



A team of “Where’s Waldo” lookalikes gathers their courage before entering the icy water at Lake Mendota during the 2019 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. This year’s event will take place at Lake Mendota on Saturday, Feb. 29. (Reporter photo)

Wet & Wild!

❑ Lake Mendota to host 2020 Polar Plunge Feb. 29

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA – Ready to try something new in 2020? This year’s Polar Plunge at Lake Mendota is the perfect opportunity to make a splash while contributing to a good cause.

The 2020 Polar Plunge will take place on Saturday, Feb. 29. Presented by the Law Enforcement Torch Run and GEICO, this is a fun way to support Special Olympics of Illinois by taking a quick dip the chilly water of Lake Mendota.

Kristine Shan is the 2020 Plunge Ambassador. Shan is a student at Hall High School and has participated in Special Olympics for nine years. She participates in bowling, basketball, bocce, track, softball and long jump.

The funds raised from the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge® will benefit over 1,750 athletes that train and compete within Region A.

There are already more than 100 people registered for the plunge. Teams from LaSalle-Peru High School, Hall High School, Streator

All money raised helps support Special Olympics of Illinois.

High School, Mendota High School, Mendota Police Department, Princeton Police Department, DePue Police Department, District 17 State Police, Sterling Police Department and many more have committed to taking the plunge on February 29 in Mendota in support of the local athletes.

How to Participate

Think you have what it takes? The concept is simple: each participant must raise a minimum of \$100 in donations from friends, family and co-workers in exchange for taking a winter swim in the lake. Anyone can plunge – young or old – but only registered plungers will be allowed in the water.

Individuals under the age of 18 are able to participate but must have a parent or guardian sign a waiver form. No one of any age is allowed to be carried into the water.

Wondering what to wear? Anything goes, except a

wetsuit. Shoes are recommended (no flip flops) and participants are encouraged to add to the fun by dressing in costume. Remember to bring a towel to dry off and warm clothes to wear after the plunge.

Plungers are welcome to form or join a team. (Teams must consist of at least five plungers.) Banners and signs are also welcome.

The Polar Plunge will have awards for the Cool Schools (K thru 12), Plunge Teams, Law Enforcement Teams and Best Costume.

All plungers will receive an official Polar Plunge hooded sweatshirt (available on a first-come, first-served basis the day of the plunge; those who do not receive a sweatshirt that day will have one mailed to them later).

Those raising \$250 will also receive the choice of a Journey Cooler Backpack, Premium Valour Beach Towel or 15-ounce Espy

Black Matte Bistro Mug; \$500 – choice of a 4-piece White Marble Coaster Set, Port Authority Colorback Value Fleece Jacket (men’s/ women’s) or Under Armour Flex Fit Curved Bill Solid Baseball Cap; and \$1,000 – choice of a Standard Size Stonehouse Sweatshirt Blanket, Under Armour Qualifier 1/4 Zip (men’s/women’s) or an authentic YETI 26-ounce Bottle.

In addition, plungers will receive an entry into the grand prize drawing for every \$500 and \$1,000 they raise.

Check-in for the fourth annual plunge at Lake Mendota will take place from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Mendota Civic Center. Plunges will start at noon.

Plungers may register at www.plungeillinois.com. Registration must be completed by 11:45 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. For more information, contact Allison Nichols at (815) 220-8128 or anichols@soill.org.

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Get ready, set for tax season

❑ Individual filing begins January 27

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Internal Revenue Service confirmed that the nation’s tax season will start for individual tax return filers on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020, when the tax agency will begin accepting and processing 2019 tax year returns.

The deadline to file 2019 tax returns and pay any tax owed is Wednesday, April 15, 2020. More than 150 million individual tax returns for the 2019 tax year are expected to be filed, with the vast majority of those coming before the traditional April tax deadline.

“As we enter the filing season, taxpayers should know that the dedicated workforce of the IRS stands ready to help,” said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. “We encourage taxpayers to plan ahead and use the tools



and information available on IRS.gov. The IRS and the nation’s tax community are committed to making this another smooth filing season.”

The IRS set the Jan. 27 opening date to ensure the security and readiness of key tax processing systems and to address the potential impact of recent tax legislation on 2019 tax returns.

While taxpayers may prepare returns through the

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Illinois to begin replacing pickup truck plates in 2020

By COLE LAUTERBACH
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Trucks in Illinois with older license plates will soon need new plates, Secretary of State Jesse White announced Friday that his office will begin phasing out the oldest B-Truck plates beginning this month.

It’s similar to the program White’s office started in 2017 with passenger vehicles. B-Truck plates that were made from 2002 through 2007 will be replaced this year. In 2021, B-Truck plates that were manufactured from 2008 through 2009 will be replaced and the process will operate continuously as such.

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Draft report calls for consolidating schools, increasing state share of education funding

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A task force formed to study ways to reduce property tax burden on Illinois residents is calling for consolidation of school districts and other local units of government and a boost in the state’s share of funding for K-12 education.

Those and other recommendations are part of a draft report circulated among the 88-member Property Tax Relief Task Force that state lawmakers formed during the 2019 session. A final report is expected to be released before the 2020 legislative session begins Jan. 28.

The bill creating the task force was part of a package of legislation also including a proposed constitutional amendment to allow for a graduated income tax. And while the draft report does not mention the proposed

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amendment, which will appear on the November general election ballot, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker has said that he wants at least some of the new income tax revenue to be used for property tax relief if voters approve the amendment.

Rising property taxes have been a political flash point in Illinois for many years. The current system dates back to a 1901 Illinois Supreme Court decision that overturned the tax levying method that was used until that time, according to the draft report.

The report notes, however, that property ownership today is no longer the indicator of

wealth and ability to pay that it was in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It also states the current system is full of special exemptions for select groups of property owners — including Tax Increment Financing districts, or TIFs, that have the effect of shifting the tax burden on to other property owners.

The document also notes that local governments in Illinois — school districts in particular — rely more heavily on property tax revenue than in other states. Local property taxes account for two-thirds of all funding for public schools in Illinois, while state funding accounts for only about 26 percent.

“Today’s reliance on property taxes underscores how broken the system of funding local government services has become,” the report states. “Too many units of government rely too heavily on property taxes, which are predicated on the value of something that is most often unrelated to the owners’ ability to pay.”

The report argues the property tax system should be reformed on several levels, including how property values are determined, consolidating townships and other local units of government, and reducing or eliminating some property tax exemptions.

But addressing the issue of education funding would likely have the biggest impact because school taxes make up the bulk of most people’s property tax bills.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Cast announced for stage 212's production of "Nunsensations! The Nonsense Vegas Revue"

LA SALLE - Stage 212's winter production will take the sisters on a brand new adventure in Dan Goggin's "Nunsensations! The Nonsense Vegas Revue."

When a parishioner volunteers to donate \$10,000 to the sisters' school if they will perform at a club in Las Vegas, Mother Superior is hesitant to accept. However, after being convinced by the other sisters that "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," Reverend Mother agrees. What follows is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan dancing Nonsense show ever. Performing in



"The Pump Room" at the Mystique Motor Lodge, the sisters experience "showbiz" like never before.

Featured in the cast are Jane Knapp as Sister Mary Regina, Mary Ann Thompson as Sister Mary Hubert,

Lori Christopherson as Sister Robert Anne, Jessica Kreiser as Sister Mary Paul, and Debby Torri as Sister Mary Leo. Appearing in the ensemble are Karen Lesman, Ella Johns, Zoe Piano, Amilia Sanchez and Tracy Daugherty.

Production staff includes director Bill Crane, co-producers Lori Christopherson and Jessica Kreiser, assistant director Maryhelen Bidasio, music director/rehearsal accompanist Kevin J. Alleman, choreographer Becky Christopherson, stage man-

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Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Happy New Year! I wish you all a healthy and happy 2020! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and enjoyed some time off with family. It was great to be back to school this week after winter break. The students and staff got back into their schedules and routines pretty quickly.

Thank you to all of our families and the community for using the Scrip gift card program over the holidays. We appreciate your support with this as the schools get a portion of the sales. We do Scrip all year long, so please consider getting your gift cards for gifts and regular shopping, dining and gas throughout the year.

The students nominated for the Principal Award last week included Leo Lusi-

etto, Aria Erving, Harrison Coss, Olivia Lopez, Zach Sibley and Kayne Schneider. The winners were Emilio Arteaga, Yulliana Mandujano, Haylee Luebbing and Paul Perez. Congratulations to all of you.

Students brought home information on the dental clinic that is coming to Blackstone. The clinic will be here to see students on Tuesday, Jan. 21. If parents would like their child to be seen, please fill out the form sent home and return to school as soon as possible.

The end of the second quarter will be Friday, Jan. 17. There will be an 11:25/11:35 a.m. dismissal on this day. Teachers will prepare grades for report cards and parents in the district can expect their child's report card to come home on Friday, Jan. 24.

Area students take top prizes in IVSO's 2020 Young Performers Competition

OTTAWA - The Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra has announced the winners of their 2020 Young Performers Competition, which took place at Ottawa High School on Jan. 4.

The Junior Division winner was Nora Maier, performing Fauré's "Pie Jesu." Nora, an eighth grader at Parkside School, is the daughter of Brandi Anderson-Maier and Michael Maier of Peru. Her voice instructor is Jenilyn Roether.

Winner of the Senior Division was Emma Anderson, performing Hummel's Trumpet Concerto, first movement. Emma, a senior at LaSalle-Peru High School, is the daughter of Todd and Doreen Anderson of Oglesby. Her trumpet instructor is Dave Peterson.

Winners in both divisions will be featured soloists with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 8 at Ottawa High School. They will also perform

with the IVSO at two educational school concerts on Feb. 21 at OHS.

The runners-up and honorable mention winners will be featured at an Honors Recital at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7 at the Westclox Fine Arts Factory, 408 Fifth St., Peru.

Sponsors for the March 8 concert are season sponsors Regional Media and Ottawa Radio. Concert sponsor is Miller Group Charitable Trust.



Senior Division winners are, left to right, runner-up Erin Daniel of Ottawa, voice, Ottawa High School junior; honorable mention Aubrey Garretson of Peru, flute, L-P High School junior; honorable mention Jaidynne Lash of Peru, flute, L-P High School junior; Senior Division winner Emma Anderson of Oglesby, trumpet, L-P High School senior; and honorable mention William Hawley of Seneca, violin, senior homeschooler.



Junior Division winners are, left to right, runner-up Virginia Anderson of Oglesby, clarinet, L-P High School freshman; Junior Division winner Nora Maier of Peru, voice, Parkside School eighth grader; and honorable mention winners Emily Kmetz of LaSalle, voice, Lincoln Junior High eighth grader, and Gabriel Hawley of Seneca, violin, eighth grade homeschooler. (Photos contributed)



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LOCAL AND AREA

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Bradley University dean's list

PEORIA - Samuel Becker of Mendota was named to Bradley University's fall dean's list. Becker, who is a mechanical engineering major, is among 1,900 students named to the Fall dean's list. To be eligible, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale. Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria offering 5,400 undergraduate and graduate students more than 185 academic programs in business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and technology.

Kishwaukee dean's list

MALTA - Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to their fall 2019 dean's list. Included are local students, Josef McKee of Earlville and Anthony Castaldo and Joshua Mateja, both of Paw Paw. To be eligible, a student must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kishwaukee College with a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Kishwaukee part-time student honors list

MALTA - Chase Stremlau of Mendota has been named to the Kishwaukee College part-time student honors list for fall 2019. To be eligible for this honor, a student must complete a minimum of 6 (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses during the academic term at Kishwaukee with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

UW-Whitewater dean's list

WHITEWATER, Wis. - Two local students, Mia Artman of Mendota and Holly Marsh of Earlville, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater dean's list for the 2019 fall semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester. "We're proud to congratulate all those hardworking students who earned dean's list recognition," said interim Provost Greg Cook. "UW-Whitewater is a university that strives for excellence, and these students have embraced that mindset." About 12,400 students are currently enrolled at the university's two campuses.

OSF Safe Sitter Course Feb. 8

MENDOTA - OSF HealthCare Medical Center is offering a Safe Sitter course for teens in grades 6-8. Safe Sitter will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Conference Room C. This course provides hands-on practice in life-saving techniques for young teens who are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. They will be equipped with the skills and confidence to act in an emergency. Participants will learn basic first aid, infant and child choking rescue, along with CPR. The cost is \$35 per child and the class size is limited. To register your son or daughter, call (815) 539-1411 weekdays or register for the course online at www.osfsaintpaul.org. Each participant will need to bring a sack lunch to the class along with a sweatshirt. Juice and snacks will be provided. A brief Safe Sitter graduation ceremony will take place prior to 4 p.m. dismissal.

