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New to the Chamber



Edge of Your Seat Podcast
Edge of Your Seat Podcast recently became a member of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. Joining the celebration were MACC Ambassadors, left to right, Mark Stelmack, Kim Bima, Christin Atherton, Edge of Your Seat Podcast host Brandon LaChance, ambassador Lee Stocking, MACC President/CEO Sam Setchell, ambassadors Gabby Barkman, and Luke O'Brien. Edge (Photo contributed)



One Stop Heating and Cooling
One Stop Heating and Cooling, LLC is the newest member of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. One Stop owner's Jorge and Carmen Mandujano, middle, green shirts, were joined by MACC ambassadors, left to right, Mark Stelmack, Gabby Barkman, Christin Atherton, Lee Stocking, MACC President/CEO Sam Setchell, and ambassador Luke O'Brien. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

The Friends of the Hennepin Canal to hold Hike the Canal Feb. 18

MILAN – This month's hike will be from Lock 30 to Lock 32. This portion of the "Hike the Hennepin" is 4.6 miles in length and it has been named the "Bald Eagle". We hope to get a glimpse of our nations' symbol – the bald eagles – as we start our hike at the Mississippi River.

We will meet at the Steel Dam in Milan by 1:30 pm and will be shuttled to the Mississippi to begin our walk back. Directions are: take I80 to I280 to exit 15 in Milan onto E. 1st Ave (Airport Road) going towards Milan. Take the first road on the right (Frontage Road) and follow it to the right to 14th St NE past the warehouses

back to the steel dam. 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 need not be a member of the Friends to join us in any of the hikes. There is no fee for the hikes. Come and join in the fun and bring a friend. We ask that you dress weather appropriately.

For more information, contact Jodi Hanson at: jshdesign@hotmail.com or log on to our website at: www.friends-hennepin-canal.org.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

We wrapped up our latest kindness challenge for students. We had over half of our students complete the challenge at home and return their kindness board to show all of the kind things they did for family and friends. □□□

We celebrated the 100th day of school on Feb. 8. Our students and staff were encouraged to dress up like 100-year-olds. We had some very creative outfits! The students also enjoyed many fun lessons and activities around the number 100 in their classrooms, in PE and in STEAM class. The students really enjoyed this fun day! □□□

Students recently brought home a flyer to order a 2023-2024 elementary yearbook from Inter-State Studios. The yearbook cost is \$16.50. Orders are due on Thursday, Feb. 29. You can also order online at www.inter-state.com/order. The code to order is 84066B. The elementary yearbook includes all students in preK-4th grade. □□□

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Eli Sedgwick, Arianna Arteaga, Armani Aguilar, Ximenna Hermosillo, Braxton Eames, Sofia Ascensio, Harlie Madonna, Rayla Nagy and Abby Ocampo. The winners were Leon Breitbarth, Elianna Pre, Joe Clark and Isa Orozco. Congratulations to all of you! □□□

Thank you to all of our families that ordered Nothing Bundt Cakes for our final fundraiser of the year. The pick-up date is Thursday, Feb. 15 from 3:30-6 p.m. at Northbrook. We appreciate the support! □□□

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on Feb 20 and 21 in Districts #289. All Blackstone teachers sent a note home to have parents choose some times that would work best for them. If you have not signed up for a time yet, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Our goal is to meet with all parents.

Inaugural Pirate's Treasure Sale

OTTAWA – The Ottawa FFA Alumni Group is hosting the inaugural Pirate's Treasure Livestock Sale at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at the Reel Livestock Center in Congerville, Illinois.

Cattle (bred cows, bred heifers, bulls, and open heifers) will be available for viewing on March 22 and prior to the sale with lunch provided on sale day.

This sale has been created with the purpose of giving students the experience of planning a sale, contacting consignors, marketing, accounting, communication, and livestock management. The sale will be entirely student run in order for them to gain skills to carry forward into careers within agriculture.

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Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra announces young soloists for March concert

PERU — On January 6, young musicians from across the Illinois Valley area competed for the opportunity to solo with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra for its upcoming concert and school concert performances.

Senior division winner Gabrielle Mosley is the daughter of Jeanette Mosley. She is a senior at LaSalle-Peru High School and studies flute at Music Suite 408 as a student of Sue Gillio.

An active participant in community ensembles, Mosley performs in the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble, the Illinois Valley Community College Wind Ensemble, and the wind ensemble, symphonic band, marching Band, and pit orchestra within the L-P music program.

Mosley has attended the Illinois Music Education Association district bands and orchestras for six years and was selected for the Illinois All-State band and honors bands for three years. Mosley plans to attend the University of Arizona to study pre-medicine and minor in flute performance.

Junior division winner Hallee Loza is a freshman at Ottawa Township High School and the daughter of Sandra and William Loza of Ottawa. Loza has played the flute since

third grade, studying with Jen Etscheid and currently with Sue Gillio at Music Suite 408.

At OTHS, she is a member of the concert band and wind ensemble. She has been selected for ILMEA District #2 band the past two years as well as IVCC Honor band in eighth grade.

Loza is a member of the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble and has performed at the annual Summer Flute Retreat as a masterclass participant under Gerald Carey, flute professor emeritus at Western Illinois University. In addition to flute, Hallee participates in cross country and track.

Junior division honorable mention competitors were Mia Gross on piano and Daphne Heeley on viola. Senior division runner up was flutist Ava Rosengren, and honorable mentions were Molly Ewen, voice; Emily Kmetz, flute; Ella Lewis, saxophone. Competition runners-up and honorable mentions will perform in the IVSO Honors Recital at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2 at the Westclox Fine Arts Factory. Competition winners Mosley and Loza will join the IVSO on stage at their Mar. 10 concert at La Salle-Peru High School and at a series of school performances on Mar. 1.

With the IVSO, they will play for students at La Salle-Peru High School and John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Spring Valley. Funding for these concerts was provided in part by the Illinois Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation.

The concert program will also feature Edvard Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite and The Firebird Suite by Igor Stravinsky alongside selections by Michael Torke and Aaron Copland.

Concert details:

IVSO Presents: Inspired by Youth!

3 p.m. Sunday, March 10

Matthiessen Memorial Auditorium, LaSalle-Peru High School

Tickets available online at ivso.org - \$20 for adult general admission, students K-12 free, college students \$5 with ID

The 2023-24 concert season is proudly sponsored in part by Miller Group Charitable Trust and partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency. All IVSO concerts are ADA-compliant and accessible. Any questions about accessibility should be directed to accessibility@ivso.org.

Graves-Hume Library Lovers Month events

MENDOTA — Library Lovers Month is celebrated the entire month of February at Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota.

That's right, love is in the air not just because of Valentine's Day, but also for library lovers all around the world. The month is dedicated to the people who love buildings devoted to reading, housing, organizing, categorizing, finding, studying, and otherwise loving books.

This is the perfect time to see all that Graves-Hume Public Library has to offer. There are a variety of programs and events for babies all the way up to adults.

The 3rd Tuesday Book Club is the perfect place to gather with others who love reading. This group meets monthly to discuss the pick of the month. You can pick up a copy of the current book at the front desk.

