Johnathan Cortez (two), Jasiel Watson (one) and Izaiah Nanez (one).

Manny Trejo was between the pipes for the Trojans and had six saves.

The Trojans posted another shutout on the season, this time at Streator, 7-0, on Sept. 13.

Diaz led the attack with three goals, while Cortez

added two, and Romero and Iker Landeros had one apiece. Mendota (12-0) has 10 shutouts on the season and has scored 76 goals compared to just two for the opposition.

The Trojans were 2-0 winners in the junior varsity contest.



Mendota linebacker John Gonzalez is on his way to hunting down Bureau Valley quarterback Adam Johnson for a sack on Sept. 10 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Trojans have mixed bag on golf courses

The Mendota varsity golf team was defeated by Hall and Princeton in a triangular meet at Spring Creek on Sept. 7. The host Red Devils recorded the low score in the round with a 160, followed by Princeton at 167 and Mendota with a 173.

Ethan Hanaman and Drake Dennis had the low rounds for the Trojans, each with 41. Next on the card was Dom Stamberger with a 44, Clay Buffington with a 47, Liam McGann at 49 and Logan Brandner at 52.

Josh Scheri of Hall and Jaden Eggers of Princeton shared meet medalist honors with 38s.

Mendota claimed the junior varsity match with a 181. Princeton took second at 193 and Hall posted a 219.

Owen Aughenbaugh led the Trojans to victory with a low round score of 38. Cale Strauss checked in next for Mendota with a 46, followed by Braden McPheeters at 48, Evan McPheeters and Jace Baird both with 49s, and Jacob Ensor with a 51.

The Trojans got back on the winning track with a triangular win over St. Bede and Morrison on Sept. 8 at Spring Creek. Mendota and St. Bede tied with a team score of 175, but the Trojans claimed first place by having the lower score for the fifth-place golfer.

Hanaman paced the Trojans with a 42, while Buffington and Dennis both had 44s. Aughenbaugh (45), Stamberger (47) and Brandner (50) completed the MHS lineup.

St. Bede's Brendan Pillion had the low score for the round with a 39.

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Mendota netters roll over two league foes

Coal City edges Lady Trojans, 3-2

Mendota had little trouble in defeating Sterling Newman, 4-1, in varsity girls' tennis action on Sept. 7 at Sterling.

Alexis Finley scored a victory for the Lady Trojans at No. 2 singles, while all three MHS doubles teams were winners. They included the duos of Zoe Finley-Lizzy Bresley, KayLee Barkman-Jackie Cortez and Talya Schwaegerman-Isabelle Escatel.

Sept. 7

Mendota 4, Ster. Newman 1

Singles: No. 1 – Tunink (SN) def. Alex Stremlau (M), 6-2, 6-6 (9-7); No. 2 – Alexis Finley (M) def. Schalck (SN), 7-5, 6-4

Doubles: No. 1 – Zoe Finley-Lizzy Bresley (M) def. Rhodes-Campbell (SN), 6-4, 2-6 (10-5); No. 2 – KayLee Barkman-Jackie Cortez (M) def. Zigler-Sagel (SN), 6-0, 6-1; No. 3 – Talya Schwaegerman-Isabelle Escatel (M) def. Murray-Oswalt (SN), 6-2, 6-0

The Lady Trojans picked up a 4-1 triumph at Princeton on Sept. 9.

Winners for Mendota were Stremlau and Alexis Finley in singles action, and

the doubles teams of Barkman-Cortez and Schwaegerman-Escatel.

Sept. 9

Mendota 4, Princeton 1

Singles: No. 1 – Stremlau (M) def. Winner (P), 6-0, 6-0; No. 2 – A. Finley (M) def. Merkel (P), 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: No. 1 – Alter-Davis (P) def. Bresley-Z. Finley (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 – Barkman-Cortez (M) def. Nelson-Thornton (P), 6-1, 6-1; No. 3 – Schwaegerman-Escatel (M) def. Schneider-Ward (P), 6-2, 6-2

Coal City cooled off the Lady Trojans, 3-2, on Sept. 13 at the MHS courts.

Mendota's wins came from the doubles teams of Barkman-Cortez and Schwaegerman-Escatel.

Sept. 13

Coal City 3, Mendota 2

Singles: No. 1 – M. Stiles (CC) def. Stremlau (M), 6-2, 6-4; No. 2 – Barrus (CC) def. A. Finley (M), 6-2, 6-4

Doubles: No. 1 – Flores-A. Stiles (CC) def. Z. Finley-Bresley (M), 6-0, 3-6 (10-8); No. 2 – Barkman-Cortez (M) def. Solis-Jackson (CC), 6-1, 6-3; No. 3 – Schwaegerman-Escatel (M) def. Hall-Esparza (CC), 6-2, 6-2

Trojans blast Bureau Valley; keep unbeaten record intact

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA – A diversified offensive attack is what most football teams strive for and opposing defenses dread. The 2021 version of the Mendota Trojans have shown they can score points in a variety of ways, and that luxury was on full display against Bureau Valley.

Mendota had the Bureau Valley defense on its heels the entire night as the Trojans scored in a multitude of ways en route to a 42-22 triumph over the Storm in Three Rivers Conference action on Sept. 10 at the MHS field.

The Trojans ran their record to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the TRAC-Mississippi Division while handing the Storm their first loss. This is Mendota's first 3-0 start to a season since the 2011 campaign.

Mendota was well balanced in churning out its 426 total yards in the contest. The Trojans gained 247 yards on the ground and 179 through the air. Of Mendota's five touchdowns, three came via the pass. The Trojans also added a pair of field goals and

Next for the Trojans
Opponent: At Princeton, Friday, Sept. 17. Varsity kickoff at 7 p.m.
Last year: Did not play.
Last week: Like the Trojans, Princeton remained perfect on the season at 3-0 with a 49-20 rout of Hall. The Tigers scored all of their points in the first half. Augie Christiansen rushed for 90 yards and two touchdowns, while Teegan Davis completed eight passes for 144 yards and a TD.

a safety in cruising to victory.