Volunteer training for Hispanic health program, Abriendo Caminos

LA SALLE - University of Illinois Extension is excited to bring "Abriendo Caminos, Clearing the Path to Hispanic Health" to this area. The public is invited to join Dr. Margarita Teran-Garcia on Tuesday, Feb. 4 for her morning educational session, "Measuring Up, Reducing the Risk of Chronic Disease." The morning presentation will take place from 8-10 a.m. at the Extension Education Center & Community Teaching Kitchen, 944 First St., LaSalle. Those who wish to become volunteer teachers for the Abriendo Caminos program are invited to stay for the day. Extension is looking for bilingual Spanish speaking volunteers, age 18 and older, who would like to work with Hispanic families in the community. Volunteer training is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Feb. 4. A working lunch will be served. Those who join with University of Illinois Extension as volunteers will learn how to teach about healthy nutrition, the importance of physical activity, and family mealtime. The ongoing Abriendo Caminos program will be offered on Mondays, Feb. 24-April 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please register by Jan. 22 at <https://go.illinois.edu/MeasuringUp> or call (815) 224-0889. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate or need more information, please contact Susan Glassman, Extension Educator, Nutrition & Wellness, University of Illinois Extension at (815) 224-0889.

ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

IVCC announces Fall 2019 Presidential Honors and Academic Honors lists

OGLESBY - For the fall 2019 semester, 187 students were named to the Presidential Honors list at Illinois Valley Community College. Local students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.0 in 12 or more semester hours, listed by hometown, are: **Mendota:** Olivia Arteaga, Joel Escatel, Adrian Espinoza, Jose Gonzalez, Emma Guelde, Erica Hernandez, Cruzysela Martinez, Abbie Wheeler and John Wlodarchak; **Compton:** William Tyler; **LaMoille:** Shaun DesRocher, Will Flanagan, Cara Motter and Mariah Quest; **Earlville:** Emily Cook, Hannah Cwikla and Miriam Hoffman.

Academic Honors

For the fall 2019 semester, 501 students were named to the Academic Honors list at Illinois Valley Community College. Local students who earned a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 in six or more semester hours, listed by hometown are: **Mendota:** Hannah Ambler, Edwin Angulo, Victoria Arteaga, Ryann Avery, Rachel Beetz, Anna Bokus, Grace Brandner, Rachel Brandner, Jenifer Bresley, Jenny Brown, Omar Castaneda, Ivan Cuevas, Noah Delong, Scott Doyle, Rylee

Faber, Benjamin Foley, Taylor Griffith, Brenda Grothen, Jo'Hanna Hass, Ilian Hernandez, Brittany Huhn, Tristan Joyce, Jacquelyn Keeton, Kevin Lewis, Guadalupe Mandujano, Zanae Mayfield, Jade Mendoza, Jerry Menzel, Abby Motter, Donald Muller, Allison Olczak, Yasmine Orozco Godinez, Esmeralda Perez, Jessica Phillips, Isaac Quinonez, Francisco Romero, Juliana Sarabia, Alison Schlesinger, Cole Stremlau, Devin Wade, Joshua Wiley

and Maren Wise; **West Brooklyn:** Haley Fittanto; **Compton:** David Peterson, Christina Van Sickle and Joanna Vasquez; **LaMoille:** Marco Arteaga, Allie Carlson, Alexandria Collier, Shaun DesRocher, Melanie Harden, Morgan Sadnick, Matthew Silfies, Hannah Weeks and Marcus Winn; **Earlville:** Brandon Bruce, Kelsey Chapman and Wyatt Cole.

Nunsense

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ager Maryann Ennenbach, set designer Glen Gerrard, lead set builder John Fanning, costume coordinator Pam Haughawout, lighting designer Scot Smigel, assistant lighting designer Yvette Lucas, light operator Abby Bertrand, spotlight operators Trenton McKennie and Timmy Campbell, sound technician Andrew Paden, sound operator Dylan Kilter and stagehands Joey Santos and Sydney Wright. The orches-

tra features Mary Cornwall, Sydney Romano-Atkinson and Ann Darwish. "Nunsensations! The Nunsense Vegas Revue" will be presented Feb. 7, 8 and 9 and 13, 14, 15 (two performances) and 16 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. Thursday, Friday and Satur-

day evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Stage 212 still offers 2020 season passes, which allows purchasers to line up tickets beginning Jan. 20. Tickets will be sold to the public for \$20 each beginning Jan. 27.

Purchase at the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or call (815) 224-3025 during the same hours or online at www.stage212.org. "Nunsensations! The Nunsense Vegas Revue" is presented by arrangement with TAMS-WITMARK.

CARL'S QUIZ

Who is the only professional athlete in history to have been named an All-Star in both baseball and football?


The answer to last week's quiz is: A group of Zebras is called a dazzle.


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


Mendota Weather


Jan. 15, 2020


Seven Day Forecast


**Wednesday**
Isolated Rain
High: 39 Low: 19


**Thursday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 16

**Friday**
Rain & Snow Likely
High: 38 Low: 29

**Saturday**
Snow Likely
High: 31 Low: 8

**Sunday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 3

**Monday**
Cloudy
High: 22 Low: -1

**Tuesday**
Sunny
High: 17 Low: -6

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of isolated rain, near record high temperature of 39°, humidity of 73%. South southwest wind 5 to 9 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 42° set in 1990. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 19°. Northwest wind 7 to 10 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 10°.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	37	24	27/11	0.00"
Tuesday	38	24	27/11	0.00"
Wednesday	24	15	27/11	0.00"
Thursday	50	34	27/11	0.00"
Friday	44	33	27/11	0.56"
Saturday	34	22	27/11	0.22"
Sunday	31	23	27/11	0.00"


Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	41/20	ra	38/24	pc
Champaign	48/24	ra	45/29	pc
Chicago	42/22	ra	38/25	pc
Freeport	32/15	sn	28/19	pc
Joliet	43/20	ra	40/23	pc
Moline	35/16	rs	32/25	pc
Peoria	42/22	ra	38/27	pc
Rockford	36/16	rs	31/17	pc
Springfield	48/23	mc	45/30	pc

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
Wednesday	7:20 a.m.	4:51 p.m.	10:47 p.m.	10:43 a.m.	2/1
Thursday	7:20 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	11:59 p.m.	11:13 a.m.	
Friday	7:19 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	Prev Day	11:42 a.m.	Full
Saturday	7:19 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	1:09 a.m.	12:12 p.m.	
Sunday	7:18 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	2:19 a.m.	12:46 p.m.	2/9
Monday	7:18 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	3:28 a.m.	1:24 p.m.	
Tuesday	7:17 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	4:34 a.m.	2:07 p.m.	

Local UV Index



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

UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure
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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and isolated snow, highest temperature of 56 in Fort Washington, Md. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 83 in Immokalee, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 83 in McAllen, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated snow, highest temperature of 45 in North Bend, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 67 in Yuma, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

Which type of cloud produces lightning?

Weather History

Jan. 15, 1990 - While one Pacific storm crossed the central Rockies, another approached the West Coast. The northern mountains of Utah were buried under 17 to 35 inches of snow while the mountains of southern Utah received another 12 to 16 inches.

Jan. 16, 1987 - A winter storm produced a total of 61 inches of snow at Rye, Colo. and wind gusts to 100 mph in Utah. The storm then spread heavy snow from the Texas panhandle to Indiana. Tulia, Texas received 16 inches of snow.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Elaine M. Setchell

MENDOTA - Elaine M. Setchell, 91, of Mendota passed away Jan. 7, 2020 at the Mendota Lutheran Home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 11 at First United Methodist Church in Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was from noon until time of services Jan. 11 at the church.

Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Elaine was born Sept. 12, 1928 in Chicago to Crystal Spears Miller and Robert Phalen. She married Floyd Setchell on Feb. 8, 1946. He preceded her in death in 2018.

Survivors include four sons, John (Teresa) Setchell, Jeff (Diane) Setchell and Tim (Julie) Setchell of Mendota, and Tom (Jane) Setchell of Sarasota, Fla.; one daughter, Carol (Paul) Ramer of Mendota; 14 grandchildren, John D., Toby, Justin, Tyler, Brad, and Will Setchell, Matt Ramer, Joanne McNally, Jessica Sondgeroth, Katy Mathes, Tricia Leigh, Lauren Wallenberg, Mindy Matney and Michelle Beaty; two step-grandchildren, Matt Westerman and Kristen Saylor; 30 great-grandchildren; five step-great grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Bruce (Shirley) Miller of LaMoille; one sister, Kathleen Currie of Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Charles in 2006; two brothers, Donald Miller and Patrick Phalen; and two sisters, Constance Truti and Colleen Greenwood.

Elaine was raised on a farm in Clarion Township by her grandmother, Hattie Spears and G. Frederick Meyers. She attended Mendota schools and graduated from Mendota High School in 1945. After she and Floyd married, they resided on a farm east of Mendota their entire lives. Elaine was an outstanding mother, grandmother, aunt and friend to all who knew her. She never missed a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion for anyone. She worked in retail sales in Mendota for many years, then spent several years in the accounting department of Hart Carter, and followed that working as a CNA at the Mendota Lutheran Home. She was a member of Eastern Star, United Methodist Women, Mendota Business and Professional Women's Club, and the local unit of TOPS.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church.

Tamra L. Bierbom

UTICA - Tamra L. Bierbom, 59, of Utica passed away Jan. 8, 2020 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 1-5 p.m. at the Mendota Elks Lodge. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Tami was born Jan. 28, 1960 in Mendota to Lyle and Carol (Hill) Wendel.

Survivors include her mother of Mendota and her three children, Kendra (Dustin) Wolford of Princeton, Kelsey Bokus of Utica and Cole Bokus of Utica.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and her father in 2014.

Tami graduated from Mendota High School in 1978, Illinois Valley Community College in 1980 and Western Illinois University in 1981. Besides her children her passions were coffee, chocolate and shopping.

Memorials may be directed to Cops 4 Cancer and the Pink Ribbon Club through Illinois Valley Community Hospital.



Jane C. Kuczek

MENDOTA - Jane C. Kuczek, 88, of Mendota passed away unexpectedly Jan. 10, 2020 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 15 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Peterstown with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery. Visitation was from 2-7 p.m. on Jan. 14 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with a 1:30 p.m. Rosary.

Jane was born June 26, 1931 in Chicago to John and Sophie (Kieras) Bukala. She married Edward S. Kuczek on Oct. 10, 1959 at St. Bruno's Church, Chicago.

Survivors include her husband Edward Kuczek, Sr. of Mendota and two sons, Edward Kuczek, Jr. of Mendota and William Kuczek of Toluca.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Jane was a graduate of St. Ann High School in Chicago. She was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Peterstown. She was a housewife all her married life.

Memorials may be directed to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Holy Cross Church or the donor's choice.

John W. "Jack" Deery

AMBOY - John W. "Jack" Deery, 68, of Amboy died Jan. 12, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown with Rev. Randy Froenik officiating. Burial will follow at St. Michael/Sandy Hill Cemetery. Afterward, a luncheon will be held at the Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

Jack was born April 18, 1951 in Dodgeville, Wis. to James and Mary Rose (McDermott) Deery. He married Cynthia Warnock on Feb. 2, 1971 in Ottawa.

Survivors include his wife; three children, Brian (Brenda) Deery of Sublette, Chad (Linsey) Deery of Ohio and Eric (Kimberly) Deery of Dixon; three grandchildren, Maddilyn, Bryson and Cole; one sister, Patricia (Dan) Clowers of Clay City; and his special furry friend, Si.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jeffrey Allen Deery; his guardian angel, Ruby Jensen; and special friend, Ben Nelson.

Jack was a supervisor at Motor Wheel in Mendota for 30 years and drove a truck for McLaughlin Farms. He loved hunting, fishing and the outdoors and enjoyed being a shade tree mechanic.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Nancy L. Crane

LA SALLE - Nancy L. Crane, 71, of LaSalle passed away Jan. 7, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. on Jan. 13 at Troy Grove Cemetery with Rev. Susan Presley officiating. Arrangements were handled by Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Nancy was born April 20, 1948 in LaSalle to Russell and Marjorie (Scott) Crane.

She is survived by her sister, Leila (Don) Croisant of LaSalle and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Linda Simpson Joiner.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.



Melvin E. Stamberger

ROCHESTER, Ind. - Melvin Edwin Stamberger, 93, of Rochester, Ind., formerly of Mendota, passed away Jan. 12, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw, Ind. surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. with Pastor Eric Ahlemeyer officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and for an hour prior to services at the church on Jan. 16. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Melvin was born Feb. 13, 1926 in Bureau County to Herman Oscar and Hilda Margaret (Lamps) Stamberger. He married the love of his life Wilma Jean Horn on Aug. 15, 1957 at Clarion Evangelical Lutheran Church in LaMoille and they enjoyed 62 years of life's adventures.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma of Rochester; one daughter, Kathy (Gary) Stuart and one son, Chuck (Melva) Stamberger, all of Rochester; a daughter-in-law, Jayne Stamberger of Mishawaka, Ind.; nine grandchildren, Christine (Adam) Smith, Erin (Brett) Nelson, Daniel (Kelly) Snipes, Cory (Melissa) Mauck, Melinda (Jason) Owens, Michael (Tana) Stamberger, Timothy (Katelyn) Stamberger, Jordan Lloyd Stamberger and Cynthia Renee Stamberger; 13 great-grandchildren including the Smiths, Austin, Kaitlyn and Allison, the Nelsons, Brooke and Addison, the Maucks, Lane, Harley, Alexis and Conner, the Owens, Kensie, Jacob and another blessing due in the spring, and the Stambergers, Clair and Kennedy; a brother-in-law, Arnold (Kay) Horn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Steven Stamberger on Aug. 2, 2012, and three older brothers, Earl (infant), Wayne and Robert.