Along with Book Club, there are also regular Adult Craft Programs. No artistic talent is required! All the materials are provided, but

the library does ask you to register so it can make sure there are enough materials for everyone.

Graves-Hume also offers many Youth Programs. For young patrons, there is Shake, Rattle & Read. This program is for children birth to two-years old and their caregivers (siblings welcome). This is the perfect program to introduce your little ones to the library with books, music, and play.

Small Fries is for children aged 3-to-Kindergarten and involves listening to a story, crafting, and fun activities.

The Mendota Library also offers LEGO Club for grades 1-8. This is a great opportunity for children to be creative and build LEGOs with their friends.

Tweens is for grades 5-8 and meets the last Monday of the month.

There are also many special programs each month, so check out the Graves-Hume Public Library Facebook page for the latest news or stop in for a newsletter.

43rd Annual Rockford Home Show is Feb. 23-25

ROCKFORD — The first sign of spring for thousands of homeowners and families is the 43rd annual Rockford Home Show where they see what's new for the home and garden.

The Rockford Home Show, which is put on by Showtime Productions, takes place February 23-25 at the Indoor Sports Center/Expo at Mercyhealth Sportscore Two 880 E. Riverside Blvd. in Rockford.

Hours of operation for the show are 2-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25.

Admission is \$7 for adults, children under 12 is free, and parking is free.

The home show is an ideal place to shop for new products, services, ideas, concepts and expertise on interior and exterior design.

Along with new products and home design ideas, the show features a "Backyard Retreat", Magician Caleb Hyatt, birds of prey exhibits presented by Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center, balloon twisting lessons, kid's gardening projects, and flowers available for purchase.

All entertainment is free with admission.

For the complete schedule of events or if there are any questions, contact Andrea Nichols-Costello at 815-871-7469 or check out www.showtimepro.com

Looking for a college?

Kishwaukee College is hosting Visit Day Monday, Feb. 19

MALTA—Kishwaukee College will host Visit Day on Monday, Feb. 19, at the college for prospective students and their families.

"It's important to find the college or career path that's right for you, and we want you to have all the information you need to make that decision," said Graciela Horta, Coordinator of Student Outreach. "By attending Visit Day, you will find Kish has great academic programs, support and career services, flexible class offerings and more."

Visit Day will have two sessions

for students to choose from. The morning session is from 9 a.m.-noon and focuses on students looking to pursue a transfer degree. The afternoon session is from 1-4 p.m. and focuses on students pursuing career technology or allied health programs. Both sessions will offer campus tours and an information fair. The sessions will also cover getting started at Kish, financial aid and scholarships, student involvement, and athletics.

For more information on Visit Day or to register, visit kish.edu/visitday.

Kinzing virtual discussion

LaSALLE — The LaSalle Public Library will be virtually hosting, in partnership with multiple Illinois libraries, former Illinois Congressman, Adam Kinzinger, on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m., for a discussion on his bestselling memoir, *Renegade*, which captures one of the most transformative periods in recent history, and recounts his time in public service.

The program will be presented virtually and is free and open to the public. Registration information can be found on the Program Portal, <https://sites.google.com/lasalle.lib.il.us/programportal/adult-programs/kinzinger>.

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Social Security

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By Mike Weilt

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- Complete the application process at your local office.

If you can't complete the application online, you must visit a Social Security office. To learn more, please review our publication, Your Social Security Number and Card, at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10002.pdf.

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Want to replace your card? The Card Replacement Screener on our Replace Social Security card webpage at www.ssa.gov/number-card/replace-card helps you determine the best way to do so.

Depending on your situation, you may be able to

request a replacement card without visiting a local office. Choose "Answer a few questions" on the Replacement Card webpage at www.ssa.gov/number-card/replace-card to get started. Even if you can't complete the process online and must visit an office, you can still save yourself time by starting the application online.

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(Weilt is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)

Janet K. Keefer

MARK – Janet Kay Keefer 67, of Mark, lost her battle with cancer on Feb. 4, 2024.

Services were held at noon on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Visitation was at 10 a.m. until time of services. Requested attire was tie-dye clothing or rainbows.

She was born in 1956 in Spring Valley, to Daniel and Barbara (Lucas) Flanagan.

Janet is survived by husband Calvin Keefer; parents, Daniel and Barbara Flanagan; brothers, David Flanagan and Jeff Flanagan; sisters, Karen Cater and Teresa Flanagan; children, Josh (Jennifer) Krager and Jeremiah (Heather) Krager; grandchildren, Alex Krager, Dylan Krager, Lacy Sistek, Parker Krager, Mychelynn Crawford and Daniel Krager; and great-grandchild Leah Krager.

She was preceded in death by her niece Lyndsey DeLaos; Kyle Zinser, brother of Calvin Keefer; friend Deb Williams and Sally Clausen.

Janet graduated from Mendota High School in 1974 before attending Illinois Community College. Janet had a great love for all things nature. She was a talented explorer always searching for the truth. She enjoyed taking care all creatures, big and small. Her love for her family and friends will be carried on in all of us.

Donations to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue would be greatly appreciated. Food was provided after the services at the LaMoille Lions Club. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Neal E. Drummer

LaMOILLE – Neal Eugene Drummer, 87, of LaMoille, passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, in his home.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, at the First Congregational Church in LaMoille, with Rev. Paul Butler officiating. Burial was in Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille. Visitation was Thursday, Feb. 8 from 4-7 p.m. at the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled arrangements.

Neal was born July 30, 1936, on the family farm in LaMoille to Eugene and Lenore (Rambo) Drummer.

Neal is survived by his three sisters, Suzi Gott, Linda Jensen and Clarice Bend; nieces and nephews; and special friends, George McCollum and Sergio Carillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Greg and Terry.

Neal graduated from LaMoille High School in 1955. He was employed by LaMoille School District until his retirement. He was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church in LaMoille and a member of the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club in Sycamore and Central States Thresherman's Reunion Club in Sycamore. He was also active with other tractor shows in Will County, Geneseo and Bos Brothers Historical Farm. For 30 years, using a steam engine, he helped heat the water on Sunday's corn serving for the annual Mendota Corn Sweet Corn Festival. Neal was a member of the Chestnut Light Artillery and was involved in several Civil War re-enactments.

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



Kevin J. Cassidy

MENDOTA – Kevin J. Cassidy, 66, of Mendota passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 8, 2024.

Visitation is from 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at Holy Cross Church with Rev. Jeff Windy officiating. Burial will follow at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Peterstown. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Kevin was born March 7, 1957, in Mendota, to George and Elizabeth (Keough) Cassidy Sr. He attended Holy Cross School and graduated from Mendota High School in 1975. On June 13, 1981, he married the love of his life, Carol Sondgeroth, at Holy Cross Church. They welcomed three children, Amy, Melissa and Patrick, that he was very proud of.