Mendota pulled a familiar trick out of its hat to start the game when it tried an onside kick that bounded off of a Bureau Valley player and was recovered by the Trojans at the Storm 46-yard line. It looked as though the Trojans were going to get on the board quickly after that onside kick when quarter-

back Ted Landgraf took off and rumbled down inside the Storm 10-yard line. But a BV defender jarred the ball loose from Landgraf and it was recovered by Bureau Valley at the 1-yard line.

The Storm's first play on offense resulted in no gain. Then on the second play, a swarm of Trojan defenders stopped BV's Layton Britt before he could exit the end zone and Mendota had a safety for a 2-0 lead.

BV had to kick the ball back to the Trojans, who set up shop at the Storm 48 to begin their next drive. The possession culminated in a 27-yard touchdown pass from Landgraf to Isaac Smith. Emilio Perez's extra-point kick made it 9-0.

Bureau Valley wasted little time in putting its first points on the board, when exactly a minute after the Trojans scored, the Storm got a 62-yard touchdown run from Jaden Michig. The PAT kick was no good.

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Mendota's Marah Setchell zips a spike past Princeton's Maya Gartin on Sept. 9 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Spikers split two matches against their old rivals

MENDOTA – The Mendota Spikers split a pair of Three Rivers Conference contests with old rivals Hall and Princeton at the MHS gym.

The Spikers rolled to a 25-14, 25-17 triumph over Hall on Sept. 7.

Marah Setchell and Reanna Brant provided nine and six kills, respectively, to lead the offense. Kya Delao got the offense going with 12 assists, while Katie Jenner supplied four ace serves. On defense, Lauren Martin recorded 13 digs and Elly Buettner added 11.

Princeton handed MHS its first conference loss with a 25-14, 25-22 win over the Spikers on Sept. 9.

The Tigresses were never in jeopardy in set one, but the second set was a different story as the Spikers led through much of the set. Mendota zoomed out to a 9-3 lead and it looked like the match was going the limit, but Princeton had other ideas.

Mendota held five-point margins at 12-7 and 16-11, and it still was in front 19-16 late in the set. But the Tigresses clawed their way back and eventually overtook the Spikers, 22-21. Mendota tied it at 22-all before Princeton reeled off the final three points to claim the match.

Maya Martin's five kills paced the Spikers. Lauren Martin collected 13 digs, while Jenner had six assists.

Mendota's records stand at 9-3 overall and 3-1 in conference play.

SPORTS

Football

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After the Storm touchdown, Mendota took over on both sides of the ball – the defense getting two take-aways from Bureau Valley and the offense reeling off 19 straight points to grab a 28-6 lead.

On Mendota's ensuing possession after the BV touchdown, the Trojans marched 65 yards in eight plays, the finale being an 8-yard dart to the end zone by Landgraf. Perez booted the extra point. A 36-yard burst by Trojan running back Uzi Angulo during the drive helped put the team in scoring position.

Mendota's defense came up big on BV's next series when linebacker Christian Tellez intercepted an Adam Johnson pass and returned it 12 yards to the Storm 42. During Mendota's possession, Angulo broke through the BV line for another big gain, this time for 25 yards. The Trojans eventually settled for a 27-yard field goal by Perez to take a 19-6 lead with 10:03 left in the half.

When Bureau Valley took over, the Trojan defense forced the Storm into the game's first punt and Mendota started at its own 40. A 39-yard pass from Landgraf to Smith advanced the ball down to the Storm 21-yard line. The drive ended with another Perez field goal, this time from 35 yards out, to make it 22-6.

Mendota's second take-away from Bureau Valley came on the Storm's ensuing possession when Johnson fumbled and Smith pounced on it at the BV 11-yard line. Angulo ran the ball three times for the Trojans, the last being a

3-yard TD run at the 2:56 mark of the first half. The extra-point kick was no good and Mendota led 28-6.

Bureau Valley was able to get in the end zone one more time before the half when Michlig ran in from the 7-yard line, followed by a Johnson two-point conversion run, with 19 seconds remaining, to make it a 28-14 score at the break.

Each team tallied a touchdown in the third period, Mendota's coming first on its opening possession of the second half. Starting at their own 32-yard line, the Trojans ran the ball six times and got to their own 47. Then on the seventh play, Landgraf lofted a bomb to Damien Magallanes and 53 yards later, Magallanes was in the end zone. Perez kicked the extra point and Mendota moved out to a 35-14 lead.

The Storm matched the Mendota TD with one of its own on its first series of the second half. It needed seven plays to cover 65 yards with a Sam Rouse 2-yard run capping off the drive with 4:48 left in the quarter. BV converted the two-pointer on a pass from Johnson to Brock Foster to make it a two-touchdown gap.

The Storm had an excellent opportunity to get even closer when an Angulo fumble on Mendota's next possession was recovered by BV at the Trojan 38-yard line. But Mendota's defense had other ideas and Trojan linebacker John Gonzalez chased down Johnson and threw him for a big loss back inside the Storm's own territory. Bureau Valley tried to pull off a fake punt, and it

had momentary success, when even though a pass from the punter, Rouse, was incomplete, the Trojans were called for pass interference. The penalty wasn't enough to give BV a first down, though, and the Storm ended up punting the ball back to Mendota.

The Trojans put the game away with the only touchdown of the fourth frame. A 63-yard TD pass from Landgraf to Perez was nullified by an illegal procedure penalty on Mendota, but the Trojans

still ended up getting in the end zone when the Landgraf-to-Perez connection hooked up on a 43-yard TD pass with 7:55 to play. Perez added the PAT kick. Landgraf converted a fourth-and-two run during the series to keep the drive alive.