In 1969, Melvin and Wilma moved their family from Mendota to Newcastle Township, Ind. to set up their home and family farming operation. They erected the windmill that had graced the landscape of their farm in Illinois. Melvin was primarily a grain farmer annually planting wheat, corn and soybeans. He also enjoyed overseeing the livestock operation consisting of cross-bred hogs, black Angus and Herefords. He could be seen turning the soil, then planting annually each spring atop his classic J.I. Case shiny tractors.

He was an active member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Plymouth and was a member of the Hesston Steam Power Society in LaPorte County for over 30 years. An avid train buff, Melvin built two locomotive steam powered engines on a 1.5-inch scale, powered by coal and water building the perfect steam engine. As the patriarch of the Stamberger family, grandpa Melvin served as engineer and sometimes conductor.

Establishing a family tradition, Melvin and Wilma spent most summer weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day taking to the 7-inch train track and engineering their locomotive steam engine, allowing friends and new acquaintances the thrill of a historic ride. Other family members joined in the fun serving as conductor or sold tickets at the depot.

The appointment of the annual "Corn Day" was led by Melvin. Each spring he planted a special field of tender, juicy sweet corn, monitoring it until the kernels were blistered to perfection. When he declared the corn was ready, his family was notified and the corn was harvested the evening before the "Big Day." Everyone pitched in completing their assignment, whether shucking, overseeing the blanching in a huge black butcher kettle or cutting the corn from the ear. Much love and many legendary stories were told during the day's events. The Stamberger family collaborated to freeze over 400 pints for winter use, enough for more than 10 families to enjoy!

Memorials may be directed to Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Ind. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Joel Koopersmith

GRANTS PASS, Ore. - Joel Koopersmith, 64, of Grants Pass, Ore., formerly of Mendota, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Jan. 6, 2020.

A memorial will be planned at a later date in Mendota.

Joe was born March 30, 1955 in Mendota to Louis and Betty (Friend) Koopersmith.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Judith Kay Koopersmith; his mother; two sisters, Linda and Adrienne Koopersmith; and three stepchildren, Dan Ultch, Andrea Metzen and Tawny Mahar.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Joe was a 1973 graduate of Mendota High School. He owned Joe's Vintage Motorcycles for 42 years. He was well-known and respected throughout the world for his knowledge and love of motorcycles. He turned his hobby into his business. Joe never met a stranger and was definitely known for his gift of "gab." He will be greatly missed by all who crossed his path. As you read this sad news, please take a moment to remember Joe. Our hearts are broken but we are grateful to have had him with us, even though the time was way too short.

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Taxes

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IRS' Free File program as well as many tax software companies and tax professionals before the start date, processing of those returns will begin after IRS systems open later this month.

"The IRS encourages everyone to consider filing electronically and choosing direct deposit," Rettig said. "It's fast, accurate and the best way to get your refund as quickly as possible."

Filing electronically flags common errors and prompts taxpayers for missing information. Taxpayers can get free help preparing and filing taxes through IRS Free File online or free tax help from trained volunteers at community sites around the country. The IRS also reminds taxpayers that they don't have to wait until Jan. 27 to start their tax return or contact a reputable tax preparer.

In addition, IRS tax help is available 24 hours a day on IRS.gov, the official IRS website, where people can find answers to tax questions and resolve tax issues online. The Let Us Help You page helps answer most tax questions, and the IRS Services Guide (PDF) links to these and other IRS services.

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Olivero to give IVCC commencement address

OGLESBY — Former Illinois Valley Community College trustee Melissa Olivero of Peru will deliver the college's May commencement address, President Jerry Corcoran announced at the Jan. 9 IVCC board meeting.



M. Olivero, an administrative law judge, was elected twice and served the college from 2009 to 2019. She was board chair from May 2013 through April 2017.

"No one has been more loyal or shown more leadership than Melissa," Corcoran said in July when Olivero announced she was stepping

down from the board. "Sitting next to her when she was chair for four years was one of the highlights of my life."

The 54th annual commencement will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16 in the gymnasium.

In other business, the board approved the release of closed session minutes from six 2019 meetings: Jan. 10, June 18, July 11 and Aug. 12, 15 and 22.

Board members learned:

- IT help desk specialist Janna Stash has been hired as an administrative assistant in financial aid.

- Jan. 9 was the first day of spring classes.

- In his report, Corcoran credited IVCC theatre department leaders Dr. David Kuester and Don Grant

Zellmer for coordinating the Dec. 16 memorial service for theatre technical director Matthew Boehm. "The service was expertly handled by two of Matt's closest friends, David and Don," Corcoran said.

- Corcoran also praised Jeannette Frahm, Valery Calvetti, Aseret Loveland, Gracelyn Quesse and Isamar Taylor for working the last chance registration at Ottawa Center that resulted in nine enrollments.

- Overall fall GPA for IVCC student athletes was 3.05.

- Observed a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting for Harvey Jackson Eaton of Central City, Ky. Mr. Eaton, brother of board secretary Judy Day, died Dec. 29.

IVCC offers volunteer tutor training in Feb.

OGLESBY — The Adult Education Community Tutoring Program at Illinois Valley Community College will conduct free volunteer tutor training from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 1 and Saturday, Feb. 8 in Room CTC221.

Participation in both sessions is required. In addition, volunteers must have a desire to work with adult learners and be willing to tutor two-to-three hours each week. Teaching experience is not necessary, however, 10 hours of training through the program is required. Visiting an Adult Education classroom is the additional training component.

After completing training, volunteers have the option of tutoring in an English

Language Acquisition class, an Adult Basic Education class or a High School Equivalency class.

Classes follow the IVCC semester schedule in fall and spring. One-to-one tutoring might be available during summer months. Tutors are needed in DePue, Mendota, Oglesby, Ottawa and Streator.

Free online tutor training is another option for volunteers whose schedules do not allow them to participate in the February training sessions. For information, go to <http://www.ivcc.edu/adulteducation/campus-and-community-tutoring.php>.

To register for the training sessions, contact Angela Dunlap, campus and community tutoring coordinator, at (815) 224-0479.

Funding

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Rep. Sam Yingling, D-Grayslake, one of eight co-chairs of the task force, said in an interview that one way to increase the state's share of school funding would be to expand the state's sales tax base to cover certain services not currently taxed. He added that also allow the state to reduce its sales tax rate.

The report also notes that one task force member, Chicago Democratic Rep. Mary Flowers, who co-chaired the subcommittee on social and economic disparities, "recommends the removal of school districts from the property tax system so that the State of Illinois has sole funding responsibility for K-12 schools."

Illinois also has an unusual system of organizing public schools, with 850 individual districts. Of those, more than 300 serve only grades K-8 and nearly 100 serve only high school students. The remainder are known as "unit" districts that serve all grades from K-12.

"Each of these has administrative staff and combining them into unified school districts will result in efficiencies of scale," the draft report states. "The degree and scope of savings will vary from district to district and from school to school, but in parts of the state, merg-

er will make great financial sense, and without raising concerns about geographic dislocation for students."

Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, an Oswego Democrat who served as co-chair of the task force's school funding subcommittee, said in an interview that she agrees with the need for school district consolidation.

"When you talk about school funding and single purpose districts such as K-8 or high school districts, the residents have to know that they are essentially being almost double-taxed versus a unit district," she said.

By way of example, Kifowit shared a photograph she took of a constituent's property tax bill. The bill was for a home in Park Forest, a village south of Chicago in Cook County. The home was valued at just over \$128,000 and the tax bill was for more than \$13,000. That included more than \$7,000 levied by two school districts.

The task force was originally supposed to deliver its final report to the governor and General Assembly by Dec. 31, but Yingling said members felt it was important to get feedback on the draft from all four legislative caucuses — Republicans and Democrats in the state House and Senate. He said he expects a final report to be complete before the 2020

session begins Jan. 28.

Once the final report is released, its recommendations will be drafted into legislation for the General Assembly to consider this year.

"It's gonna take longer than one session in one year to fix but I think this is a great first step in the right direction," Kifowit said. "And I think that we can have a commonsense solution for to really work to lower property taxes for our residents."

But not everyone on the task force was pleased with the draft report.

"As a current draft, the final report is nothing more than a collection of thoughts with no real recommendations, put together by only a handful of people," Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, said in a statement. "There was no actual discussion or debate at the committee level on this report. This grossly oversized task force was created in a deal with the Governor to convince reluctant legislators to support an income tax increase being placed on the ballot, apparently to provide them with political cover. Instead of bringing us closer to achieving meaningful and lasting property tax relief for Illinois families, this draft report is a complete disaster that fails to live up to its intended purpose."

IVCC News Briefs

IVCC offers free adult ed classes

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College's Adult Education program will offer free Adult Basic Education (ABE), High School Equivalency (HSE) traditional and online preparation classes as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship classes beginning Jan. 21 and 22.

ABE/HSE and ESL classes are offered on main campus and at IVCC's Ottawa Center. In DePue, Mendota and Streator, only ESL is offered.

Before joining a class, all students must attend a registration session. ABE/HSE students should call Cindy at (815) 224-0358 and ESL and citizenship students should call Sara at (815) 224-0355 to sign up for a registration session. Preguntas en Español, llama (815) 224-0355, Sara.

Scholarship Workshop set Jan. 22

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College's Admissions office and Writing Center will host a Scholarship Workshop from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 in Rooms A208-209.

The free session will cover the 2020-21 IVCC Foundation scholarship application, essay guidelines, common grammar and punctuation mistakes, and an opportunity to have your essay proofread by Writing Center staff.

Assistant Director of Admissions, Records and Transfer Services Aseret Loveland said, "This year, the Foundation scholarship application is fully online and with the Feb. 6 deadline approaching, we wanted to offer our students a session to learn how to make their essay stand out."

"Nearly 300 applications were submitted last year. We hope this workshop will help students refine their essay to increase the odds of receiving a scholarship," she added.

For information, call (815) 224-0439. RSVPs are encouraged at www.ivcc.edu/visit.

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Blago saga continues

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Arrogant and combative have become servile and obsequious.

That's all I could think when I read Rod Blagojevich's latest mash note to Donald Trump.

As most everyone knows, the former Illinois governor is locked up in a federal prison for multiple counts of corruption and wants the president to pardon him. Based on the tone of his essay this month in NewsMax, he must really, really want out.

Despite holding a history degree from Northwestern, Blagojevich's composition shows him to be lacking in historical perspective and void of shame.

"He was always like a boxer ready to go out and fight. With Blagojevich, it was never like he was seeking a meeting of the minds to get something accomplished," said former state Sen. Denny Jacobs of East Moline.

I dealt with the Blagojevich administration daily for his entire time in office. I'm still amazed by what I witnessed.

During a formal meeting in the governor's office, Blagojevich got in a shouting match with then-Sen. Mike Jacobs in which he is alleged to have repeatedly called the senator a two-word obscenity that inferred he was unnaturally close to his mother.

During legislative sessions he wouldn't deign to sleep in Springfield; he flew in the state jet back to Chicago each night.

He called the Illinois General Assembly into special session 36 times, which is about half of the total number of special sessions called since 1970. The sessions disrupted lawmakers' time off, accomplished little and Blagojevich himself refused to attend.

So, are you getting the picture? He was arrogant and always at war with somebody.

The tone he took in his essay last week is quite different.

Writing from the federal prison in Englewood, Colo., Illinois' 40th governor finds striking similarities between our current president and Abraham Lincoln.

"I, like most people from my home state of Illinois, am a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln," Blagojevich said. He adds his own "unhappy experience," provides "this interesting and unique perspective about impeachment as I sit here in prison."

I suppose the "unhappy experience" he is referring to is being impeached and removed from the governorship.

Blagojevich further pontificates, "Today's Democrats would have impeached Lincoln for obstruction of Congress and abuse of power when he unilaterally issued his Emancipation Proclamation."

The Chicago Democrat added today's Democrats would have impeached Lincoln for "Confederate collusion," bribery and an "illegal quid pro quo."

Blagojevich also contends today's Democrats would demand a special counsel because Lincoln offered command of the Army "to a guy who would go on to become the top military commander of the other side."

My goodness, Federal Inmate 40892-424 would do well to remember Robert E. Lee was a colonel in the U.S. Army when Lincoln offered him the command.

How can someone with a bachelor's degree in history from Northwestern University spew this kind of nonsense? Did he stay awake during class? Does he have any shame?

"I guess he fancies himself a Lincoln scholar – but he's not," said longtime statehouse observer Mike Lawrence. "This is a pretty transparent effort to get Trump to pardon him."