He will be forever missed by his wife, Carol of Mendota; two daughters, Amy (Gabe) Grzeskiewicz of South Elgin and Melissa (Drew) Shinnick of Peru; son, Patrick (Emily) Cassidy of Mendota; six grandchildren, Kinsley Cassidy, Bennett Grzeskiewicz, Karter Cassidy, Leighton Grzeskiewicz, Kane Cassidy, Kendall Cassidy; two sisters, Nancy Cassidy of Mendota and Patti (Jack) Karch of Texas; seven brothers, Jim (Barb) Cassidy of Ohio, Don (Roberta) Cassidy of Indianapolis, Bob (Chris) Cassidy of Mendota, Richard Cassidy of Aurora, Thomas (Janet) Cassidy of West Dundee, Marty (Marcia) Cassidy of Arizona and Jeff (Francesca) Cassidy of Algonquin; sisters-in-law, Miriam (Jerry) Cassidy and Chris (Dennis) Cassidy; a special aunt, Mary Hardy of Bloomington; mother-in-law, Juanita Sondgeroth; sisters-in-law Linda Sondgeroth and Lorraine (Bruce) Walter; two brothers-in-law, Daryl (Becky) Sondgeroth and Bill (Cathy) Sondgeroth; a longtime friend of the family, Sue Hilty; and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, George Jr., Dennis and Jerry; sister, Julie Carlson; sister-in-law, Nancy Cassidy; and father-in-law, Arthur Sondgeroth.

Kevin had a long, storied career with Sapp Bros, where he retired as a Vice President after 31 years. During his time there, he managed one of their more successful locations, and set numerous sales and profit records. He represented Sapp Bros and served on the Board of Directors for the North American Truck Stop Network. Kevin also managed the company's national fleets sales team and again, represented Sapps at many conferences and trade shows. He was an industry leader in biofuels and enjoyed discussing and presenting to various groups. One of his greatest contributions to Sapps was his leadership in mentoring and developing people.

Kevin was always active in his community; over the years belonging to the Quarterback Club, Optimist Club, Mendota Elks Club, Mendota Moose Lodge #714, Knights of Columbus Council #2090, and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He loved sports and was a big supporter of Mendota athletics. In his younger years he coached boys' basketball at Holy Cross and refereed around the area. As his kids got older, he coached both girls' in basketball at Holy Cross, and his son's Little League team. Watching his kids and grandkids play was one of his greatest joys. He loved golfing with his friends and brothers and was proud to hold the Brother's Cup for several years. Through Sapps, Kevin was a big supporter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For 30 years he organized and hosted a successful golf tournament benefiting the MDA.

Kevin was a kind and generous man, with his words and his actions. His family was everything to him, and his six grandchildren were his whole world. He was the ultimate family man who loved to spend time with all those he loved – and the circle was wide. He greeted everyone with a smile and always had a kind word, no matter how much time had passed.

Memorials may be directed to the family and will be distributed to the groups and organizations that Kevin loved. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



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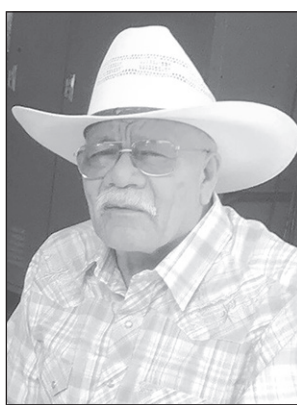
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MHS senior Hispanic students may apply for scholarship

MENDOTA – The Rodolfo Escatel Castañeda Memorial Hispanic Scholarship is available for Mendota High School seniors. This is the second year that the \$1,000 annual scholarship is being offered. The winner of the initial scholarship was David Garcia.

The purpose of the scholarship is to support and empower a deserving high school graduate who plans to enroll full time in an accredited two-year college or four-year university for the academic school year immediately following high school graduation.

Rodolfo Escatel Castañeda was loved by many



Rodolfo Escatel Castañeda

during his time here on Earth from 1945-2020. His family misses him dearly and he continues to serve as an inspiration due to his giving nature. He was an

immigrant from Mexico, a spouse to Luz Elena, and a loving father to 15 children. He made many sacrifices for others throughout his life and had a beautiful character. In memory of his sincere dedication of helping others, especially those who recently came from Mexico, the family would like to continue the tradition of giving in his name.

High school senior applicants are being sought for this \$1,000 scholarship who also have a big heart for helping others, whose family has faced a similar journey of immigrating to the U.S. from Mexico, and students with big dreams

of making their family proud and continuing to make a positive difference in their community.

This will be an annual scholarship offered to Hispanic students in their senior year at Mendota High School. Please share this information with students who meet the criteria and encourage them to apply.

For more information and criteria, log on to: <https://tinyurl.com/37d7kz2u>. The deadline to submit an application for consideration is March 25, 2024, at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Rachel Tarr at rtarr@mendotahs.org or 815-539-7446, ext. 505.

NCAT is offering free rides to vote in March 19 primary

OTTAWA – North Central Area Transit, or NCAT, is providing free transportation to voting locations in LaSalle County for the 2024 primary election on Tuesday, March 19.

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Demand is high so it is recommended to schedule your trip a week in advance. Call 833-433-6228 and have the voting location address ready to reserve your seat. Visit ridencat.com for more information.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Kish announces scholarship recipients

MALTA – The Kishwaukee College Foundation is pleased to announce the student scholarship recipients for the Spring 2024 semester. The Foundation awarded 196 scholarship awards totaling \$181,972.

Scholarship funds are made possible through generous gifts from members of the community, local businesses and industry, and area agencies and associations. Students are selected on a competitive basis, according to each scholarship's specific requirements.

Kishwaukee College students received the following awards:

Emma Anderson Fund — Mahala Gonzalez of Paw Paw. Ruth Ashelford Pollock Nursing Fund — Andrew Prescod of Paw Paw.

Students who wished to remain anonymous are omitted from this list.

The Kishwaukee College Foundation scholarship application period for the Fall 2024 semester will be open from through Friday, March 1. For more information on Foundation scholarships, contact the Kishwaukee College Foundation at 815-825-9790 or visit kish.edu/kcfscholarships.

Area students on WIU Dean's List

MACOMB/MOLINE – A total of 1,183 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List. The total includes 107 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

Among the students making the Dean's List are Elizabeth A. Orwig, a senior from Ohio; Elizabeth J. Bresley, a junior from Mendota; and Olivia R. Costner, a junior from Amboy.

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

Area students on UW-Milwaukee Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has named its Dean's List students for the Fall 2023 semester.

Among the students achieving the honor are Aaron Brandner (engineering & computer science), Grace Brandner (nursing) and Emma Guelde (education), all of Mendota.

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

IVCC students Thank a Teacher/Staff member

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College students have learned plenty of valuable lessons from their college instructors and staff members through the years, and not just about science, math, or history.

Students paid tribute recently to a college filled with people who inspire, motivate and encourage – and, above all, make them feel accepted and respected. They appreciated how IVCC personnel inside and outside the classroom guided them through distresses and challenges, empowered them with confidence, electrified their classes with passion or used a dash of humor to drive home valuable points.

"It's nice to know that people really see success for you," student Zoe Crawford summarized in response to a call to Thank a Teacher/Staff Member.

Crawford's own example was dental hygiene instructor Lyndsey Beetz, who "gave me confidence and helped me not want to give up what I love doing now." As student Rebecca Peura remembers, Beetz "pushed everyone to do their best and wasn't afraid to give us constructive criticism when we needed it."

Fifteen years after graduating, Shauna (Armstrong) Casolari still feels strongly how "everyone at IVCC made me fall in love with learning and with myself. Had I gone to a



four-year university first ... I might not have even stuck with it."