Angulo led the Trojans in rushing with 20 carries for 115 yards. Four of Landgraf's seven pass completions went to Smith for 85 yards. Mendota's defense limited BV to 234 total yards.

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MENDOTA 42 BUREAU VALLEY 22

Bureau Valley	6	8	8	0	-	22
Mendota	16	12	7	7	-	42

SCORING SUMMARY

ME - Safety, Britt tackled in end zone, 9:19 1Q
ME - Smith 27 pass from Landgraf (Perez kick), 6:08 1Q
BV - Michlig 68 run (kick failed), 5:08 1Q
ME - Landgraf 7 run (Perez kick), 2:25 1Q
ME - Perez 27 field goal, 10:03 2Q
ME - Perez 35 field goal, 5:19 2Q
ME - Angulo 3 run (kick failed), 2:56 2Q
BV - Johnson 7 run (Johnson run), 0:19 2Q
ME - Magallanes 53 pass from Landgraf (Perez kick), 8:25 3Q
BV - Rouse 2 run (Foster pass from Johnson), 4:48 3Q
ME - Perez 47 pass from Landgraf (Perez kick), 7:55 4Q

	BV	ME
First Downs	12	20
Rushes-Yards	41-196	48-247
Passing Yards	38	179
Passes	3-6-1	7-13-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-2
Punts-Avg	2-21	1-33
Penalties-Yards	6-45	6-60

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing – MENDOTA: Angulo 20-115, Landgraf 8-67, Childs 12-38, Magallanes 7-23, Smith 1-4; BUREAU VALLEY: Michlig 13-132, Hardy 8-31, Rouse 3-15, Johnson 9-12, Britt 8-6.

Passing – MENDOTA: Landgraf 7-12-0-179, Magallanes 0-1-0-0; BUREAU VALLEY: Johnson 3-6-1-38.

Receiving – MENDOTA: Smith 4-85, Magallanes 1-53, Perez 1-43, Angulo 1-(minus 2); BUREAU VALLEY: Bolin 2-27, Foster 1-11.

MHS boys take 2nd in triangular; teams compete in invitational

Mendota High School's cross country team traveled to Fuller Forest in Rockford on Sept. 7 to compete in a multi-school race at the home course of Winnebago High School.

In the girls' race, Winnebago swept the top five spots on the 2.05 mile course, led by Marissa Roggensack in 11:59. Mendota's top finish was Aliza Salinas-Cervantes in a time of 15:43 (14th). Additional competitors for Mendota were Linnea Escatel (17:26), Crystal Garcia (17:49) and Mia Raya (21:47).

Winnebago had the top team score (15) followed by Stockton (55) and Genoa-Kingston (68).

In the boys' event, Nicolai Martino of Winnebago took top honors in a time of 11:54, while Mendota harriers held three of the top five times. Anthony Kelson (12:17) and Alex Hermosillo (12:20) finished second and third, respectively. Rounding out the Trojans lineup were Andrew Stamberger (12:31, 5th), Dagen Setchell (12:48, 8th) Travis Mumm (16:35) and Conner Chambers (22:38).

Winnebago's 32 points edged out Mendota's 34 for the top finish, while Genoa-Kingston was third with 62 points.

MHS sent cross country runners to compete against 21 area teams in the Gary Coates Prince-

ton Invitational on Sept. 11.

In the first race of the day, Mendota harriers finished one-two in the freshman-sophomore two-mile race. Kelson completed the course in 11:42, while teammate Setchell was second in a time of 11:51. Finishing third was Amboy freshman Hayden Zacharias (11:53). Mumm, also competing for Mendota, was 34th in a time of 14:37.

Lowpoint-Washburn won the boys' team title with 27 points, followed by Bureau Valley (52) and Fieldcrest (54).

The three-mile girls' varsity race was won by Joy Dudley of Morris (19:57), followed by Orion's Olivia Thompson (20:04) and Morris' Makensi Martin (20:04).

The Morris girls took first in the team standings with 28 points, ahead of Mercer County's 53 and Sandwich's 90.

The boys' varsity race was dominated by Amboy-LaMoille's Brock Loftus, who traversed the three-mile course in 16:25. Morris' Kaden Welch (16:51) and LP's Ryan Hartman (16:58) rounded out the top three.

Mendota's finishes were Hermosillo (18th, 18:05) and Stamberger (41st, 19:50).

Amboy's 66 points were tops, while Sandwich tallied 74 for second and Sterling Newman had 85 points for third.

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Golf

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Mendota's junior varsity squad shot a 187 to easily defeat St. Bede's 219.

Braden McPheeters was the medalist with a 44. Also competing for the Trojans were McGann (46), Ensor (47), Strouss (50), Evan McPheeters (55) and Baird (56).

Mendota took care of Rochelle and Amboy in a triangular meet at Rochelle on Sept. 9. The Trojans shot a 176 to best Amboy by six strokes, while the host school finished third with a 203.

All six MHS golfers

ended with scores in the 40s, led by Hanaman with a 42. Dennis was next with a 44, while Brandner and Buffington finished their rounds with 45s. Stamberger (47) and Aughenbaugh (49) were also on the card for MHS.

Griffin Ohlinger of Rochelle was the medalist with a 41.

The junior varsity match went to Mendota over Amboy, 191-230.

Ensor and Baird tied for medalist honors with 46s. Strouss was next for the Trojans with a 48, followed by Braden McPheeters (51), Evan McPheeters (52) and Jack Mikolasek (52).



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Bureau Valley blanks Mendota FS gridders, 8-0

MANLIUS – Bureau Valley scored the game's only touchdown and edged Mendota, 8-0, in freshman-sophomore football action on Sept. 13 at Manlius.

After a scoreless first quarter, Bureau Valley got on the board on a 64-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion run at the 7:25 mark of the second quarter.