Blagojevich is serving a 14-year prison sentence for trying, as Illinois governor in 2008, to sell a U.S. Senate seat for campaign contributions.

Writing for the conservative website NewsMax, Blagojevich wonders "what would have happened had Nancy Pelosi been the Speaker of the House when Abraham Lincoln was president."

He contends that today's Democrats would have impeached Lincoln because he "didn't ask Congress for permission when he declared an end to nearly 250 years of slavery."

Has the former governor never heard of the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery? It was approved by Congress and ratified by state legislatures. Shouldn't a person with a law degree know this?

I recall him telling me and several other reporters: "'I went to law school at a place called Pepperdine in Malibu, Calif., overlooking the Pacific Ocean — a lot of surfing and movie stars and all the rest. I barely knew where that law library was.'"

There is much that Blagojevich told me during his time in office that I don't believe. But I never doubted that statement.

And after his latest literary endeavor, neither should you.

(Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and freelance reporter; ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.)



Township road closings protested - 1975

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Jan. 12, 2000)

By Jessica Nashold

Twenty-five years ago, public hearings were scheduled to discuss proposed closing of township roads between I-80 and the northern boundary of LaSalle County. Closing Troy Grove Township Road #105 was especially opposed by Raymond Chaon, superintendent of Ophir School. He said the closing would increase transportation costs with an added 1,500 miles for school buses to travel. Closing Mendota Township Road #65 was protested by Henkel Grain Co. with an elevator at Meriden. Citing a serious threat to fire safety, there would also be longer trips for farmers hauling grain. All who objected to these closings were urged to file written arguments before January 20, 1975.

Joseph R. Rodriguez, a Mendota High School junior, was first to file as candidate for alderman in the Fourth Ward in the 1975 election. He was the youngest candidate ever to seek office in Mendota.

H.B. Crow, proprietor of The Loft, requested a license permitting serving of cocktails with meals in his restaurant. His Class C license allowed sale of wine and beer only. Ald. Jack Reeder, who headed the Liquor & License Committee, objected because special licenses had proved unworkable in other cities.

Crow indicated he would pursue the matter further.

Viola Shedd donated 1,000 trees to the city, most of them maple and oak, 10 to 12 feet in height, to be transplanted "whenever there is time." Ald. Marge Carroll suggested they might be used in parkways, which had lost trees to Dutch Elm disease.

Beginning in 1967, the Mendota Ministerial Association had been sponsoring ecumenical services. In 1975, the January 9 gathering took the form of a discussion on Christian Unity at St. John's Lutheran Church.

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The Rev. Albert Heidmann of St. John's and the Rev. Walter Lusford of the First United Methodist Church were in charge of arrangements. Father Joseph O'Brian, professor of doctrines at the Roman Catholic seminary at Mundelein was a participant.

Mayor Murray Reeser, injured in a collision on January 8, 1975, had been transferred from a hospital in Sycamore to a Rockford hospital on January 11 and was still a patient when The Reporter came out on January 15.

He was able to take part in ribbon cutting for Ben Franklin's new location later in the month.

David Blaydes was appointed an official Mendota agent of the Tri-County Humane Society on a volunteer basis. It had been reported that in 1974 there had been 311 complaints of animal abuse or neglect. Of this number, only nine cases had been taken to court. Blaydes would investigate cases reported and would allow 48 hours to correct a condition. If nothing was done, the animal would be impounded.

Rick Sipovic was Manpower coordinator under the LaSalle County Manpower Department of Comprehensive Employment and Training (CETA). He announced he would screen people interested in possible public service employment. He would be in the city council rooms on Fridays from 8 a.m. until noon.

At a January meet with Princeton in 1975, the Mendota Rifle Club came out on top with a score of 961 to 944. Howard Horn had a 196 and Jim Ambler 192 in the Mendota rifle effort.

The council approved an increase in rates for Hof's Garbage Disposal. The

new rate would be \$3.50 per month, computed quarterly into each water bill.

On January 15, 1975, the Ben Franklin store moved from 703 Illinois Avenue (present Mendota Reporter office) to 720 Illinois Avenue.

Erickson's East Side Café opened a new dining room and also a parking lot across from the restaurant on Sixth Street.

Westerman's advertised a post-Christmas sale of their fashions at less than half cost. In his column, Fashion Notes, Dave Westerman wrote – Let's settle this length question. Long, today, means mid-knee length with the skimp in evidence for the young.

Wear what becomes you.

A contributor to the Trojan Tattler on January 15, 1975, sounded a warning that student behavior at the Kanteen might result in permanent closing. At a recent dance, someone had cut booth upholstery, and beer cans, bottles and cigarettes littered the basement floor. "The Mothers' Board and Student Board would like activities to continue, but why should they spend time to keep it going?"

Think about it, everyone.

Mendota Lions sponsored a Lions Club in LaMoille, which was just becoming operational in 1975. Four LaMoille Lions paid a visit to the Mendota club in January – Gerald Eich, president, Ron Becker, Don Watson and Donald Lawrence.

The first Mendota Community Theatre offering in 1975 was "Laura," a mystery. Directed by George Likeness, the cast included veterans Joe Richards, Alice Wubben, Jim Cassidy, Barbara Weekly and Charles Erickson, and newcomers George Perry and Doug Lamb.

On January 13, 1975, the Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 105 pints at the Kanteen. There were 11 donors with appointments and 108 walk-ins.

Colin Kaepernick's stupid lie about America

By Rich Lowry

In the torrent of idiotic commentary unleashed by the killing of Qassem Soleimani, Colin Kaepernick's deserves a place of honor.

The NFL washout and Nike persona who makes sure the company doesn't produce any overly patriotic sneakers tweeted, "There is nothing new about American terrorist attacks against Black and Brown people for the expansion of American imperialism."

For Kaepernick, Soleimani is just another dark-skinned man brutalized by the United States. The Iranian terror master was, in effect, driving while nonwhite and paid the ultimate price. For all we know, the operator of the MQ-9 Reaper drone that took him out was making a white-supremacy hand signal while unleashing this racist attack.

This interpretation of events takes identity politics to a whole new level, defining the blood-drenched hit man for a terroristic, profoundly anti-Semitic, deeply intolerant theology as a victim, based on his skin color alone.

Obviously, no one will mistake Colin Kaepernick for an original thinker; he's only repeating things he's read or been told, in a slightly more lurid form. His worldview is disproportionately represented in academia and on the left, which objects to calling Soleimani a monster (hence, Elizabeth Warren's pathetic backtracking after forthrightly condemning Soleimani in her initial statement).

It is certainly true that racism has had a large hand in U.S. foreign policy through much of our history. We drove Native Americans from their lands, in part based on racial animus. Thomas Jefferson refused to recognize an independent Haiti after a successful slave revolt, for fear it would fuel insurrections here. The American South coveted lands in Latin America prior to the Civil War, seeking more territory for slavery. After World War I, Woodrow Wilson opposed

a racial equality proposal made by Japan at the Paris Peace Conference.

All of this, and more, are stains on our nation's history, but to consider racism the chief principle of a rapacious U.S. foreign policy is reductive, malicious, dishonest and incredibly stupid.

The U.S. engaged in titanic struggles in the 20th century against Imperial Germany, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, none of which were brown or black. Enormous resources of blood and treasure were poured into stopping these truly imperialist powers from subjecting foreign peoples to their rule.

The United States opposed European colonialism, and its biggest wars since World War II were fought shoulder to shoulder with Asian people in Korea and Vietnam who didn't want to be overrun by rival Asians allied with totalitarian powers.

In the more immediate, post-9/11 period, we toppled the Taliban and Saddam Hussein. These were interventions motivated by national interest, but also optimistic and idealistic to a fault. Viewing these conflicts through a racial prism requires ignoring that the Taliban and Saddam overwhelmingly killed, tortured and repressed other nonwhite people.

The same is obviously true of Qassem Soleimani. He has prodigious amounts of American blood on his hands (of Americans of all races and creeds), but he mainly killed other people in the Middle East – Syrians opposed to Bashar Assad, Iraqis protesting Iranian influence, anyone who got in the way of the Iranian imperial project.

His end is a boon to humanity, which should be obvious to anyone who's not drunk on ideology or racial obsessions.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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TAX PREP GUIDE



IRS issues standard mileage rates for 2020

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2020 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2020, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 57.5 cents per mile driven for business use, down one half of a cent from the rate for 2019;
- 17 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down three cents from the rate for 2019;
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

The business mileage rate decreased one half of a cent for business travel driven and three cents for medical and certain moving expense from the rates for 2019. The charitable rate is set by statute and remains unchanged.

It is important to note that under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses. Taxpayers also cannot claim a deduction for moving expenses, except members of the Armed Forces on active duty moving under orders to a permanent change of station.

The standard mileage rate for business use is based

on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for more than five vehicles used simultaneously.

Notice 2020-05 (PDF), posted on IRS.gov, contains the standard mileage rates, the amount a taxpayer must use in calculating reductions to basis for depreciation taken under the business standard mileage rate, and the maximum standard automobile cost that a taxpayer may use in computing the allowance under a fixed and variable rate plan. In addition, for employer-provided vehicles, the Notice provides the maximum fair market value of automobiles first made available to employees for personal use in calendar year 2020 for which employers may use the fleet-average valuation rule in § 1.61-21(d)(5)(v) or the vehicle cents-per-mile valuation rule in § 1.61-21(e).

Tips for a stress-free tax season

(StatePoint) Taxes are an unavoidable fact of life. Unfortunately, they can be somewhat overwhelming, which can cause people to put the task off and miss the deadline. Use these tips for a stress-free tax season.

• Get It Over With

The sooner you get your taxes filed, the sooner you can stop worrying about them. Early filing also means an earlier refund – if you're due one – or time to plan to prepare to pay any owed taxes. To ensure it all happens on time, actually block out time in your calendar to sit down and work on your taxes. Be sure not to underestimate how much time is needed. If your situation has gotten more complicated over the last year, figure that into the equation.



• Check Your Work

The last thing anybody wants to hear is that they are being audited. You can avoid this anxiety by having the right tools on hand. Start by keeping your records filed in an organized way – both digitally and on paper with a filing cabinet that locks. As you do your taxes, it is a good idea to take your time,

and do a practice run.

• Maximize Your Refund

While many people look forward to their tax refund and view it as a windfall, it is important to keep in mind that this money is simply your own income that you overpaid to the state and federal government throughout the year. That said, you should have a smart plan for

your refund wisely so that it is not wasted on an impulse purchase. A few good ideas for tax refunds is investing the money into a retirement account, using it to pay down debt or padding out your rainy-day fund.

This tax season, don't get overwhelmed. For stress-free filing, stay organized and give yourself plenty of time.

Deductions and donations: What donors should know

Giving to charity is a selfless act that's worthy of recognition. That recognition can come in many forms, and donors should know that even the "tax man" likes to reward men and women who donate to charity.

The United States rewards donors with tax credits. A leading financial services firm notes that, in the United States, taxpayers can deduct donations made to qualified charities. Such deductions must be itemized, but they can greatly reduce a person's taxable income.

Laws regarding donations and tax deductions can be difficult to understand, so donors should always discuss their donations with their financial planners or tax preparers before filing their returns. The following is some general information regarding donations and deductions that can be useful to prospective donors.

• Are all donations deductible?

In the United States, donations must go to one of three types of groups in order to qualify for deductions.

Donations made to nonprofit religious groups, nonprofit educational groups and nonprofit charitable groups, which are often referred to as 501(c)(3) organizations, may qualify for deductions.

• Does a donation have to be money in order for it to be deducted?

Non-cash donations are eligible for deductions in the United States.

• Do I need to get anything from the organization I donate to?

In most instances in the United States, charitable

organizations must provide donors with certain information in order for donations to be deducted. A receipt that indicates the organization's name and address and the date and location of the donation must be submitted. In addition, the amount of the donation when donating cash or, in the case of non-cash donations, a reasonably detailed description of the items donated.

Donating to charity is a selfless endeavor that may lead to rewards when donors file their tax returns.

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SPORTS

Trojans saddled with pair of home losses

□ Earlvile, G-K take down Mendota

MENDOTA — Mendota was outgunned by Earlvile and couldn't keep up with Genoa-Kingston in a pair of home varsity boys' basketball losses last week.

The Trojans let a first-quarter lead slip away and were beaten by Earlvile, 58-46, in a nonconference tilt on Jan. 8 at the MHS gym.

Mendota got scoring from seven different players and opened up a 16-10 lead after the first eight-minute session, but Earlvile found its stroke in the second period and outscored the Trojans, 21-6, to take a 31-22 halftime lead. Davis Sweeney keyed the second-quarter surge for Earlvile by knocking down four shots from three-point range on his way to scoring 17 of the team's 21 points in the stanza.

The Red Raiders kept bombing away from three-point land in the third quarter and sank four treys to up their lead to 12 (47-35) heading to the fourth.

The Trojans were led in scoring by Emiliano Arteaga and Krew Bond with nine points apiece. Abraham Guzman and Cole Stremelau contributed seven and six tallies, respectively. Sweeney finished with 19 points to pace Earlvile, while Mike Sansone (12) and Landon Larkin (11) also hit double figures.