Dental Assisting graduate Caitlyn Kmetz admired how instructor Corinna Hernandez treated students as capable equals. Her effort to get to know them "earned a level of trust and developed a respectful relationship."

Those who work outside a classroom also make profound impressions.

"While (Early Childhood Education Coordinator Kira Pfeffinger) doesn't teach any classes, she has been the biggest teacher to me," Abbey Calkins wrote. As important as Pfeffinger's work underpinning the program, it's how she engages with them that students cherish, Calkins said.

Not knowing his name didn't dim cafeteria worker Glen Kupperschmid's smile for one student. "He helps make the day a little brighter. Always having a positive attitude makes a difference."

From the President's Office to classroom corridors came memories of

how instructors sparked passion for teaching or a career. 2007 graduate Jeanna Rodda respected how retired instructor Dr. Rebecca Donna deftly handled difficult facets of the forensic science field then and still mentors her now.

College President Dr. Tracy Morris saluted retired Vice President Robert Marshall with, "Thank you for seeing something in me before I ever did!" Retired psychology professor Gilbert Meyer "instilled in me the power of remembering and connecting with former students," she added.

Jill Urban Bollis eventually joined Meyer on the faculty, saying of her former instructor: "It's because of you I love what I do and it is because of you that I am a world traveler."

Music instructor Mike Pecherek's explanation of why he wears a suit to work moved one student to write: "When you told us you wear a suit for us, that made me feel respected as a student." Another student said Pecherek "helped me feel welcomed and

wanted."

Retired journalism instructor Rose Marie Lynch encouraged Holli Rapp, a 1999 graduate, to "believe in myself and my writing." Anthropology Professor Jeff Spanbauer encouraged a student "to pursue my goals and has given me hope."

Center for Accessibility and Neurodiversity Coordinator Tina Hardy "is a judgment-free person who is always looking for ways to help me be successful," wrote Kayla Sterling, and one who Katherine Follmer credits "for getting me to where I am."

Nursing instructor Ann Bruch "had faith in me when I didn't." CAD instructor Dorene Data fused a class into a team and "we were cheerleaders for each other." Speech instructor Cory Tomasson "talked with us through things" and business professor Bob Reese "helped me see things from other perspectives." Retired instructor Bill Komarek taught "an economics lesson that was so easy and so true to so many facets of life."

The College has already collected more than 50 submissions honoring 66 individuals and entire departments – and it's looking for more! The College will continue to receive submissions throughout its 100th celebration year. Submissions can be made at www.ivcc.edu.

Paw Paw Board plans for garage sale, clean-up dates

PAW PAW – Pastor Jedidiah Cary of the Paw Paw Bible Church thanked the Paw Paw Village Board for its generous donation to the Paw Paw Boys and Girls after-school program at the Feb. 6 village board meeting. He gave a report to the Board on how the funds have been used, and appreciated.

Town-wide garage sales will be Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. Clean-up and pick-up will be Monday, April 29 and Tuesday, April 30. Tires, small electronics, TVs, computers, paint and batteries are not permitted.

The Board is reviewing and updating employee standards and regulations in the village's Personnel Policy Handbook as needed.

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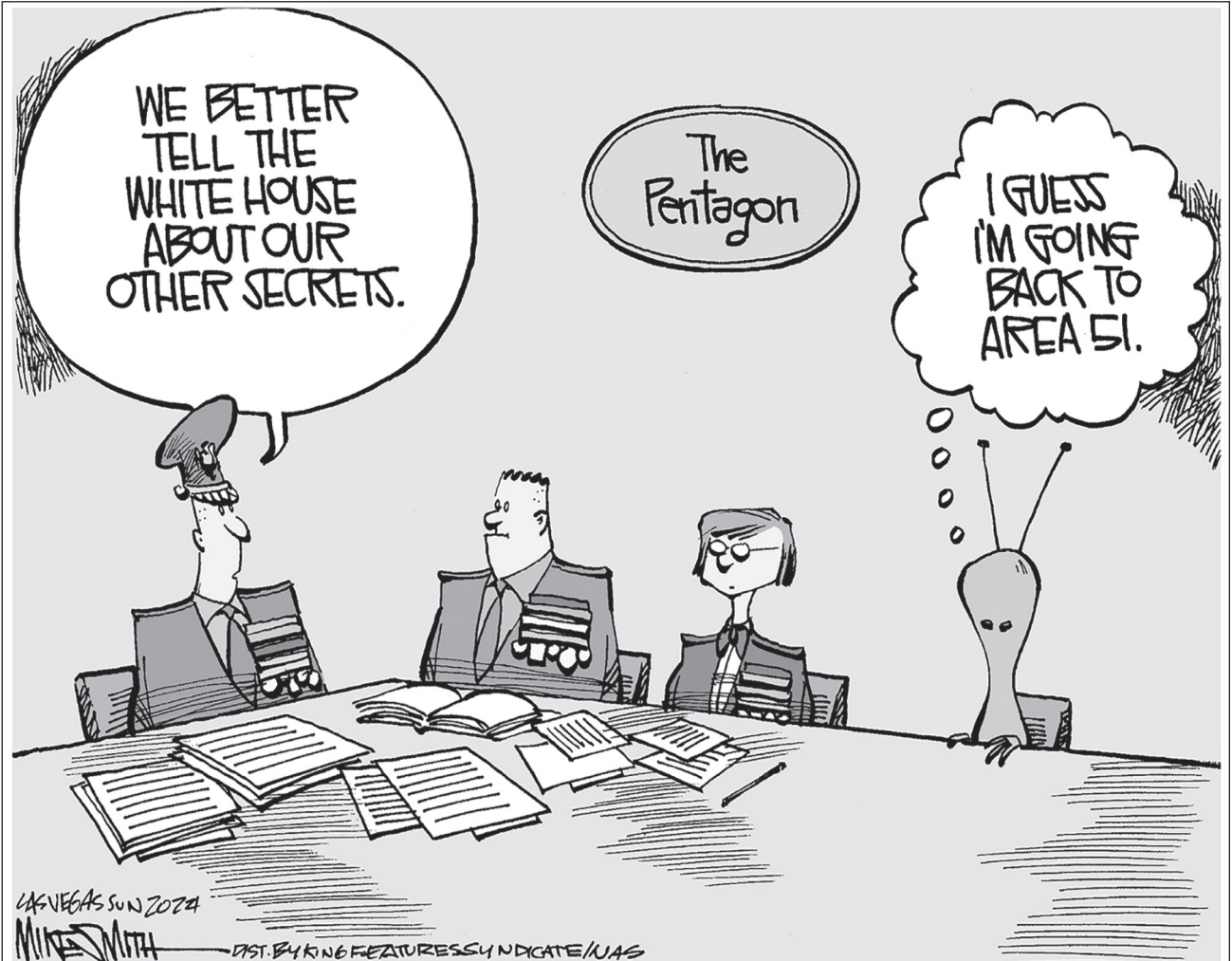
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Last lap in Minute Men Drive – 1951

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Feb. 14, 1996.)