The Trojans (0-2) were limited to 93 yards, with Domenic Richey picking up 45 yards rushing on six carries. Quarterback Justin Randolph completed 4-of-9 passes for 51 yards. Braiden Freeman had three receptions for 42 yards.

Bureau Valley gained 192 yards in the contest, all on the ground.



Three Rivers Mississippi Football Standings

	TR	QA
Mendota	1-0	3-0
Princeton	1-0	3-0
Kewanee	1-0	3-0
Sterling Newman	0-0	2-1
Bureau Valley	0-1	2-1
St. Bede	0-1	2-1
Hall	0-1	0-3

Friday, Sept. 10

Mendota 42, Bureau V. 22
Princeton 49, Hall 20
Kewanee 51, St. Bede 27

Saturday, Sept. 11

Sterling Newman 27, Orion 13

Friday, Sept. 17

Mendota at Princeton
Kewanee at Bureau Valley
Sterling Newman at St. Bede
Morrison at Hall

ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson
Q: Is the "Real Housewives of Salt Lake City" coming back or was it canceled after one season? Didn't one of the cast members get arrested? -- **E.M.**



Jen Shah

A: The entire "Real Housewives of Salt Lake City" cast just returned for a second season on Bravo, and much of the drama will certainly be focused on cast member Jen Shah's arrest. Shah and her assistant Stuart Smith were booked on federal charges this past March for allegedly heading up a telemarketing scheme aimed at defrauding the elderly. Shah's trial is scheduled for March 2022.

Joining all the returning housewives is Jennie Nguyen, a stay-at-home mom who recently sold her medical spa business. Nguyen's hubby is apparently eager to add to their brood of three children and even goes so far as to introduce the idea of a sister wife.

Q: I'm so excited that Dr. Addison Montgomery (Kate Walsh) is returning to "Grey's Anatomy." I loved her on "Private Practice," but

"Grey's" is my favorite show. How long can we expect the character to stick around this time? -- **T.G.**

A: Kate Walsh shocked "Grey's Anatomy" fans when she debuted as "McDreamy's" (Patrick Dempsey) estranged wife at the end of season one. Showrunner Shonda Rhimes was such a fan of Walsh that she gave her a spinoff with "Private Practice." Dr. Addison Montgomery will be returning to "Grey's" for its impressive 18th season on ABC beginning Thursday, Sept. 30. Walsh's character is scheduled for a multi-episode story arc along with actors Kate Burton and Peter Gallagher.

Q: When is "You" coming back to Netflix? I've been watching it since it was first on one of the networks and was thrilled when Netflix picked it up. -- **S.S.**

A: The series started out on Lifetime, but didn't become a hit until Netflix viewers started streaming it a few months later. "You" stars Penn Badgley as a bookstore manager who becomes fixated on a customer played by Elizabeth Lail. In the second season, Badgley's character adopts a new identity, relocating to California where he finds a new obsession played

by Victoria Pedretti. In season three, the toxic couple assimilates with other suburbanites, including Scott Speedman ("Felicity") as a "successful CEO, husband and uncommunicative father," according to Deadline.com. You can start streaming the third season of "You" on Netflix beginning Oct. 15.

Q: Will Marg Helgenberger be returning to the new "CSI" series? I saw that three of the actors from the original series will be in this one, but there's been no mention of Marg's character. -- **B.B.**

A: "CSI: Vegas" will reunite original "CSI" cast members William Peterson, Jorja Fox and Wallace Langham, but Helgenberger has other commitments. Her latest series, "All Rise," was canceled after two seasons, but according to IMDb.com, she has a new project on the horizon, an NBC drama titled "Getaway." Helgenberger may have another hit on her hands, as "Getaway" was created by the duo behind the hit series "Blacklist."

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 -- Jake Gyllenhaal's breakout film was "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004), which grossed \$552 million. It was followed by "Brokeback Mountain" (2005), which featured romantic scenes with the late Oscar-winning actor Heath Ledger, shocking to some, but still able to win Oscars for its director, adapted screenplay and musical score, and a best-actor nomination for Ledger.



Gyllenhaal

Gyllenhaal's voiceover in the animated film "Spirit Untamed," with Julianne Moore, opened in June and managed to gross \$38.6 million despite the pandemic. His Danish crime thriller "The Guilty," with Ethan Hawke, Riley Keough and Peter Sarsgaard, was well-received at The Toronto Film Festival. He's just wrapped-up Michael Bay's action thriller "Ambulance," with Eliza Gonzalez, about two brothers who steal an ambulance with a female paramedic and a critical pa-

tient in the back, due Feb. 18 in theaters.

Despite the success of "Brokeback Mountain," it has taken 16 years for a major studio to make a romantic comedy about two men. Billy Eichner stars in "BROS," which he co-wrote with Nicholas Stoller (who's directing), with Judd Apatow producing for Universal Studios. It's about two men with commitment problems who attempt to start a relationship. The "other" man will be Luke Macfarlane, who played the gay lover of one of the title characters of the 2006-11 ABC series, "Brother & Sisters." In 2008 he "outed" himself as a gay man in an interview, but still played "straight" men in one Hallmark movie a year from 2014-19, two in 2020 and another in 2021.

Universal is touting "BROS" as the first gay rom-com made by a major studio, but Netflix already beat them to the punch with "Single All the Way," which stars "Ugly Betty's" Michael Urie and, well lookie here, Luke Macfarlane, dropping in December. Meanwhile, Billy Eichner is set to play Paul

Lynde in "The Man in the Box." Lynde didn't hide his "gayness" and successfully played Ann-Margret's father in "Bye, Bye, Birdie" and Uncle Arthur in Elizabeth Montgomery's "Bewitched" series. He never had to "come out," no one cared.