The Trojans returned to Big Northern Conference play and were outgunned by Genoa-Kingston, 53-39, on Jan. 10 at the MHS gym.

In the same scenario as the Earlvile game, the Trojans grabbed a 14-12 lead after the dust settled on the first quarter, but second-quarter problems cropped up again.

The Cogs pumped in 23 points in the frame and Mendota was limited to just six as Genoa-Kingston took a 35-20 lead to the locker room. The Trojans couldn't

get any closer in the second half.

Eleven players dented the scoreboard for the Trojans (2-17, 0-2), led by Emiliano Arteaga with eight markers. Josue Arteaga was next with six points, followed by Emilio Perez and Bond with five apiece.

EARLVILLE 58, MENDOTA 46				
Earlvile (58)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Larkin	4	2-2	2	11
Rico	0	2-8	2	2
Ohme	1	0-0	0	3
Sachse	3	0-0	1	9
Sansone	4	2-3	2	12
Sweeney	7	1-1	3	19
Lemke	1	0-0	3	2
Totals	20	7-14	13	58

Mendota (46)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
E. Arteaga	2	4-10	4	9
Sandoval	1	1-3	0	3
A. Guzman	3	0-0	4	7
Stremelau	3	0-2	4	6
Stamberger	2	0-0	1	4
Glazebrook	2	0-0	2	4
G. Guzman	0	0-0	1	0
Bond	3	0-0	0	9
Quintana	2	0-0	0	4
Schmidt	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	18	5-15	17	46

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Earlvile	10	31	47	58
Mendota	16	22	35	46
Three-point goals: Mendota - E. Arteaga 1, A. Guzman 1, Bond 3; Earlvile - Larkin 1, Ohme 1, Sachse 3, Sansone 2, Sweeney 4				

GENOA-K. 53, MENDOTA 39				
Genoa-Kingston (53)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Stojan	1	0-0	3	2
Golembiewski	3	0-0	0	8
Peters	1	2-4	1	4
Franson	2	0-0	3	4
Kleba	1	0-0	0	2
Skarzynski	1	0-0	2	2
Nesler	4	2-4	3	10
Schwchtnbrg	3	1-2	2	7
Rice	1	0-0	0	3
Mullins	3	4-4	2	11
Totals	20	9-14	16	53

Mendota (39)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
E. Arteaga	2	2-4	1	8
Sandoval	0	0-0	1	0
Glazebrook	0	1-2	0	1
Hughes	1	0-0	1	3
A. Guzman	1	0-0	2	3
Stremelau	1	0-1	1	2
Stamberger	0	1-2	0	1
Quintana	1	0-0	0	2
Landgraf	0	0-0	1	0
Perez	2	1-2	4	5
J. Arteaga	3	0-0	2	6
Bond	1	3-4	1	5
Romero	1	1-3	0	3
Totals	18	5-15	17	46

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Genoa-K.	12	35	46	53
Mendota	14	20	28	39
Three-point goals: Mendota - E. Arteaga 2, A. Guzman 1, Hughes 1; Genoa-Kingston - Golembiewski 2, Rice 1, Mullins 1				



Mendota's Trent Stamberger gets fouled by Colin Nesler of Genoa-Kingston as he goes up for a shot during Big Northern Conference action on Jan. 10 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Soph boys top Earlvile, beaten by Genoa-K.

MENDOTA — The Mendota sophomore boys' basketball team played back-to-back home games and came away with a split — winning a nonconference contest with Earlvile and dropping a Big Northern Conference battle with Genoa-Kingston.

The Trojans had no trouble taking down Earlvile, 60-15, on Jan. 8.

Mendota jetted out to a 13-0 lead after the first period and cruised the rest of the way. It was 32-9 at intermission and 50-13 after three frames.

Rafa Romero led the scoring attack with 13 points, while Krew Bond hit double digits with 11. Damien Magallanes was next with eight markers, Josue Arteaga added seven, and Emilio Perez, Nick Rosales and Angelo Quintana each had six tallies.

The Trojans hung with Genoa-Kingston for three quarters before the Cogs pulled away in the fourth to post a 53-43 league victory on Jan. 10.

Both offenses came out of the gate

firing and Mendota held a 17-15 lead after the opening stanza. But the Trojans managed only seven points in the second period while the Cogs matched their first-quarter output to grab a 30-24 halftime lead. Mendota trailed 42-38 heading to the fourth, where it was outscored, 11-5.

Ted Landgraf topped the scoring chart for the Trojans with 12 points, followed by Bond and Arteaga with eight points apiece. Perez chipped in with seven markers.

MHS girls romp over Genoa-K. in BNC contest

MENDOTA — Soon after the opening tip, Mendota took control and romped over Genoa-Kingston, 58-25, in a Big Northern Conference varsity girls' basketball game on Jan. 7 at the MHS gym.

The Lady Trojans sprinted out to a 14-1 lead on their way to a 22-5 advantage after one quarter. The count stood at 38-11 at halftime and 55-15 after three. The running clock was utilized the entire fourth frame.

"We did an awesome job right from the tip on defense," stated Mendota coach John Hansen. "We pressured G-K into a lot of turnovers and did a great job turning them into buckets. I thought we moved the ball really well and I was proud of our intensity."

Amellia Bromenschenkel led the attack with 24 points, 20 rebounds and five steals. Jaelyn Fitzgerald and Daisy Arteaga both dropped in 10 points, while Fitzgerald picked off six boards and Jenna O'Donnell delivered four assists.

MENDOTA 58, GENOA-K. 25				
Genoa-Kingston (25)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Hemann	0	1-6	3	1
Walters	1	0-0	2	3
Krueger	0	0-0	1	0
Tetzloff	2	0-0	2	6
McPherson	2	0-0	3	5
Ferrara	0	0-0	1	0
Gilbert	1	1-4	0	4
Winker	2	2-3	1	6
Strader	0	0-0	3	0
Totals	8	4-13	16	25

Mendota (58)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
O'Donnell	2	0-0	2	4
Brmnschnkl	10	4-8	20	24
Bokus	2	0-0	3	5
Arteaga	4	2-3	0	10
Fitzgerald	3	4-6	6	10
Calamaco	1	0-2	4	2
Delao	0	1-2	0	1
Nanez	0	0-0	3	0
Espinosa	1	0-0	4	2
Totals	23	11-21	42	58

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Genoa-K.	5	11	15	25
Mendota	22	38	55	58
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bokus 1; Genoa-Kingston - Walters 1, Tetzloff 2, McPherson 1, Gilbert 1				



Mendota's Krew Bond attempts to get a shot over the outstretched arms on Genoa-Kingston's Colin Nesler on Jan. 10 at the Mendota gym. (Reporter photo)

Genoa-K. posts 2 victories over Mendota girls

MENDOTA — Genoa-Kingston raced out to a big first-quarter lead and cruised past the Mendota freshman-sophomore girls' basketball team, 42-20, in Big Northern Conference action on Jan. 7 at the MHS gym.

The Lady Trojans were slow out of the gate, scor-

ing just two points in the first quarter compared to 14 for Genoa-Kingston. The visitors led 21-8 at the half. Mendota climbed a little closer in the third, but Genoa-Kingston hit back-to-back three-pointers to stretch the margin to 32-12 after three.

Genoa-K. spoils home opener for freshman boys

MENDOTA — The Mendota freshman boys' basketball team had its home opener spoiled by Genoa-Kingston in a 46-28 loss on Jan. 10. The Trojans fell to 2-9 overall and 0-2 in the Big Northern.

Mendota was in trouble from the start as it fell behind 17-2 after the first quarter. The count was 24-9 at

the half and 30-19 after three.

"I'm not sure if it was the two-week layoff between games or nervousness about our home opener, but we were really out of sync to start the game," stated Mendota coach Matt Gehm. "Genoa-Kingston's quickness and size really gave us fits on offense."

Angelo Quintana paced the Trojans

with seven points and six rebounds. Also for Mendota, Nathan Ruiz supplied six points, Jose Rocha had four rebounds, and Jasiel Watson had three steals and two assists.

Mendota turned the ball over 22 times compared to 14 for the visitors and MHS had a 22-21 edge on the glass.

include Earlvile, Hiawatha, Hinckley-Big Rock, Indian Creek, LaMoille, Leland, Newark, Serena, and Somonauk. The Little Ten Conference Boys' Basketball Tournament has been held every season since 1920 and is the oldest conference tournament in Illinois, celebrating its 100th anniversary in February of 2019.

The Little Ten Conference currently sponsors the following sports and activities — boys' golf, boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, baseball, softball, band, choir and Scholastic Bowl.

MHS matmen in Plano Regional

PLANO — The Mendota Trojans have been assigned to the Plano Class 1A Regional Wrestling Tournament to be held Saturday, Feb. 8.

Other schools in the regional include Aurora (Central Catholic), Granville (Putnam County) [Coop], Mooseheart, Ottawa (Marquette), Peru (St. Bede), Plano, Sandwich, Seneca, Somonauk [Coop] and Yorkville (Y. Christian)

First-, second- and third-place winners from each weight class advance to the sectional round, which will be held at Oregon on Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15.

"Genoa-Kingston was way more physical than us in the first half and we didn't do a very good job of keeping them off the offensive boards," said Mendota coach Brian Blumhorst.

Kya Delao's eight points led the Lady Trojans, while Natalie Bodmer and Katie

Jenner added four points apiece.

The two teams also played a freshman-only game and Genoa-Kingston rallied for a 22-19 win. Mendota held a 17-12 advantage early in the fourth period.

Emily Stewart had seven points for the Lady Trojans.

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Jan. 6 — 1. Mauch Carpentry 17-3; 2. CM Farm 13-7; 3. Sully's 12-8; 4. High Rollers 11-11; 5. Bad Kats 5-15; 6. Sports-N-Stuff 4-16

High team game (scratch) — Sports-N-Stuff 909, High Rollers 855, Bad Kats 787

High team game (hdcp) — Sports-N-Stuff 1235, Bad Kats 1231, Mauch Carpentry 1208

High team series (scratch) — Sports-N-Stuff 2557, High Rollers 2419, Bad Kats 2225

High team series (hdcp) — Bad Kats 3557, CM Farm 3539, Sports-N-Stuff 3535

Men's high game (scratch) — Ron Westphal 242, Jose Sarabia 223, Tony Yost 213

Men's high game (hdcp) — Josh Robeson 293, Ron Westphal 282, Tony Yost 272

Men's high series (scratch) — Ron Westphal 584, Jose Sarabia 583, Adam Martin 557

Men's high series (hdcp) — Aaron Holocker 764, Josh Robeson 758, Ed Roulston 729

Women's high game (scratch) — Hannah Westphal 182, Emily Thomas 179, Sarah Westphal 179

Women's high game (hdcp) — Margina Schwartzbach 273, Dessa Collings 270, Connie See 265

Women's high series (scratch) — Emily Thomas 505, Brenda Westphal 503, Hannah Westphal 499

Women's high series (hdcp) — Margina Schwartzbach 757, Brenda Westphal 743, Dessa Collings 741

THE BACK PAGE

CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank the staff at LaSalle Veterans' Home and St. Margaret's Hospital for their care and comfort to our father these past few years; to the staff at Merritt Funeral Home, Holy Cross Church and Cemetery, and those who helped with the funeral dinner after Dad's passing; and to all the family and friends for their kind words and condolences during this difficult time.

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Alaina J. Isaacs, 19, of 804 Sixth Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Route 251 and North 41st Road at 7:54 p.m. Jan. 8. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

April L. Sharp, 38, of 901 Sixth St., Mendota, was arrested at 10:30 p.m. Jan. 9 on a valid failure to appear LaSalle County warrant for aggravated battery. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

STABBING INCIDENT

Officers from the Mendota Police Department were dispatched to the 500 block of Sixth Street for a disturbance call involving a knife at 7:15 p.m. Jan. 12. Officers met with the complainant at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center and discovered a male had been stabbed with a knife. During the investigation it was found another male had also been stabbed during the same incident.

There is no immediate threat to the public and no further details of the incident or the condition of the patients will be released. The incident is an ongoing investigation.

BLESSED EVENTS

EWING – Dick Ewing and Amber Engel of Peru, girl, Jan. 3, 2020, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

City Council schedule

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council meeting schedule for 2020 is as follows:

Jan. 20; Feb. 3 & 17; March 2 & 16; April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18; June 1 & 15; July 6 & 20; Aug. 3 & 17; Sept. 8 & 21; Oct. 5 & 19; Nov. 2 & 16; Dec. 7 & 21.

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the City Council Chambers, 607 Eighth Ave., Mendota.

MFD: Clear obstructed fire hydrants after big snowfall

MENDOTA – The Mendota Fire Department would like to ask residents of Mendota that during snow removal efforts to keep fire hydrants free from obstruction of snow. As you blade, shovel or push snow off your driveways and sidewalks, take time to clear away the snow from around fire hydrants.