By Jessica Nashold

When The Mendota Reporter came out on Feb. 8, 1951, the drive to raise funds for the new Mendota Community Hospital was in the home stretch. A Minute Men Drive launched the month before had speeded up donations. Harry Fahler, chairman, reported the fund had neared the halfway mark on its way to a half-million dollar goal.

Each week, The Reporter published the amount still needed. On Feb. 8, 1951, that amount was \$31,450. Also published was a Minute Men chart listing donors in \$5000, \$1000, \$500, \$250 and \$100 categories. The two \$5000 donors were not named, but had promised to contribute these sums when the amount needed had been reduced to \$10,000.

Fahler said mattresses, equipment and room furnishings were beginning to arrive. He added –

The bills are also beginning to arrive.

Painting and decorating was half done. The committee had chosen restful green for most of the interior, but opted for variety in the patients' rooms.

The colors – sea mist, cherub blue, cherub pink, pale parchment, eggshell, daffodil, ice cream, green gold and lettuce green.

A committee was named to plan an event to “celebrate the finish” of the drive, when achieved.

They will arrange a blowing of whistles and fire sirens and other noisemaking gestures to mark the final attainment of the half-million dollar goal.

Ribbon-cutting at the new hospital was June 10, 1951, and on June 14 the first patients were brought in from the Harris Hospital, which was closing.

Kenneth Butler of the KBB&A advertising agency, spoke at a Kiwanis meeting. He said he experienced regret when he saw that any local merchant inserted only a small ad in The Reporter.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

I believe he is not taking full advantage of his best and cheapest medium of reaching his buyers.

Rev. Kenneth Sollitt, pastor of the Baptist church, addressed the Lincoln School PTA on Feb. 5, 1951, its Founders' Day & Dads' Night. His remarks centered around Abraham Lincoln and he deplored the modern tendency of Americans to refuse to increase either their industry or their thrift. Instead, he said, they are borrowing, ignoring Lincoln's warning.

You can't keep out of trouble by spending more than you have.
Sollitt added – “You can't help the wage earner by tearing down the wage payer.”

Since there was no school on Lincoln's birthday, the State Theatre offered a Cartoon Carnival, starting at 2 p.m. All seats were 25 cents, including tax.

A post office embargo on all mail except first class mail under eight ounces was caused by a railroad strike. As a result, 1951 license plates were being held in the post office until shipments could be resumed.

Civil Defense officials met with William Ashley, director, to further “evacuation plans” in case of disaster. He said “key men” would be appointed by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Catholic War Veterans.

The Holy Cross basketball team, coached by Bob Faber and Don Mathesius, had enjoyed a season with no losses, thus becoming Illinois Valley Parochial League champions. The players: Keith Eichorn, Pat Dubbs, Jim

Boyle, Bill Kelly, Don Kessell, Dick McMahon, Jack Kelly, Jerry Auchstetter, Martin Spitz, Bob Bumba and Bob Oberholz.

Some of these names would surface on MHS Trojan basketball rosters a few years later.

George Hof announced he was leaving to serve in the Army and his garbage disposal business would be conducted by his father, Art Hof, until he returned.

Navy recruits from Mendota training at Great Lakes in February 1951 were Kenneth Holzner, Francis Christmann, Leo Kelly and Delbert Robinson.

Twelve employees of the Sears Mendota store were participants in a Sears Saving & Profit Sharing pension fund. They could deposit 5 percent of their salaries up to \$250 per year. They had accumulated 499 shares valued at \$52.50 each and a cash balance of \$6,657 in the fund.

Plans for a library at the Mendota High School were going forward. Bequests from John Johnson and from Cora B. Andrews had provided the initial funding. James Dubbs, board member, said suggested changes in the architect's plan would be incorporated in a revised version and then submitted for a new cost estimate. It was hoped work could start in the summer of 1951.

A meeting was held at the Elks on Feb. 9, 1951, to plan participation in the LaSalle County Mass Chest X-ray program. Two mobile X-ray units from the Illinois Department of Public Health were to be in LaSalle County from April 18z through June 30.

Everyone 18 or older. May have a chest X-ray.

The slaughtering plant east of Mendota advertised it would do custom butchering.

This is the only plant in the area equipped to scald and scrape hogs.

Kids shouldn't be on social media at all

By Rich Lowry

Mark Zuckerberg is very sorry. His apology at a Senate hearing to the families of victims of online child sex abuse was dramatic, and the human thing to do in the moment, although he was pressured into it under persistent questioning from Sen. Josh Hawley, a Republican from Missouri.

Zuckerberg's contrition -- whether real, fake or somewhere in between -- doesn't really matter one way or the other, though. The key question is why we are subjecting our children to a vast, real-time experiment in exposure to a radically new medium that evidence suggests is harmful to their emotional and mental health?

This dubious venture is unquestionably a boon to the bottom line of Meta and its peer companies, but it's doubtful that any parent in America has ever thought it was good for their kid. “Gosh, how can I get my tween to spend more time on Instagram?” is, needless to say, a thought most parents don't have.

Social scientist Jonathan Haidt has been on this case for some time now and points out a marked increase in teen depression and anxiety that coincides with the rise of social media, particularly among girls. It is, to be sure, difficult to nail down with absolute certainty a direct relationship between social media and these distressing outcomes, but many studies find a connection, and the lived experiences of families is, overwhelmingly, that the takeover of adolescence by social media hasn't been a healthy phenomenon.

At the very least, social media is addictive and represents an opportunity cost compared to time that could be spent talking with friends, going outside or even reading a book.

Congress should press the brakes on the revolution that has given Mark Zuckerberg and other tech titans an outsized role in raising our kids and require that users of social media be age 18 or older. Surely, it's not too much to ask that Zuckerberg and Co. make their fortunes exclusively off adults.

Congress has already imposed an age limit, just in the wrong place. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act prevents the companies from collecting personal information from children under age 13, effectively prohibiting them from social media. But 13 draws the line much too young.

Regardless, the companies have been happy to make a mockery of the rule. About 40% of kids age 8-12 use social media, while usage by teens age 13-18 is nearly ubiquitous.

For social-media companies, these kids are just another market. According to a Wall Street Journal report a couple of years ago, “Inside the company, teams of employees have for years been laying plans to attract preteens that go beyond what is publicly known, spurred by fear that Facebook could lose a new generation of users critical to its future.”

Let's say the research and everyone's intuition is wrong, and social media isn't driving worse outcomes for kids.

What's the harm in staying off social media until they're older? That kids will miss out on the latest absurd and perhaps dangerous TikTok trend? That they won't get to envy people posting photos on Instagram to make themselves look more interesting and beautiful than they really are? That they will talk to their families and friends more and engage in more activities in the real world?

As Yuval Levin of the American Enterprise Institute points out, there are ways to put teeth in a more stringent age restriction, create a reliable mechanism for age verification, and give those parents who desperately want their young kids on social media a way to opt in. Once every teen isn't on social media, it becomes easier to stop teens from using social media.

Perhaps, over time, it will become clear that the teen mental health crisis wasn't driven by social media and -- more improbably -- being on TikTok is good for 15-year-olds. If so, we can go back and repeal the age-18 restriction -- and apologize, if we must, to Mark Zuckerberg.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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LOCAL AND AREA

St. Bede Academy announces Class of 2024 Top 10 students

PERU - St. Bede Academy is proud to announce names of the Top Ten of the Class of 2024. These students have honorably represented the Academy in scholastic and non-scholastic events, service to their school and community and in character.