While Universal getting more liberal, Netflix is turning cautious. They thought their upcoming film "Blonde" (based on Joyce Carol Oates' best-selling book of the same name), with Ana de Armas as Marilyn Monroe, was "too graphic"! The film has Oscar-winner Adrian Brody as "The Playwright," Bobby Cannavale as "The Ex-Athlete," Caspar Phillipson as "The President" and Michael Masini as Tony Curtis. Brad Pitt is one of the producers, and what could have been more graphic than those violent scenes in "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"?

Speaking of once upon a time, I was once lured to Paul Lynde's house under false pretenses for a re-shoot and found myself locked up with him in his house ... but that's another story!

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Couch Theater

"Cry Macho" (PG-13) -- Even at 91 years old, Clint Eastwood is still acting and directing, and his latest project's plot feels slightly familiar. If you enjoyed "Gran Torino," you'll probably like "Cry Macho." Eastwood plays a grizzled former rodeo star who finds himself in the extended company of a teenage boy who's struggling to deal with life and growing up. During their time together, Eastwood teaches the boy how to be a decent man. It's a role Eastwood plays well. The film will be dual released in theaters and on streaming, but only available for 31 days from its release on Sept. 17, so get crackin'. (HBOMax)

Sounds fun so far, right? Trust me, it is. Debbie is not your typical mother hen; she's a can-do, make-it-happen feminist type, while her husband, Todd, is the mellow stay-at-home dad to their twin kids, who are also opposites of each other. The mismatched personalities are exaggerated, but that's what makes it enjoyable. (Paramount+)

"My Heroe We Cow-boys" (PG) -- Few people get the chance to turn their childhood dreams into their life's work. Horse trainer Robin Wiltshire spent his troubled youth escaping through the fantasy of Western movies. After competing in rodeos, the Wyoming resident got to train the iconic Budweiser Clydesdales for their TV commercials. His ability to connect and communicate with these giants led to a longstanding career in film production animal training. But as this short documentary shows, for Wiltshire it's more than a job, it's the saving grace of his life. (Netflix)

"Everybody's Talking About Jamie" (PG-13) -- Really, they are! This Amazon original musical movie is a little bit "Glee," a little bit "La Cage aux Folles," and a whole lot of flash. An adaptation of the stage show of the same name, it tells the story of 16-year-old Jamie New, a British teenager who dreams of becoming a drag queen. Supported by his mum and his best friend (but not by his father), Jamie enlists the help of a local drag queen to mentor his dream. It's a fun, energetic flick inspired by true events. (Prime Video)

"Backyard Blowout" (NR) -- Every good reality competition show deserves a kid version (see the success of "Top Chef Junior"). What kids might lack in experience or training, they make up for with their enthusiasm and creativity. This original series starts with parents ready and willing to renovate their own backyards; the twist is that they must use plans drawn up by their own children. (Peacock)

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne
* Baritone Leonard Warren died on stage at The Met in 1960 just as he finished singing Verdi's "Morrir, Tremenda Così" ("To Die, a Momentous Thing").
* While shedding, geckos will eat their skin in order to prevent predators from finding and eating them more easily.
* A man named Ronald MacDonald robbed a Wendy's in 2005.

* In the early 2000s, when hackers were not that rampant, a survey showed that 70% of London commuters would reveal their computer password in exchange for a chocolate bar, while 30% of the respondents admitted they would give their password even without said candy.
* The sequel to the 1953 film titled "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" was called "Gentlemen Marry Brunettes."
* Per capita, the happiest countries in the world also rank highest in terms of consumers of antidepressants.
* The term "plastic surgery" was coined in 1839, 70 years before plastic was even invented. It comes from the Greek word "plastike," which means "the art of modeling" of malleable flesh.

* Journalist John Richards founded The Apostrophe Protection Society in 2001 to enforce the proper use of the apostrophe in written English. He closed the society in 2019, however, at the age of 96, with the announcement that "the ignorance and laziness present in modern times have won!"
* The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends avoiding drinking camel urine to prevent contracting Middle East respiratory syndrome. Thanks, guys, but we'll wait for the shot.
* Abibliophobia is the fear of running out of material to read.

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Trivia Test

1. TELEVISION: What was the name of Tim Taylor's friend and sidekick on the "Home Improvement" sitcom?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. city has the nickname "Big D"?
3. LITERATURE: Which novel begins with the line, "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again"?
4. MEDICAL: What usually causes rickets in children?
5. MUSIC: Which novel is referenced in The Police's song "Don't Stand So Close to Me"?
6. FOOD & DRINK: Cafe du Monde is a famous restaurant in what city?
7. ENTERTAINERS: Which famous actor was born Maurice Micklewhite?
8. MEASUREMENTS: What

- scientific unit of measurement also is the name of a mammal?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a thalassophile?
 10. ANATOMY: What is the colored part of the eye called?
- Answers
1. Al Borland
 2. Dallas
 3. "Rebecca"
 4. Lack of vitamin D
 5. "Lolita"
 6. New Orleans
 7. Michael Caine
 8. Mole, which is used to measure particles in a substance
 9. A lover of seas and oceans
 10. Iris

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Havana's land
- 5 For each
- 8 -- Valley, Calif.
- 12 Miles away
- 13 Parisian pal
- 14 Former Yankee slugger, to fans
- 15 Abe Lincoln's first home
- 17 Cello's ancestor
- 18 In the style of
- 19 Shiny, as a photo
- 21 Trombone part
- 24 Swizzle
- 25 Ireland
- 26 Backyard structure
- 30 Old
- 31 Oldsmobile
- 32 Move to one side
- 33 Theme park attraction
- 35 Landed
- 36 Mater lead-in
- 37 Test score
- 38 Spider's creation
- 41 Spill catcher
- 42 Location
- 43 Cozy spot on the slopes
- 48 Sandwich