During a fire, seconds count. The extra minute removing snow from around fire hydrants may save you or your neighbor's home. If you are unable to clear the snow from around hydrants yourself, call the City Clerk's office at (815) 539-7459.

Also, keep your house numbers readily visible. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Winter weather driving safety tips

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

Take the time to clean the snow and ice from all vehicle windows prior to driving on the road. Keep your speed down to assist in keeping control of your own vehicle when

driving on slick icy roads. If traveling long distances remember to pack a few emergency items to take along in the event your vehicle should go off the roadway, including a cell phone, blankets and water.

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SOCIAL SCENE



Bonnie Hall, left, is congratulated by Mendota VFW Post 4079 Commander Joe Arjes as the winner of the local Voice of Democracy competition. (Photo contributed)

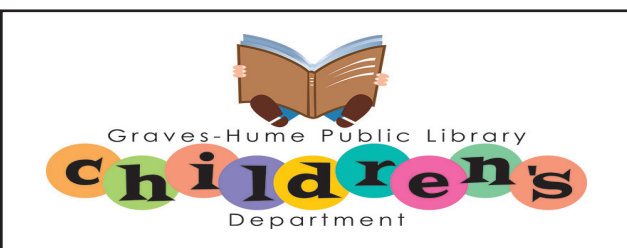
Mendota H.S. student wins Voice of Democracy

MENDOTA - Mendota VFW Post 4079 honored the local 2019 Voice of Democracy winner, Bonnie Hall, at their Jan. 7 monthly meeting. VFW Post Commander Joe Arjes presented Hall with an award certificate and a \$100 scholarship prize.

The Voice of Democracy participants were asked to

present written and audio recorded essays on the 2019 theme, "What Makes America Great." Hall's entry was selected as the local winner and forwarded to compete at the VFW's District 9 level.

Hall, a junior at Mendota High School, was accompanied by her family at the meeting.



After School Movie

MENDOTA - Children of all ages are invited to watch "Ugly Dolls" (PG) at the Graves-Hume Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. Popcorn is included. Attendees may bring their own drink.

Please register in advance. Children ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Upcoming: After School Movies will be shown Feb. 18 - "The Lion King" (PG), March 17 - "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" (PG), and April 21 - "Dora and the Lost City of Gold" (PG).

Hike the Hennepin Canal Jan. 19

The Friends of the Hennepin Canal will hold their monthly Hike the Canal outing on Sunday, Jan. 19. This month's hike will be from Bridge 41 to Lock 29. This portion of "Hike the Hennepin" is 3.7 miles in length and has been named the "Woodchuck."

The group will meet at Lock 29 in Colona at 1:30 p.m., where everyone will be shuttled to Bridge 41 to begin the hike. Directions to Lock 29: take Illinois Route 6 to Route 84, and take Route 84 north into Colona.

In Colona, turn west onto Third Avenue to Fifth Street, take Fifth Street south to Fifth Avenue, then follow the road on the north side of the canal all the way down to the junction of the canal and the Rock River (Lock 29).

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.

You do not have to be a member of the Friends to join them in a hike and there is no fee to participate. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and bring a friend but please dress weather appropriately.

For more information, contact Ed Hermann at (815) 664-2403 (home) or visit www.friends-hennepin-canal.org.

BIRTHDAYS

90th birthday open house planned for R. Geuther

UTICA - An open house to celebrate Ruth Geuther's 90th birthday will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 3-7 p.m. at the Cajun Connection in Utica.

Everyone is invited to come for cake, to share memories, or send her a card. Please omit gifts.

Mendota Chamber announces Shop Local winners

MENDOTA - The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of their 2019 Shop Local promotion.

Cathy Burke of Mendota was the Grand Prize winner. Consolation prize winners were Juanita Sondgeroth of Mendota, 2nd prize; Gretta Bates of LaMoille, 3rd prize; and Sandy Whitmer of Mendota, 4th prize. The winners received gift baskets filled with prizes.

The Shop Local promotion ran from Nov. 16 through Dec. 31. For every \$10 spent at a participating Mendota business, cardholders received a sticker to put on their cards.

Completed cards were due to the Chamber office by Jan. 3 to be entered to win the grand prize gift basket worth over \$1,000 in prizes. Three consolation gift baskets contained over \$300 in merchandise and gift cards and 10 additional consolation winners received \$20 in Chamber Gift Certificates.

This year, a total of 1,036 completed Shop Local promotional cards were turned in, which is \$259,000 that was tracked as spent in Mendota during the promotion (an increase of \$77,750 from 2018).

Consolation prize winners who each received \$20 in Chamber Bucks include Betty Phalen, Sharon Bruckwell, Jess Allen, Joanne McNally, Steve and Berta Patterson, Jill Wohrley and Jessica Milweski, all of Mendota; Andrew Belan and Larry Schwartzbach, both of West Brooklyn; and Renee Lee of Earlville.

The Chamber expressed their appreciation to everyone who took part and for shopping local this holiday season.



Cathy Burke, above left, was the Grand Prize winner in the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce's Shop Local promotion. She won a gift basket worth over \$1,000 in gifts and prizes. Juanita Sondgeroth of Mendota, above right, won the 2nd prize consolation basket worth more than \$300.



Gretta Bates of LaMoille, above left, won 3rd prize and Sandy Whitmer of Mendota received 4th prize. Both won a gift basket valued at more than \$300. (Photos contributed)



BCGS program to examine the history of anti-German hysteria during World War I

PRINCETON - The Bureau County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday evening, Jan. 23 at the Society library, 629 South Main in Princeton. The speaker for the evening will be Heinz-Dietrich Suppan, who teaches at Marquette High School in Ottawa and serves as an adjunct instructor at Illinois Valley Community College.

His program for the evening will be "Anti-German Hysteria during WWI." By the time World War I broke out, many Germans had already settled in the United States and had become citizens. A great number of them were business owners as well. With Germany being an adversary of the United States in that war, many Anglo-Americans feared that German Americans would be loyal to the

Kaiser. Suppan will tell the audience where the "Devil's Triangle" was located and how social issues changed at that time.

The meeting is free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m.

During the business portion of the meeting, an annual financial report will be given. In addition, a new slate of officers will be presented at the meeting for election to serve for the coming year.

For any questions about the meeting, please call BCGS at (815) 879-3133 during regular hours of operation, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or stop by in person. The library will also continue to be open during those hours on the first Saturday of each month.

January art exhibit features paintings of Scottish Highlands and other landscapes

PRINCETON - The public is invited to the Prairie Arts Council's January gallery art exhibit, "Paintings of Scottish Highlands and other Landscapes," by artist Alan Stanley. The exhibit will be on display the next two weekends, Jan. 18-19 and 25-26 from 1-4 p.m.

Stanley currently lives in Sheffield after moving from the suburbs of Chicago to fulfill a lifelong dream of creating art full time.

Realizing early in life that he had a talent for drawing, Stanley began winning drawing contests when he was in 3rd grade. He always took art classes in school and by high school his art really started to flourish. "That led to doing commission work for family and friends," he said. "I went on to win the Art Award my senior year at Grapevine High in Grapevine, Texas and with that came a partial scholarship to the Dallas Fashion and Art Institute."

As promising and as exciting as that was, life took Stanley in another direction. He began working while attending the local community college and soon realized that art would have to take a back seat to everything else. "So here I am today at a point in my life where I can now focus full time on my artistic endeavors," he said.

Although he has worked in many mediums, Stanley's preference is oils. He currently focuses on painting landscapes, medieval architecture and wildlife and likes to incorporate detail into his work. "That's always been a part of my enjoyment of painting and drawing," he said.



Grey Donan

"And I'm grateful to PAC for the opportunity to showcase my work and to become a part of the art community here in Bureau County."

Since its formation in 1995, the Prairie Arts Council has sponsored hundreds of successful programs, workshops, musical and theatrical productions and visual arts exhibits for people of all ages and abilities. They are dedicated to the mission of increasing the vitality and diversity of arts programming in the community.

Bureau Co. Farm Bureau Foundation offers scholarships

PRINCETON - The Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation has announced that scholarships are available for area students majoring in agriculture. Over the last 24 years, the Foundation has awarded \$98,750 to deserving college students. Last year alone they distributed \$7,000 to area students.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must be a Bureau County Farm Bureau member or a dependent of a

Bureau County Farm Bureau member and must be pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field.

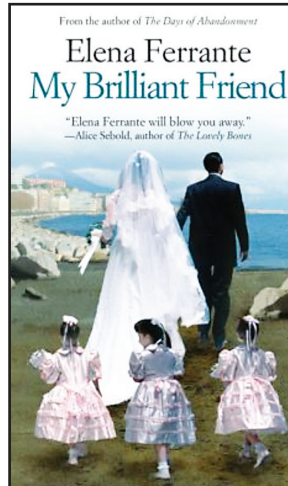
Applications are available by contacting the guidance counselors at school systems in Bureau County, the Ag advisor at the school, advisors at state colleges and universities or by contacting the Bureau County Farm Bureau office. Applications are also available by e-mail; contact the Farm

Bureau office or visit their website at www.bureaucountyfarmbureau.org under the Foundation tab.

Applications can be e-mailed. If they are mailed, they must be postmarked by Feb. 28. If the application will be hand delivered to the office, it must be in the office by 4 p.m. on Feb. 28.

For more information, contact the Bureau County Farm Bureau at (815) 875-6468.

GRAVES HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY



Book club selection: "My Brilliant Friend"

MENDOTA - Everyone is welcome to join the discussion at the Graves-Hume Public Library's next 2nd Tuesday Book Club meeting.

The featured selection is "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book.

The Book Club meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Registration is required.

Quilt group to meet

SANDWICH - The Fair City Quilters will hold their next monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Federated Church, 403 N. Main St. in Sandwich. This month the meeting will feature presentations by the group's members, who will give reviews of books found in the guild library.

Fair City Quilters welcome quilters of all levels and encourages them to join the group's quilting adventures. A \$5 guest fee is asked, but guests are always welcome.



TRI-COUNTY NEWS

Sublette Village Board discusses sale of cannabis, will seek legal input on the issue

By TONJA GREENFIELD
Staff writer

SUBLETTE — Three Sublette Village Board members reported hearing back from citizens with opinions against the village allowing the sale of cannabis in the village, but no action on the matter was taken.

The board met for its monthly meeting on Jan. 13 at the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members were present.

The issue of allowing the sale of cannabis in the village was first brought up during the December board meeting. Acting Village Mayor John Stenzel asked the board in December what they would like to do about businesses selling recreational cannabis in Sublette after it became legal in 2020.

If the village allows for the sale of recreational cannabis in the village, it can tax that sale up to 3 percent. Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel made a motion to allow for the sale of cannabis in the village with a 3 percent retail tax. The motion died without a second. Stenzel then asked that the public contact the village trustees with their opinion on the matter.

During Monday night's meeting, Stenzel said he has heard a lot of mixed reviews on the matter. He said, he himself, is against the village allowing for the sale of cannabis, even though the village would get the sales tax dollars.

Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers said he had a couple of phone calls from residents

who were opposed to it. Sublette Village Trustee Robert Bulfer said he too had heard from some residents who were opposed to it.

Stenzel said he would talk with the village attorney and find out if the village needs to vote on a motion if they do not want the sale of cannabis in allowed in the village.

In other board news:

- Stenzel reported that the contractor put bulbs that are too small in the LED lights downtown and will come back and replace them at no cost.

- Stenzel said they are looking at March for a showing of the film "All The Queens Horses." He said the filming would have to be in the Ellice Dinges Center gym because of the need to stream the movie.

- The board approved the purchase of two fireproof file cabinets for a total of \$1,548 from Meyers Furniture, two minute books at a cost of \$148 each from Staples, and new binders for ordinances.

- Stenzel asked for a committee meeting to discuss the village moving to UBMax, an online utility management software, for water bills. He said with this software residents could look up their bills online and pay their bills online. He said the initial cost is \$895 and then a yearly charge. The village currently pays around \$500 a year for their current billing software.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10 at the Ellice Dinges Center.

Complimentary admission to Chicago museums & zoos offered

DIXON - State Representative Tom Demmer invites residents of the 90th District to take advantage of a free "Constituent Education Resource Card" available through his office in Dixon.

The card allows free general admission for up to four people to several of Chicago's museums and zoos.

Any 90th District resident may reserve the Resource Card on a first come, first served basis to visit any of the following museums:

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- National Museum of Mexican Art
- National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture
- Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
- John G. Shedd Aquarium

Because only one group pass is available at a time, reservations are required. To reserve the free pass, please contact Rep. Demmer's office at tom@tomdemmer.com or call (815) 561-3690. A reservation can be made by providing a name, address, and the date(s) the card will be needed. Upon reserving the pass, constituents may pick it up and return it to the Demmer legislative office, located at 105 E. First St., Suite #110 in Dixon.



Beaver Den Tavern and Grill

New business in Paw Paw

PAW PAW - Christine Bend Doughty, owner of Beaver Den Tavern and Grill in Earlville, has opened a second location of her business in Paw Paw.