Members listed in alphabetical order are Johnna Bogatitus, Ali Bosnich, Ella Englehaupt, Evan Englehaupt, Georgina Guo, Isabella Hagenbuch, Mariella Hermes, Kylie Hill, Zachary Popurella and Logan Potthoff.

Bogatitus is the daughter of John and Crystal Bogatitus. She is a member of Holy Family Church in Oglesby. Bogatitus plans to attend either Bradley University or Marquette University with a major in accounting or business. While at St. Bede Academy, she was involved in volleyball, ambassadors, Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE), prom committee and served as a Eucharistic Minister. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Bogatitus enjoys club volleyball and she works at Uptown Grill and Tastee Freez. She has received awards for history and citizenship.

Bosnich is the daughter of Mark and Cinnamon Bosnich. She is a member of LaSalle Catholic Parishes - St. Patrick Catholic Church and attended Trinity Catholic Academy. Bosnich will attend either University of Wisconsin-Madison or Butler University. Her major is undecided. While at St. Bede Academy, she has been involved in basketball, volleyball, Lectio Divina, student council, ambassadors, spring musical, peer tutoring, prom committee, pep club and served as a Eucharistic Minister. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Bosnich

is involved in tutoring, little league umpiring, babysitting and working for small businesses - SAS and Scout Outdoor Apparel. She has received numerous awards for volleyball and basketball, including being named Athlete of the Month and the Heisman Student Athlete Award. Bosnich has also received awards for English, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership and is an Illinois State Scholar.

Ella Englehaupt is the daughter of Doug Englehaupt and Heather McCutcheon. She is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and attended Ladd Grade School. Englehaupt plans to study computer science in college. While at St. Bede Academy, she was involved in fall theater, musicals, production crew, stage rats, glee club, ambassadors, podcast club, Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE), tennis, basketball and sang the National Anthem at sporting events. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Englehaupt works at AMC Theaters. She has received awards for mathematics, foreign language, chemistry, English and computer science. Englehaupt has had poetry published by the American Poetry Foundation. She has also received the College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program award. Englehaupt is an AP Scholar and an Illinois State Scholar.

Evan Englehaupt is the son of Doug Englehaupt and Heather McCutcheon. He is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and attended Ladd Grade School. Englehaupt plans to study flight operations in college. While at St. Bede Academy, he has participated in wrestling. Englehaupt received the Col-

lege Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program award and is an AP Scholar. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Englehaupt works and enjoys flying.

Guo is the daughter of Qigin Guo and Ming Qin Liu. She attended Parkside Middle School and is planning to study pre-med at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. While at St. Bede Academy, Guo was involved in tennis, stage rats, musicals, fall theater, scholastic club, heritage club, ambassadors and Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE). Outside of St. Bede Academy, she participates in tennis, soccer and Teen Advisory Group at the Peru Public Library.

Hagenbuch is the daughter of Johnathan and Kati Hagenbuch. She is a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church and attended Holy Cross School in Mendota. Hagenbuch is planning to attend Marquette University and study exercise physiology. While at St. Bede Academy, she was involved in golf, volleyball, scholastic bowl, stage rats, ambassadors, World Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE), podcast club, Lectio Divina, tea club, last supper club and served as a Eucharist Minister. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Hagenbuch is involved in competitive curling, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) and One Bread, One Cup. Hagenbuch has received academic awards for Spanish, chemistry, English, citizenship, Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership, College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program, Daughters of American Revolution and she is an AP Scholar and Illinois State Scholar.

Hermes is the daughter of James and Angela



The Top 10 students in the St. Bede Academy Class of 2024, front row, left to right, are Johnna Bogatitus, Kylie Hill, Georgina Guo, Mariella Hermes and Bella Hagenbuch. Back row, Ali Bosnich, Ella Englehaupt, Zachary Popurella, Evan Englehaupt and Logan Potthoff. (Photo contributed)

Hermes. She is a member of LaSalle Catholic Parish - St. Patrick Church and attended Trinity Catholic Academy. Hermes plans to attend Illinois Wesleyan and study Kinesiology. While at St. Bede Academy, she was involved in basketball, softball, volleyball, Lectio Divina, student government, prom committee, ambassadors, and served as a Eucharistic Minister. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Hermes participates in softball. She was a member of the 2023 Class 1A Softball State Championship Team and has received several awards including News Tribune and Bureau County Republican's co-player of the year. Hermes also received many awards for volleyball and basketball. She was recognized as the 2023 Bureau County Republican Female Athlete of the Year.

Hill is the daughter of Michael and Sheila Hill. She is a member of LaSalle Catholic Parish and attended Trinity

Catholic Academy. Hill plans on attending Illinois Valley Community College to study computer science. While at St. Bede Academy, she was involved in bowling, heritage club, tea club, yearbook club, prom committee, Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE) and interact club. While at St. Bede, Hill has been an honor roll student. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Hill is involved in league bowling and she is a part-time volunteer at VITAS Healthcare.

Popurella is the son of Brad and Kristina Popurella. He attended Putnam County Grade School and plans to attend Purdue University to study aerospace engineering. While at St. Bede Academy, Popurella has been involved in golf, baseball, peer tutoring, heritage club and ambassadors. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Popurella works and is a blood donor. He received the AP Computer Science Principles Award, was the Elks Student

of the Month, received the Heisman Student Athlete Award and is an Illinois State Scholar.

Logan Potthoff is the son of Jack and Lucy Potthoff. He is a member of Nativity of Our Lord Church and attended Dalzell Grade School. Potthoff plans to enter into a trades program at Illinois Valley Community College. While at St. Bede Academy, Potthoff was involved in basketball, golf, student government, ambassadors, Lectio Divina, bass fishing and football. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Potthoff works at Spring Creek Golf Course and volunteers at Thomas Moore Church. He received awards for geometry, academic excellence, AP chemistry, citizenship, Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership, Sons of American Revolution, College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program and is an Illinois State Scholar.



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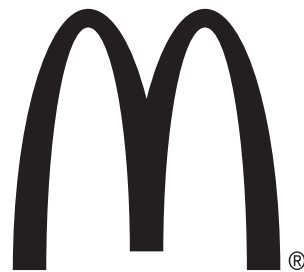
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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- The children of four-time "Superman" Christopher Reeve bare their souls in a documentary commemorating the 20th anniversary of their father's passing at the age of 52. The documentary follows his rise to fame through 1995, when he was thrown from a horse, breaking two vertebrae in his neck and leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down.



Reeve

I met Christopher in 1976 when he played Katharine Hepburn's grandson on Broadway in "A Matter of Gravity." He also starred in the soap "Love of Life" and asked me to write a story on why he was leaving the soap. The photos and story ran in Soap Opera Digest, and I invited him to stay in my guest room in Hollywood if he ever needed to.

To my surprise, he called six months later after completing a role in "Gray Lady Down" with Charlton Heston and Rosemary Forsyth, and

he became my house guest. I shot new photos of him, and two of them were sent to the producers of the upcoming "Superman" movie, who saw the jawline of the future "Man of Steel" in my photographs.