DOWN

- 1 Nev. neighbor
- 2 Flying saucer
- 3 Satchel
- 4 Video-game hub
- 5 Sunscreen additive
- 6 Brit. record label
- 7 Cellphone
- 8 Relishes
- 9 Eye part
- 10 Cattle calls?
- 11 In a lazy way
- 16 Hearty quaff
- 20 Joyful tune
- 21 Lowly worker
- 22 Stead
- 23 Press agent?
- 24 "The March King"
- 26 "OK" gesture
- 27 Spanish greeting
- 28 Oklahoma city
- 29 See socially
- 31 Only
- 34 Aloha State
- 35 Garden shelters
- 37 Baseball's Hodges
- 38 Scoundrels
- 39 Sandwich treat
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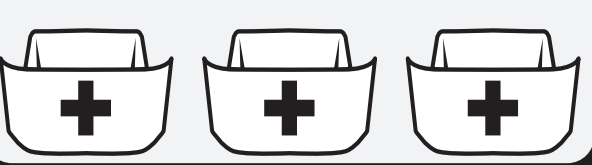
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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It's amazing how many things people can be afraid of. There's the fear of sickness, job loss, failure, commitment, and public speaking. Some people are afraid of things like taking tests, swimming, animals, insects, heights or even what the future holds—and the list goes on!

Whatever the fear may be, it's important to know that it does not come from God. In fact, fear is one of the primary weapons Satan uses to keep people from fulfilling God's destiny for their lives.

So I ask you: What are you afraid of today? Is there a situation or circumstance that threatens to overwhelm you? Is something stealing your peace and causing you to

worry? If so, I want to encourage you to know that God sees you, He loves you, and He wants you to trust Him to help you!

First John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..." (NIV). Understanding how much God loves us and desires to help us is the antidote for fear.

When I think of my own children—especially when they were younger—there's almost nothing I wouldn't do to help them if they were in trouble. If we feel this way about our children, then how do you think God feels about us? And unlike us, He has no limitations. Nothing is impossible with Him—He can help us in

every situation, on every occasion.

Hebrews 13:5-6 says: "... God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?'"

God wants you to know that He's always going to take care of you as you place your trust in Him—always. You don't have to know His exact timing or how He will do it, but you can be assured that He will always meet your needs.

"Do It Afraid!"

We need to understand that when the Lord tells us not to fear, He's not saying we will never feel fear. We will all feel afraid at various times in our lives; however, He is telling us not to allow fear to control us and prevent us from moving forward.

True courage is moving forward in the face of fear. You still feel fear, but you are determined—with God's help—to move forward anyway.

When we feel fear, we have a choice—we can do it afraid!

In the early days of my ministry, I was invited to speak at a conference. One of the speakers had canceled, and I was their replacement. I wasn't one of the primary speakers—they asked me to conduct one of the smaller workshops.

When the day came,



all of the workshop speakers had to get up on stage and share what they would talk about the next day. I remember the other speakers having titles like pastor, reverend, and so forth. But I was just Joyce from Fenton, Missouri—a nobody from nowhere.

When it was my turn to talk, I was absolutely petrified. The 900 people in the audience looked like nine million to me. I was so scared that when I opened my mouth, nothing came out but a squeak. Right then, I wanted to run off the stage. I could hear the enemy's thoughts running through my mind: What do you think you're doing here! Who do you think you are?

But in spite of the fear, I took a deep breath, started again, and shared what my workshop was about. The next day, to my surprise, many people came to hear me speak. I thank God I didn't run from fear that day, because I would have missed out on a great opportunity He had in store for me!

Satan wants us to shrink back in fear and live tiny, useless lives. But God desires for us to live free from the effects of fear and live big, fulfilling lives!

In John 14:27, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge]" (AMP).

This is both a promise and a command. Through Jesus Christ, we can enjoy supernatural peace that goes beyond anything the world can offer. But we also have a part to play. God is saying, "Don't allow yourself to be paralyzed with fear. Refuse to let the enemy stop you!"

Remember, whatever you're facing today, God is bigger than your worries, your problems and your fears. He knows every one of your needs before you ever have them, and He delights in taking care of you. So you

can confidently say, "The Lord is my Helper—I will not fear!"

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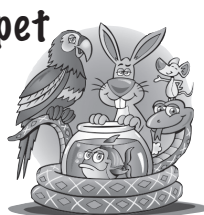
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GENESIS 37: 32-34

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

2. In Matthew 5, how many
Beatitudes did Jesus mention in
His Sermon on the Mount?

4, 6, 8, 10

3. From Luke 2, what village
was known as the "City of
David"?

Damascus, Jerusalem, Jericho,
Bethlehem

4. In 1 Kings 17, who ate a poor
widow's last meal?

Amos, Elijah, Matthew, Daniel

5. To what tribe of Israel did
Paul belong?

Asher, Benjamin, Issachar,
Reuben

6. From Genesis 4, who built a
city called Enoch?

Adam, Moses, Noah, Cain



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 8; 3) Bethle-
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101 LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS IN THE)
(MATTER)CASE
OF THE)NO.
ESTATE)21 P
OF)147
BETTY L.)
WEGER,)
Deceased.)

CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Betty L. Weger, of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on August 20, 2021 to Donald Weger, 697 160th St., Aledo, IL 61231 whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the representative, or both, on or before January 3, 2022. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in that Notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
No. 0811 (Sept. 1, 8, 15, 2021)

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

By virtue of 770 ILCS 103/10-15 et. seq and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on September 28, 2021, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

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

DOROTHY L ADAMS, CHESTER ADAMS,

335 W 107TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Mortgage dated May 15, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 10399, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 04, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 7
MARY ASHLEY, 10 SYCAMORE CT, CALUMET CITY, IL 60409-5017, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13668, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 7
MARY ASHLEY, C/O CLAPP BUSINESS LAW LLC, 636 W REPUBLIC RD STE A116, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807-5804, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13668, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 7
SHERI E BALLENTINE, CHARLES A COVINGTON, 15360 7TH AVE, PHOENIX, IL 60426, according to the Mortgage dated March 19, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06590, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 09, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0035, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1
SHERI E BALLENTINE, CHARLES A COVINGTON, 15360 7TH AVE, PHOENIX, IL 60426, according to the Mortgage dated April 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07684, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 6
JOHN BARNES, S H A N S T E L L A BARNES, 17200 DREXEL AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Mortgage dated August 23, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 17315, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 10, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00150, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1
JOHN BARNES, S H A N S T E L L A BARNES, 4800 S LAKE PARK AVE APT 802, CHICAGO, IL 60615, according to the Mortgage dated August 23, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 17315, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 10, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00150, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1
JESSE BENAVIDEZ JR, ANGELITA

BENAVIDEZ, C/O HARRIS LAW GROUP, 1001 TEXAS ST STE 1400, HOUSTON, TX 77002-3194, according to the Mortgage dated October 05, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 23727, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 23, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0373, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 3
JESSE BENAVIDEZ JR, ANGELITA BENAVIDEZ, 3930 N SANDY COURT, MISSOURI CITY, TX 77459, according to the Mortgage dated October 05, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 23727, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 23, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0373, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 3
JESSE BENAVIDEZ JR, ANGELITA BENAVIDEZ, C/O HARRIS LAW GROUP, 7807 LONG POINT STE 397, HOUSTON, TX 77055, according to the Mortgage dated October 05, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 23727, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 23, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0373, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 3
S A M U E L BLOOMINGBURG, 8119 S CARPENTER ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Mortgage dated August 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 16149, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204E, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 4
MARJORIE B BRYAN, EDWARD J BRYAN, C/O NEALLY LAW, 122 PARK CENTRAL SQ, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65806-1311, according to the Mortgage dated December 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 00825, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 7
MARJORIE B BRYAN, EDWARD J BRYAN, 685 BROADWAY TRLR 74, MALDEN, MA 02148-2067, according to the Mortgage dated December 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 00825, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 7
ROEL CANTU JR, C/O MCCULLAH & LUNA, PO BOX 370, FORSYTH, MO 65653-0370, according to the Mortgage dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014 00825, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to

be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0286, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 4
ROEL CANTU JR, 223 HALLER AVE, ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446-1719, according to the Mortgage dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014 00825, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0286, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 4
ROEL CANTU JR, OSCAR GUERRERO, 223 HALLER AVE, ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446, according to the Mortgage dated July 19, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15645, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0059, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 1
ROEL CANTU JR, OSCAR GUERRERO, C/O MCCULLAH & LUNA, PO BOX 370, FORSYTH, MO 65653-0370, according to the Mortgage dated July 19, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15645, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0059, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 1
ROEL CANTU JR, OSCAR GUERRERO, 306 MACGREGOR RD, LOCKPORT, IL 60441-2716, according to the Mortgage dated July 19, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15645, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0059, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 1
BEVERLY J CAPELL, C/O NEALLY LAW, 122 PARK CENTRAL SQ, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65806-1311, according to the Mortgage dated March 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06659, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 15, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0411, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 7
BEVERLY J CAPELL, 1607 24TH ST NW, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52405-1418, according to the Mortgage dated March 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06659, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 15, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0411, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 7
A L E J A N D R O CASTANEDA, C/O LAW OFFICES OF ROY D WINN, 27W140 ROOSEVELT RD STE 201, WINFIELD, IL 60190-1641, according to the Mortgage dated July 03, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 16812, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 31, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No.

0168E, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1
A L E J A N D R O CASTANEDA, 2444 N 76TH CT, ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707-2542, according to the Mortgage dated July 03, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 16812, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 31, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168E, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1
HUMBERTO H CHAPOY, WENDY CHAPOY-GEORGE, 219 BALDWIN AVE, SHARON, PA 16146, according to the Mortgage dated July 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13678, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 7
DANNIELLE COOPER, F R E D E R I C K REDMOND, 505 N MICHIGAN AVE, VILLA PARK, IL 60181, according to the Mortgage dated March 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06246, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0169, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1
DANNIELLE COOPER, F R E D E R I C K REDMOND, 404D W ADAMS, CHICAGO, IL 60624, according to the Mortgage dated March 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06246, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0169, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1
DANNIELLE COOPER, F R E D E R I C K REDMOND, 505 N MICHIGAN AVE, VILLA PARK, IL 60181, according to the Mortgage dated March 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06246, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0169, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1
DANNIELLE COOPER, F R E D E R I C K REDMOND, 505 N MICHIGAN AVE, VILLA PARK, IL 60181, according to the Mortgage dated March 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06246, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0411, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 7
DANNIELLE COOPER, F R E D E R I C K REDMOND, 404D W ADAMS, CHICAGO, IL 60624, according to the Mortgage dated March 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06246, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2
DANIEL DARCO, ASHLI CRUZ, C/O BOUKZAM LAW, 980 N FEDERAL HWY STE 110, BOCA RATON, FL 33432-2704, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13684, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0124, Use Period Number(s) 01,

Phase 2
DANIEL DARCO, ASHLI CRUZ, 2917 W LOGAN BLVD BASEMENT, CHICAGO, IL 60647, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13684, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0124, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 2
EVA DAVIS, ELICIA MACKEY, 5411 WHITE PINE LN, HOUSTON, TX 77016, according to the Mortgage dated July 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 20998, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 18, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 7
RUSSELL EPLIN, 980 EVANSTON ST APT 6, HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169, according to the Mortgage dated January 07, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 01534, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 27, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00220, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 1
CLARENCE FALLS, MARY FALLS, 7712 S CORNELL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60649, according to the Mortgage dated January 21, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 02674, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 09, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0065, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1
DAVID GAITAN, CRISTINA VALDES GAITAN, 2823 COAST PLAIN DR, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78245, according to the Mortgage dated June 17, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 16391, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 01, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0001E, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 1
FLORA GILLIAM, FRANK GILLIAM, 323 48TH AVE, BELLWOOD, IL 60104, according to the Mortgage dated March 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 01, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2
FLORA GILLIAM, FRANK GILLIAM, 12244 S WASHINGTON AVE APT 4, BLUE ISLAND, IL 60406, according to the Mortgage dated March 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 01, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2
F R A N C E S