The Beaver Den Tavern and Grill in Paw Paw, formerly the "Two Paws" bar and grill, has undergone a sprucing up by the new owner. The interior still features the iconic mural of Paw Paw, painted years ago by David Larsen, which has been preserved and appreciated.

The whole town has enthusiastically welcomed the opening, with overwhelming attendance the first days the business has been open.

At the Paw Paw location, kitchen hours are Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.; Sundays 4-8 p.m.; closed Mondays. To-go orders can be placed by calling (815) 627-2377.

Festival 56 to host magician David Casas

PRINCETON - David Casas will return to the Festival 56 stage with his thrilling magic show on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. From Las Vegas to Chicago, David's unique and cutting-edge style of magic has made him one of the most highly sought-after entertainers in the Midwest.

Described as "a little slice of Las Vegas right here in the Midwest," this award-winning show has high-energy performances combined with hilarious family-friendly comedy, jaw-dropping sleight of hand, and audience interaction to make for a thrilling night. After the show, kids will have an opportunity to "Meet the Magician." This event is made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and Illinois Arts Council.

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David Casas

Center, located at 316 S. Main St., Princeton, is completely accessible with parking nearby. For tickets, visit www.festival56.com, call (815) 879-5656, e-mail box-office@festival56.com, or at the theater (noon-2 p.m. Jan. 24 and Jan. 25 and for one hour before the show).

Advance tickets are \$18, \$20 at the door, \$12 for kids 10 and under. Beer, wine, and soft drinks are available for sale at the lobby bar.

Regional Transportation Committee to meet at Mendota Moose

MENDOTA - The Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) - Region 3 - Transportation Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 24 at the Mendota Moose Lodge. Region 3 includes Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle and Putnam counties.

Individuals with an interest in public transportation

are strongly encouraged to attend, especially human service organizations serving individuals who use public transportation.

The Regional Transportation Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). HSTP identifies transportation needs and

develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

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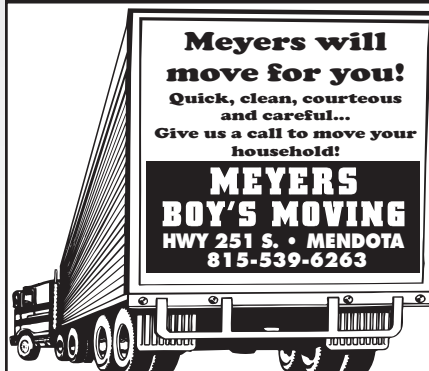
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Let patience solve your problems

For more than 40 years now, I've been studying God's Word and growing in my faith in Christ. Throughout these years, God has changed me so much! I've become peaceful and stable in my emotions most of the time, and I've learned how to behave the same way when things are going well and when they aren't so good.

The journey hasn't been easy, and it's taken time. But developing faith and patience in the process has been more than worth it!

As believers in Christ, we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). This means we're not supposed to live according

to how we feel or how our circumstances appear to be but according to the truth of God's Word.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (AMP) says we "are Christ's representatives" to the world, showing others who God is through the way we live. We need to get out in the world and behave like Jesus, remaining peaceful and stable in good times and bad, patiently walking by faith.

Waiting Is Inevitable

The Bible tells us there are times we're going to have to wait on God. Being patient is not just waiting on God but it's waiting in faith with a good attitude for God to do what only He

can do in you. It's trusting that God will take care of you in His time and His way because He loves you and He always has your best interest at heart.

Now, patience is a fruit of the Spirit that grows under trial (James 1:2-3 NKJV).

People who know this don't like to pray for patience because they know they're going to get trouble. But it's so much better to have faith and patiently wait on God with peace and joy than to be anxious, upset and confused when life doesn't make sense or you're not getting your way.

The Key to Inherit God's Promises

Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) says, "We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised." This verse shows us that we do not inherit the promises of God just because we have faith...we also have to have patience.

Another word for patience is longsuffering. Longsuffering means you're going to have to go through difficult things to grow in your faith. I've discovered through my own journey that the sooner you embrace them and let God do the work in you that He wants to do through them, the sooner you'll get to the other side of them.

I really want to encourage you to do this. Don't fight the inevitable or you'll just be miserable.

Be Like the Farmer



James 5:7 (NIV) says, "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains." It takes a lot of faith and patience to be a farmer. You have to give up your seed and then you wait... and wait...and wait. You wait for sun and rain, and for the right season to harvest your crop.

In the same way, we can plant our "seeds" of faith by choosing to trust God and His Word above anything else. We release our faith by believing He will do what He says He will do, waiting with confident expectation that it will happen at the right time and in the right way.

While we're waiting, we should stay busy being good to others, helping people in need as we have the opportunity to do so. Psalm 37:3 (NIV) says to "trust in the Lord and do good...." Nothing proves our faith in God like waiting for His timing with a good attitude, so let's focus on letting Him bless others through us.

Complete in Christ

Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NIV)

says, "The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride." This is basically saying that the patient man waits on God but the proud man tries to make something happen himself.

When we try to make things happen in our own effort, we just end up frustrated. We don't have the wisdom in and of ourselves to do what's right in the right way and in the right timing. Instead of trying to make life go the way you want it to, entrust yourself to God and walk by faith, trusting Him to work things out.

James 1:4 (NKJV) says to "let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." Imagine how it would be if you were completely patient and it didn't matter to you when God did what needs to be done in your life. Think about how it would free you from the stress of trying to control everything (which you can't do anyway). And how you can overcome desires that drive you crazy because you can't get what you want all the time.

Pray today for God to work in your heart,

helping you to grow in faith and patience. Let Him transform your life so you live in peace with joy, and experience God's promises for you!

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By virtue of 765 ILCS 101/10-50 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 January 28, 2020, 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.

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Period Number(s) 03 Phase 4 GABRIEL FREEMAN, 3333 CUMMINS ST APT 102, HOUSTON, TX, 77027, according to the Mortgage dated March 16, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 08060, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4182012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0214E, Use Period Number(s) 32 Phase 4 MACK L FRIDAY JR, EMILY FRIDAY, 2047 E 84TH ST APT 1B, MERRILLVILLE, IN, 46410, according to the Mortgage dated June 25, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 21459, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10192011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0401, Use Period Number(s) 21 Phase 6 MACK L FRIDAY JR, EMILY FRIDAY, 2047 E 84TH ST APT 1B, MERRILLVILLE, IN, 46410, according to the Mortgage dated June 25, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 21459, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10192011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0401, Use Period Number(s) 08 Phase 6 DAVID T FULKERSON, KAY J FULKERSON, 32368 N 750 EAST RD, CORNELL, IL, 61319, according to the Mortgage dated November 23, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24062, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12112014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0207, Use Period Number(s) 33 Phase 4 GLORIA GARBER, KURT GARBER, 17391 W CHESTNUT LN, GURNEE, IL, 60031, according to the Mortgage dated December 15, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 02548, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2102015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0061, Use Period Number(s) 52 Phase 1 CARLOS GARCIA, ARACELI GARCIA, ALEJANDRA CHIO, 5416 S MOZART ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60632, according to the Mortgage dated July 31, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15984, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8262014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0099O, Use Period Number(s) 09

Phase 2 MARIO GERENAHALL, 100 N RIVER CIR UNIT 301, OCEANSIDE, CA, 92057, according to the Mortgage dated November 23, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 27278, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12102013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0116E, Use Period Number(s) 10 Phase 2 MARK A GOMEZ, NORMA A GOMEZ, 13751 BRANFORD GREENS DR, HOUSTON, TX, 77083, according to the Mortgage dated November 17, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 26922, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12132010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0054O, Use Period Number(s) 05 Phase 1 ALISTINE GOODWIN, The Estate of GIOVONNI ADAMS, 20001 LAKE LYNWOOD DR, LYNWOOD, IL, 60411, according to the Mortgage dated July 04, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14885, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8072014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0381, Use Period Number(s) 04 Phase 3 RICHARD GUGER, KATHLEEN GUGER, 529 WAUBONSE CIR, OSWEGO, IL, 60543, according to the Mortgage dated May 31, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 11276, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6172015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0279, Use Period Number(s) 45 Phase 4 ZORISHA HARRY, RESHARD BARNES, 7809 RED SPRING RD, DALLAS, TX, 75241, according to the Mortgage dated August 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 16981, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9032015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0406, Use Period Number(s) 49 Phase 6 C L I F T O N HENDERSON, 700 CEDAR RAPIDS LN, DESOTO, TX, 75115, according to the Mortgage dated July 14, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 16401, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8012012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0102E, Use Period Number(s) 43 Phase 2 DENISE HICKS, 15911 KINGS CYPRESS LN, CYPRESS, TX, 77429, according to the Mortgage dated August 04, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 16330, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8282014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0384, Use Period Number(s) 02 Phase 3

MERYSSA HILL, MELYSSA HILL, 36 TIMBERLANE RD, MATTESSON, IL, 60443, according to the Mortgage dated May 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 10878, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6102015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0142, Use Period Number(s) 30 Phase 2 SABRINA HUNTER, 8045 S PRINCETON AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60620, according to the Mortgage dated November 10, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 26346, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11272013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0207, Use Period Number(s) 14 Phase 4 BARBARA JACKSON, 365 COVENTRY LANE, CRETE, IL, 60417, according to the Mortgage dated May 21, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 10882, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6102015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0411, Use Period Number(s) 31 Phase 7 BARBARA JACKSON, 365 COVENTRY LANE, CRETE, IL, 60417, according to the Mortgage dated May 21, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 10882, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6102015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0377, Use Period Number(s) 49 Phase 3 PHARLICIA JAMES, AMIR AKBAR, 2030 S STATE ST APT 1506, CHICAGO, IL, 60616, according to the Mortgage dated June 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12207, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6302015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204E, Use Period Number(s) 23 Phase 4 PHARLICIA JAMES, AMIR AKBAR, 517 E 60TH ST UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL, 60637, according to the Mortgage dated June 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12207, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6302015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204E, Use Period Number(s) 23 Phase 4 BRIONNA JOHNSON, DALE ALEXANDER, 3461 SAINT B A R T H E L E M Y LN, AURORA, IL, 60504, according to the Mortgage dated September 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 21164, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11122015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0053E, Use Period Number(s) 30 Phase 1 FELICIA JOHNSON, ANTHONY BAILEY, 7418 PIEDMON

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QUINN JOHNSON, NATASHA ANDREWS, 16914 GLEN OAKS CT, COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, IL, 60478, according to the Mortgage dated July 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 14175, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7292015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00550, Use Period Number(s) 44 Phase 1 COLLEEN KELLY-MOHRING, RICHARD MOHRING, 5946 W LELAND SECOND FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL, 60630, according to the Mortgage dated January 30, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04180, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2282013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01560, Use Period Number(s) 49 Phase 2 COLLEEN KELLY-MOHRING, RICHARD MOHRING, 5824 N TALMAN AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60659, according to the Mortgage dated January 30, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04180, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2282013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No.

01560, Use Period Number(s) 49 Phase 2 LATOYA LANE, LATONYA LANE, 17781 HARVARD LN, COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, IL, 60478, according to the Mortgage dated June 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12278, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7012015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00990, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 2 JOSE LOPEZ, SANDRA LOPEZ, 8202 LAMON AVE, BURBANK, IL, 60459, according to the Mortgage dated May 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09546, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5202015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0405, Use Period Number(s) 18 Phase 6 JOSE LOPEZ, SANDRA LOPEZ, 3536 W 61ST PL, CHICAGO, IL, 60629, according to the Mortgage dated May 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09546, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5202015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0405, Use Period Number(s) 18 Phase 6 JOSE LOPEZ, SANDRA LOPEZ, 8202 LAMON AVE, BURBANK, IL, 60459, according to the Mortgage dated May 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09546, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5202015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0409, Use Period Number(s) 10 Phase 6 JOSE LOPEZ, SANDRA LOPEZ, 3536 W 61ST PL, CHICAGO, IL, 60629, according to the Mortgage dated May 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09546, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5202015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0409, Use Period Number(s) 10 Phase 6 KYM LYNCH, BONNIE LYNCH, 105 FOWLER ST, WESTFIELD, MA, 01085, according to the Mortgage dated March 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07744, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4242015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0421, Use Period Number(s) 04 Phase 7 ADRIAN MARTINEZ, GENARO ZAMARRIPA, MANUEL ZAMARRIPA, 858 E CHESTNUT ST, HOOPESTON, IL, 60942, according to the Mortgage dated January 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02570, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2102015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00210, Use Period Number(s) 31 Phase 1 AARON MCCORMICK, YANA MCCORMICK,