He was then flown to London for testing and serious bodybuilding to become "Superman" for four films from 1978-1987. In addition, he made other classic films such as "Somewhere in Time" (1980). In 2006, despite having partial paralysis and being in a wheel chair, he directed and executively produced the computer-animated sports comedy "Everyone's Hero," with the voices of Rob Reiner, William H. Macy, Raven-Symone and Whoopi Goldberg. Christopher truly was a super man!

Glen Powell has become the first breakout star of 2024. His rom-com "Anyone but You" passed the \$100 million mark, possibly saving the genre. In addition to his Netflix film "Hit Man" (due June 7) and the disaster film "Twisters" with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos (due July 19), Powell is currently prepping for

"Huntington," which was inspired by the 1949 British comedy "Kind Hearts and Coronets." It starred Sir Alec Guinness (Obi-Wan Kenobi from "Star Wars").

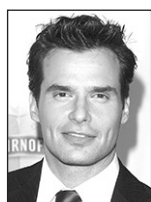
Both Margot Robbie and Greta Gerwig of "Barbie" were afforded a great deal of airtime about being snubbed for the Best Actress and Best Director categories at the Oscars. Most reports failed to mention that Gerwig was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay -- and Robbie as a producer of "Barbie."

In addition, Gerwig was nominated three times before for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for "Lady Bird" (2017) as well as Best Adapted Screenplay for "Little Women" (2019). Robbie also received a Best Actress nomination for "I, Tonya" (2017) and a Supporting Actress nod for "Bombshell" (2019).

"Oscar" is not a person who snubs anyone! He's comprised of approximately 9,500 members in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who vote independently. They just thought it was harder to play Ken than it was to play Barbie!

By Dana Jackson

Q: Whatever happened to Antonio Sabato Jr.? I saw that his character is back on "General Hospital," but being played by a different actor. -- K.W.



Sabato

A: Antonio Sabato Jr. recently expressed his disappointment on social media about not being asked to return to the daytime soap "General Hospital" in the 30 years since he departed it. He theorizes that his conservative political views aren't in alignment with Hollywood's and that he's been blacklisted from the ABC soap.

For whatever undisclosed reason, the soap recently recast the role he originated -- John "Jagger" Cates -- with actor Adam J. Harrington.

Q: How is Wendy Williams doing since her talk show was canceled? Is she in good health? -- K.J.

A: Wendy Williams was fired from her own syndicated weekday talk show in 2022 and replaced with Sherri Shepherd. Executives reportedly made the decision

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after not hearing from Williams for months and having 16 different hosts on rotation to fill her chair before ultimately choosing Shepherd. Toward the end of Williams' very successful career, first in radio and then in television, she was reportedly battling addiction and entered rehab. She was also appointed a guardian by a judge.

Recently, Williams produced a two-part documentary about her recent struggles, which will premiere on Lifetime on Feb. 24. In a preview, she talks about her health issues, but a relative is also shown confronting her for possibly downing a bottle of vodka in one day.

There are also hints of other health issues besides alcohol abuse, such as a known thyroid disorder called Graves disease. One of her family members tells the camera that Williams is "losing [her] memory" and "anyone can look at her and tell this is not just alcohol; there's something more going on."

Since the film is produced by Williams and features those who love her, it's probably not the most objective documentary, but it will at least give fans a glimpse into her life and how she's

been faring. She still has a huge fanbase who cares for her, but her future in show business remains uncertain.

Q: Is Catherine O'Hara going to be in a new show or movie anytime soon? I loved her in "Schitt's Creek" and still watch the reruns. -- B.B.

A: While Catherine O'Hara has been making audiences roar with laughter since her "Second City Television" sketch-comedy days almost 50 years ago, she reached the pinnacle of her fame playing Moira Rose in "Schitt's Creek." The Canadian comedy series gained a huge following when it arrived on Netflix, and now at the age of almost 70, O'Hara is busier than ever.

She's currently in the movie "Argyle," starring Henry Cavill and Bryce Dallas Howard, and you can still catch her in the Netflix film "Pain Hustlers" with Emily Blunt and Chris Evans. However, it's her upcoming role in the highly anticipated second season of HBO's "The Last of Us" that has people talking. No further details have been announced about her role. Production for the new season is set to begin this spring, but the series likely won't air on HBO and Max until 2025.

Couch Theater

"The Marvels" (PG-13) -- After an underwhelming run at the box office, "The Marvels" starring Brie Larson, Teyonah Parris and Iman Vellani is out now on streaming! Larson reprises her role as Captain Marvel, who finds herself facing a new enemy from a different world called Kree. This enemy, Dar-Benn, discovers a Quantum Band that makes traveling through space quick and easy. In creating a new jump point with the Quantum Band, Dar-Benn links Captain Marvel's powers to none other than Kamala Khan, Ms. Marvel herself (Vellani), and an astronaut named Monica Rambeau (Parris). The trio, who now get inconveniently transported to different locations any time they use their powers, must band together to stop Dar-Benn from exacting revenge on their home worlds. (Disney+)

"Past Lives" (PG-13) -- This semi-autobiographical romantic-drama directed by Celine Song was recently nominated for Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay at the Oscars -- an incredible feat for Song's directorial debut. Starring "The Morning Show's" Greta Lee and "Leto's" Teo

Yoo, the film follows Na Young and Hae Sung, two South Korean 12-year-olds who have crushes on each other but are forced apart after Na Young's family moves to Canada. They virtually reunite 12 years later, seemingly drawn together due to their inexplicable connection, but the different lives they lead continue to take precedence over their budding relationship. "Past Lives" perfectly encompasses the joy and sorrow that comes with knowing you found the right person, just not at the right time. Out now. (Paramount+)

"Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (TV-MA) -- This spy comedy series is based on the iconic 2005 film of the same name starring Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie but puts a quirkier spin on the original story. Donald Glover ("Atlanta") portrays John Smith, opposite Maya Erskine's Jane Smith. The two strangers are spies who adapt their respective identities in order to impersonate a married couple while they complete a high-risk mission every week. And aren't real feelings bound to get involved when two lonely people are put in an enticing arranged

marriage? The series features a handful of actors we know and love, including Sarah Paulson, Paul Dano, Alexander Skarsgard, Eiza Gonzalez and Ron Perlman. All episodes are available now. (Amazon Prime Video)

"The Pod Generation" (PG-13) -- In this sci-fi romantic-comedy, Alvy and Rachel Novy are a married couple in a futuristic version of New York who wish to grow their family, but with Rachel's bustling career and a promotion on the way, the timing isn't right for her to have the child herself. However, her company gives her another option: a stipend to conceive a child through the sleek, high-tech Pegazus Womb Center. There, babies are conceived, grown and even birthed through an artificial womb called a pod. If Rachel can convince Alvy to put aside his beliefs to try the technology, the couple can finally begin a life of parenthood. Emilia Clarke ("Game of Thrones") and Chiwetel Ejiofor ("Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness") lead the film, out on Feb. 16. (Hulu)