GONZALES, 3001 COMMUNICATIONS PKWY APT 1222, PLANO, TX 75093, according to the Mortgage dated April 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 17, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0035, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 1
KARLA L HARPER, L QUITA M ALEXANDER-SOMMERVILLE, 453 CALHOUN AVE, CALUMET CITY, IL 60409, according to the Mortgage dated October 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 24739, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 14, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00950, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
BETTY JONES, ROBERT DAVIS, 5051 W MAYPOLE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Mortgage dated November 17, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 26848, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 12, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01160, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
BETTY JONES, ROBERT DAVIS, 5244 W CRYSTAL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Mortgage dated November 17, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 26848, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 12, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01160, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
WILLIE JONES, TIFFANY WILKINS, 2201 GALLANT FOX CIR, MONTGOMERY, IL 60538, according to the Mortgage dated February 09, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 03209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 21, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0107, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2
WILLIE JONES, TIFFANY WILKINS, 2261 JASON DR, MONTGOMERY, IL 60538, according to the Mortgage dated February 09, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 03209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 21, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0107, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2
DARRYL R. KOOY, JANET K. KOOY, C/O CLAPP BUSINESS LAW LLC, 636 W REPUBLIC RD STE A116, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807-5804, according to the Mortgage dated January 10, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 03524, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 23, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

particularly described as Unit No. 0384, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 3
DARRYL R. KOOY, JANET K. KOOY, 15744 S PARK AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473-1503, according to the Mortgage dated January 10, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 03524, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 23, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0384, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 3
JOSEPH KRIER, 15034 W ALBRIGHT DR, LOCKPORT, IL 60441, according to the Mortgage dated March 17, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 07140, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 04, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01260, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 2
C O R N E L I U S LOGWOOD, ANGELA LOGWOOD, 2833 W 61ST PL APT 4C, MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410, according to the Mortgage dated March 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07289, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 17, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01050, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2
C O R N E L I U S LOGWOOD, ANGELA LOGWOOD, 3076 SAINT IVES LN, RICHTON PARK, IL 60471, according to the Mortgage dated March 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07289, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 17, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01050, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2
HENRY L MANDZIARA, PENNY M MANDZIARA, C/O SCHROETER GOLDMARK BENDER, 810 3RD AVE STE 500, SEATTLE, WA 98104-1619, according to the Mortgage dated February 17, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04750, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 06, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0406, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 6
HENRY L MANDZIARA, PENNY M MANDZIARA, 1015 BROOKWOOD ST, BENSENVILLE, IL 60106-1803, according to the Mortgage dated February 17, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04750, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 06, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0406, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 6
TAKIYAH MARTIN-BARNES, TORRENCE BARNES, 6724 S PAXTON AVE APT 2S, CHICAGO, IL 60649, according to the Mortgage dated November 17, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 26747, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 11, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to

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be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00650, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1
TAKIYAH MARTIN-BARNES, TORRENCE BARNES, 4408 S DREXEL BLVD APT 3N, CHICAGO, IL 60653, according to the Mortgage dated November 17, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 26747, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 11, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00650, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1
ANA M MASOOD, 21W549 NORTH AVE APT 129, LOMBARD, IL 60148-6801, according to the Mortgage dated September 22, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 22928, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 10, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0379, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 3
ANA M MASOOD, C/O LAW OFFICES OF ROY D WINN, 27W140 ROOSEVELT RD STE 201, WINFIELD, IL 60190-1641, according to the Mortgage dated September 22, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 22928, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 10, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0379, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 3
KRISTIE MATTER, ANNA KIRCH, 3983 S PINE AVE, MILWAUKEE, WI 53207-4534, according to the Mortgage dated July 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13789, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 22, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0114E, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2
KRISTIE MATTER, ANNA KIRCH, C/O LAW OFFICES OF ROY D WINN, 27W140 ROOSEVELT RD STE 201, WINFIELD, IL 60190-1641, according to the Mortgage dated July 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13789, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 22, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0114E, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2
ROSHAWN MOREIRA, DAIN MOREIRA, 2415 S SAINT LOUIS AVE FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60623, according to the Mortgage dated June 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 16244, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 24, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0014E, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1
THE ESTATE OF JAMES MORRIS, C/O DICKSON FRANCISSEN BARTZ 2000 W GALENA BLVD STE 209, AURORA, IL 60506, according to the Mortgage dated June 14, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14568, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 07, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0402, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 6
THE ESTATE OF JAMES MORRIS, C/O DICKSON FRANCISSEN BARTZ 2000 W GALENA BLVD STE 209, AURORA, IL 60506, according to the Mortgage dated June 14, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14568, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 07, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0402, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 6
SHERRI PARSONS, MICHAEL R WILLIAMSON, 277 HCR 1414, BLUM, TX 76627, according to the Mortgage dated August 18, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 22938, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 10, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0386, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 6
SHERRI PARSONS, MICHAEL R WILLIAMSON, 277 HCR 1414, BLUM, TX 76627, according to the Mortgage dated August 18, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 22938, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 10, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0404, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 6
RUTH L PHILLIPS, C/O GRIFFITH LAW FIRM, 3636 S GEYER RD STE 100, SAINT LOUIS, MO 63127-1237, according to the Mortgage dated April 02, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 07375, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 24, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0424, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 7
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