1849 PEARSON CROSSING, KELLER, TX, 76248, according to the Mortgage dated January 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02572, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2102015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0082, Use Period Number(s) 26 Phase 2 BEVERLY MCGEE, LOUIS MCGEE, 130 N LOCKWOOD AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated June 29, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13791, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7222015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0427, Use Period Number(s) 36 Phase 7 BEVERLY MCGEE, LOUIS MCGEE, 130 N LOCKWOOD AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated June 29, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13791, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7222015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0427, Use Period Number(s) 38 Phase 7 WENDY MITCHELL, JERRY MITCHELL, 4661 FM 1836, KAUFMAN, TX, 75142, according to the Mortgage dated April 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09103, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5142015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0372, Use Period Number(s) 29 Phase 3 CHRISTINA MORAN, 7743 CRONIN AVE, JUSTICE, IL, 60458, according to the Mortgage dated March 07, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 05358, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3252015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0124, Use Period Number(s) 14 Phase 2 L E O N A R D O MORROBEL, DAISY MORROBEL, 3717 E ADAMS AVE, CUDAHY, WI, 53110, according to the Mortgage dated January 24, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 04735, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3172015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123, Use Period Number(s) 26 Phase 2 L E O N A R D O MORROBEL, DAISY MORROBEL, 4574 S 20TH ST APT 2, MILWAUKEE, WI, 53221, according to the Mortgage dated January 24, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 04735, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3172015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123, Use Period Number(s) 26 Phase 2 ORLINDA NATHAN, ARLINDA NATHAN, 13820 S WENTWORTH

AVE, RIVERDALE, IL, 60827, according to the Mortgage dated February 07, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 03326, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2232015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0423, Use Period Number(s) 32 Phase 7 ORLINDA NATHAN, ARLINDA NATHAN, 13820 S WENTWORTH AVE, RIVERDALE, IL, 60827, according to the Mortgage dated February 07, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 03326, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2232015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0398, Use Period Number(s) 32 Phase 6 JEREMY NELSON, KAYLA BELL, 815 N 13TH ST, DEKALB, IL, 60115, according to the Mortgage dated June 28, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13343, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7162015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0017E, Use Period Number(s) 24 Phase 1 JEREMY NELSON, KAYLA BELL, 1305 N ANNIE GLIDDEN RD #1123, DEKALB, IL, 60115, according to the Mortgage dated June 28, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13343, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7162015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0017E, Use Period Number(s) 24 Phase 1 PHUONG NGUYEN, 2217 RICHLAND DR, GARLAND, TX, 75044, according to the Mortgage dated February 07, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 03328, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2232015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0152, Use Period Number(s) 25 Phase 2 MICHAEL NORFLEET, C O N C H E T T A DELEON, ANNETTE WASHINGTON, 3825 W HURON ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60624, according to the Mortgage dated December 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015 00863, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1152015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0217, Use Period Number(s) 27 Phase 4 BERNICE PERKINS, R I C H A R D PERKINS JR, 394 BLOOMFIELD CIRCLE EAST, OSWEGO, IL, 60543, according to the Mortgage dated March 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06921, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4142015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 29 Phase 7 TIANA PLEDGER, 9113 S UTICA AVE, EVERGREEN PARK,

IL, 60805, according to the Mortgage dated September 07, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 25871, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11202013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0052E, Use Period Number(s) 03 Phase 1 ANA POGGIO, ANNA LOPEZ, JOSE FELICIANO, PO BOX 35183, ELMWOOD PARK, IL, 60707, according to the Mortgage dated January 18, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02155, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2052015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0102, Use Period Number(s) 14 Phase 2 ANA POGGIO, ANNA LOPEZ, JOSE FELICIANO, 416 46TH AVE, BELLWOOD, IL, 60104, according to the Mortgage dated January 18, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02155, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2052015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0102, Use Period Number(s) 14 Phase 2 ANA PONCE, 5801 S. ST. LOUIS AVE., CHICAGO, IL, 60629, according to the Mortgage dated August 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 16753, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9012015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00870, Use Period Number(s) 48 Phase 2 M A R T I N I Q U E POWELL, 948 N LOREL AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60651, according to the Mortgage dated May 24, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 10971, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6112015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00530, Use Period Number(s) 38 Phase 1 BHARATI RALLAN, 21340 S JEFFREY DR, MATTESON, IL, 60443, according to the Mortgage dated January 12, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 02048, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1302013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0380, Use Period Number(s) 22 Phase 3 MIGUEL RIVERA, MICHELLE FLORES, 3612 S 55TH CT, CICERO, IL, 60804, according to the Mortgage dated May 05, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 11217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5252012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0135E, Use Period Number(s) 34 Phase 2 MIGUEL RIVERA, MICHELLE FLORES, 3640 S 55TH CT, CICERO, IL, 60804, according to the Mortgage dated May

05, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 11217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5252012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0135E, Use Period Number(s) 34 Phase 2 DION ROACH, TAMEKA CLAUDIO, 1940 JACKSON AVE APT 2, EVANSTON, IL, 60201, according to the Mortgage dated April 04, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07313, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4172015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0170, Use Period Number(s) 45 Phase 1 DION ROACH, TAMEKA CLAUDIO, 5427 S JUSTINE, CHICAGO, IL, 60609, according to the Mortgage dated April 04, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07313, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4172015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0170, Use Period Number(s) 45 Phase 1 AARON RODRIGUEZ-OROZCO, 1272 SANTA FE RD APT 302, ROMEVILLE, IL, 60446, according to the Mortgage dated April 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09123, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5142015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0174, Use Period Number(s) 25 Phase 1 GARY S ROSEBORO, PHYLLIS E ROSEBORO, 3604 MIDDLEBURG LANE, ROCKLEDGE, FL, 32955, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 17010, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8012013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0410, Use Period Number(s) 33 Phase 7 GARY S ROSEBORO, PHYLLIS E ROSEBORO, 173 LIBERTY CROSSING, O FALLON, IL, 62269, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 17010, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8012013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0410, Use Period Number(s) 33 Phase 7 SAMANTHA SELBY, VICTOR TORRES, 3024 N NEENAH AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60634, according to the Mortgage dated August 09, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 16969, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9052014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01090, Use Period Number(s) 19 Phase 2 VINNETTE SHIM, ORPHEA TILLMAN, PHONGPHASITH LU-ANGSAYSONGHAM, 2019 E 171ST CT,

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL, 60473, according to the Mortgage dated February 15, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 03857, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3042014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0413, Use Period Number(s) 20 Phase 7 C Y N T H E L I A SIMPSON, SUSAN AMADI, SANDRA WATSON, BETTY KING, 7317 AMBER DRIVE, DALLAS, TX, 75241, according to the Mortgage dated July 17, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 14857, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8052015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016, Use Period Number(s) 24 Phase 1 CYNTHELIASIMPSON, SUSAN AMADI, SANDRA WATSON, BETTY KING, 735 DEERWOOD DR, DALLAS, TX, 75232, according to the Mortgage dated July 17, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 14857, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8052015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016, Use Period Number(s) 24 Phase 1 The Estate of SOPHIA SMITH, WILLIE AUSTIN, 6938 S ROCKWELL ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60629, according to the Mortgage dated January 04, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 01168, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1212015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0277, Use Period Number(s) 27 Phase 4 MARIA SOTO-LOPEZ, 4340 N MONTICELLO AVE #1, CHICAGO, IL, 60618, according to the Mortgage dated May 14, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 10511, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6052014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0415, Use Period Number(s) 37 Phase 7 EBONY STARKS, DIANA BALANDRAN, 4212 IVY ST, EAST CHICAGO, IN, 46312, according to the Mortgage dated June 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 13511, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7182014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016E, Use Period Number(s) 32 Phase 1 JENNIFER L STEVENS, WILLARD STEVENS JR, 112 6 SCHOOLHOUSE RD, CHARLTON, MA, 01507, according to the Mortgage dated December 28, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014 00859, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1152014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0376, Use Period

Number(s) 07 Phase 3 TARA TALMADGE, 137 BROOK ST, GARDEN CITY, NY, 11530, according to the Mortgage dated October 03, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20599, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10242014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0173, Use Period Number(s) 50 Phase 1 ROBERT TERCALL, 342 S MICHIGAN AVE, ADDISON, IL, 60101, according to the Mortgage dated August 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 17099, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9032015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0010, Use Period Number(s) 25 Phase 1 MARGO THEUS-MURRAY, 11351 S COTTAGE GROVE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Mortgage dated July 19, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 14863, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8052015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0109, Use Period Number(s) 28 Phase 2 VELVET MICHELE THOMPSON, 801 RIVER RD APT 104C, MONTGOMERY, TX, 77356, according to the Mortgage dated April 21, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 10049, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5102012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0085E, Use Period Number(s) 49 Phase 2 DOROTHY TILLMAN, ALFRED TILLMAN, 2605 CHAPEL TOWN RD, COURTLAND, MS, 38620, according to the Mortgage dated December 19, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013 00590, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1092013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00320, Use Period Number(s) 21 Phase 1 DOROTHY TILLMAN, ALFRED TILLMAN, 726 NORTH GRAND AVE APT 303, WAUKEGAN, IL, 60085, according to the Mortgage dated December 19, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013 00590, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1092013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00480, Use Period Number(s) 39 Phase 1 KATRINA ULLBERG,

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JASMINE VAZQUEZ, 1658 BLACKWELL LN, AURORA, IL, 60504, according to the Mortgage dated November 12, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 25052, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12062011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0039E, Use Period Number(s) 20 Phase 1 JUDY ZABA, 4851 DEL MONTE AVE APT 6, SAN DIEGO, CA, 92107, according to the Mortgage dated June 28, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13381, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7162015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0222, Use Period Number(s) 39 Phase 4 HENRY ZAYAS, 1253 W 49TH PLACE FLR 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60609, according to the Mortgage dated July 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 14227, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7292015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 31 Phase 7

TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the mortgage(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction. Silverleaf Resorts, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company By: Donald W. Larson, Jr. Its: Agent No. 0101 (Jan. 8, 15, 22, 2019)

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DATED January 9, 2020
Kenneth Skaggs
Applicant
No. 0102
(Jan. 15, 22, 29, 2020)

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ESTATE OF)
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Deceased)
Case No. 2019-P-253
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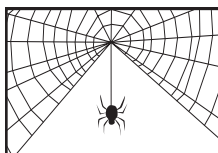
nois. Letters of Office were issued on December 20, 2019 to Megan Yastrab of 9827 Prairie Willow Pl., Roscoe, IL 61073 and Shawn Ballard of 3028 Nichols Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49004 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 25, 2020. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
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**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**
REVENUE SUMMARY: Property taxes - \$216,200; Replacement tax - \$5,992; Membership fees - \$4,070; Fines and forfeits - \$1,903; Printing, copier, and fax fees - \$3,549; Donations and memorials - \$8,039; Interest income - \$20,837; Grants - \$9,215; TIF income - \$16,383; Library service contract - \$5,762; Other - \$1,271.
TOTAL REVENUES: \$293,221
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: COMPENSATION: \$25,000 and over: Emily Kofoid, Pamela Schmidt; \$15,000 to \$24,999: Carolyn Ohiendorf; Under \$15,000: Julie McKeague, Christina Beetz, Jenifer Bresley, Holly Christman, Sandra Collings, Angelica Ortiz, Brenda Schroeder, Susan Beckstrom, Tara Hass, Alexis Sterling, Hanna Gallagher.
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$137,374
VENDORS: Baker & Taylor, Inc. - \$7,693; Comcast - \$1,618; Com Ed - \$6,525; First State Bank (Visa) - \$20,359; Frontier - \$1,151; Internal Revenue Service - \$10,509; I.M.R.F. - \$19,081; Johnson Controls - \$2,400; Nicor Gas - \$1,696; PrairieCat - \$8,499; Quill Co. - \$1,655; The Gale Group/Cengage Learning - \$3,491; United Fire Group - \$6,016; Wipfli LLP - \$10,700; W.T. Cox - \$2,830; AED Essentials - \$2,015; Marco, Inc. - \$6,358; Mauch Carpentry - \$4,155; Meyers Furniture/Carpeting - \$5,190; Penguin/Random House - \$1,472; Republic Services - \$1,043; Tech Pro Logic - \$2,000; All other vendors under \$1,000 - \$23,453.
TOTAL VENDORS: \$149,909
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$287,283

	General	Special Revenue	Fiduciary Fund Type Trust	Total
Beginning fund balance	\$786,923	\$133,855	\$96,749	\$1,017,527
Revenues	\$199,869	\$92,048	\$1,304	\$293,221
Expenditures	\$245,343	\$41,940	\$-	\$287,283
Other financing sources	\$110,325	\$-	\$-	\$110,325
Other financing uses	\$-	\$109,021	\$1,304	\$110,325
Ending fund balance	\$851,774	\$74,942	\$96,749	\$1,023,465
The Library's investment in fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation, was \$410,718 as of June 30, 2019.				
I, Mark Elston, Treasurer of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.				
Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of January, 2020.				
Mark Elston Treasurer No. 0103 (Jan. 15, 2020)				



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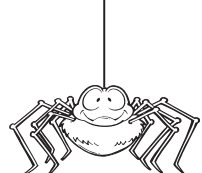
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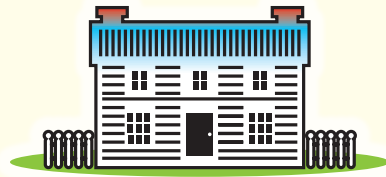
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