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• Trivia Test •

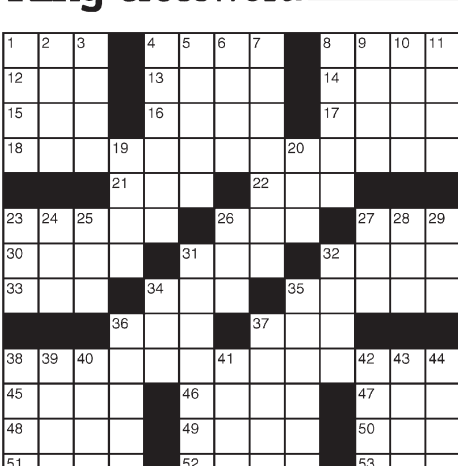
1. TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed "Kooks" and "Pogues"?
2. HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?
3. MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like "Changes" and "Let's Dance"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "the ultimate driving machine"?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to "i.e."?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the

- Minotaur?
9. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "Mischief. Mayhem. Soap."?
 10. LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?
- Answers
1. "Outer Banks."
 2. 2004.
 3. David Bowie.
 4. England.
 5. An ostentation or a pride.
 6. BMW.
 7. Id est (that is).
 8. The Labyrinth.
 9. "Fight Club."
 10. 37.
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- 4 React in horror
- 8 Pitcher Nolan
- 12 Flamenco cheer
- 13 Genesis shepherd
- 14 Spanish greeting
- 15 Squealer
- 16 Drive- -- window
- 17 "-- the picture!"
- 18 2014 biopic about actress Kelly
- 21 Rowing tool
- 22 Expert
- 23 Japanese verse
- 26 Glutton
- 27 Ultramodernist
- 30 Rhine feeder
- 31 Golf prop
- 32 Basketball tactic
- 33 Tibetan beast
- 34 4, on a phone
- 35 Dollar divisions
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- 37 Texter's chuckle
- 38 Where something is created
- 45 QB Tony
- 46 Ocho --,



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- 1 McEnroe's rival
- 2 Winged
- 3 Transcending (Pref.)
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- 5 Loathe
- 6 Lowly worker
- 7 Fruit-filled dessert
- 8 Horned beast
- 9 Meditative practice
- 10 Mr. Guinness
- 11 Post-WWII alliance
- 19 Pepsi rival
- 20 URL ending
- 23 Stable diet?
- 24 Small battery
- 25 Annoy
- 26 JFK Library architect
- 27 Convent resident
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- 29 Approves
- 31 Math statement
- 32 Sub shop
- 34 "My word!"
- 35 Waist-cinching garment
- 36 Tea biscuit
- 37 Unfettered
- 38 Baby carriage
- 39 "Damn Yankees" role
- 40 Latin 101 word
- 41 Blaze
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- 44 Kvetches

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Researchers have developed an algorithm that transforms complex data into musical sounds.

* In 2003, Marvel successfully argued in a U.S. court that mutants were "nonhuman creatures" and, therefore, toys, in order to save on taxes, since X-Men action figures were being imported as dolls but toys have a lower tariff.

* An ostrich can run faster than a horse.

* Seventy-five percent of Japanese homes boast a high-tech toilet, the latest models of which eliminate the need for toilet paper, keep you warm, check your blood pressure, play the sound of running water to, er, drown out your business, and automatically open and shut so you won't have to touch anything.

* Prior to the adoption of standard time zones in 1883, each city or town set its own local time based on the sun's position.

* Six years after Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry stated, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run," he struck the only one of his career just hours after Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface.

* Actor George Reeves, who played Superman in the 1950s, once had to deflect a young fan who wanted to test his "invulnerability" by bringing a pistol to a live appearance. Reeves convinced the boy to hand over his gun by warning him that a bystander might be hurt by bullets that bounced off his Superman suit.

* A 2018 study found that wearing a necktie can reduce the blood flow to your brain by up to 7.5%.

Thought for the Day: "Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein." -- H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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BRIDAL GUIDE



As couples get to work on planning their post-ceremony party, they can consider a wide range of reception venue options.

Options abound when shopping for wedding reception venues

A wedding ceremony is a joyous occasion couples will remember forever. As couples walk down the aisle after making their union official, the focus then shifts to the reception, where a fun-filled night of food, laughter and dancing awaits.

Nothing can trump the ceremony in terms of meaningful moments, but wedding receptions tend to last far longer. That's why couples devote so much effort to finding the right reception venue. As couples get to work on planning their post-ceremony party, they can consider a wide range of reception venue options.

Banquet hall

Banquet halls are perhaps the most traditional option for hosting wedding receptions. They're also among the most popular, as the The Knot 2022 Real Weddings Study

found that one in five couples had their wedding receptions at banquet halls. There's no end to the options available to couples who want to host their receptions at banquet halls, which run the gamut from more intimate venues to larger sites that can host hundreds of guests. Some banquet halls offer various rooms and even different styles of rooms, from traditional to modern, all at one site. Because banquet halls are designed to host special occasions like weddings, couples may find they are an especially planner-friendly option.

Beach venue

Beach reception venues are not limited to coastal communities. Though ocean-front venues are an option for couples who live on a coast or those opting for destination weddings, even landlocked locales have beach venues

along rivers and lakes. When considering a beach venue, couples should inquire about contingency locations should Mother Nature not cooperate come the big day.

Boat/yacht

Keeping with a water theme, couples may want to look into celebrating on a boat or yacht. This option can make for an especially memorable and unique experience, but it's important to keep guests in mind before booking a boat or yacht for your reception. Some guests, such as aging relatives or loved ones with young children (at home or at the reception), may want to attend the reception but not stay for its duration, which is not an option on a boat or yacht. Others may be hesitant due to seasickness or another preexisting medical condition. If no such issues

are likely to present, couples may find it hard to beat the ambiance of a reception aboard a boat or yacht.

Campgrounds

The Knot reports a surge in the popularity of campground receptions in recent years. A campground reception can be ideal for couples who love the great outdoors and prefer a less formal and more fun-focused reception. This option may require a little extra coordinating on couples' part, as they will likely need to supply all of the food and beverages and may even need to arrange for guests to safely access the venue.

There's no shortage of locations for couples to host their wedding receptions. Each venue is unique, and couples can undoubtedly find a facility that has what they're looking for.



Wedding cake options

Something sweet comes near the end of a wedding reception and that is the joy the couple experiences knowing they have their entire lives ahead of them to enjoy together. However, there is another sweet treat that is shared near the conclusion of the wedding and it is typically served with tea and coffee: the wedding cake.

Wedding cake traditions can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Cakes represented good luck and fertility for the couples tying the knot. The first wedding cakes were rather bland and breadlike, representing purity and virginity. Some were quite like the fruitcake now enjoyed during the holiday season. Eventually wedding cakes transformed into the sweet confections that are known today. The modern wedding cake as most know it debuted at the 1882 wedding of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. His wedding cake was actually the first to be completely edible. Previously, some cakes featured wooden broomstick pillars covered in icing, but the Duke's cake used a hardened type of icing, according to Edible Art Bakery and Dessert Café.

Couples today have many options when picking their wedding cakes. The following are some wedding cake tidbits to chew on.

Couples can choose among various cake styles. Many opt for a classic style, which is typically a white or ivory tiered cake with simple, elegant decorations. Rustic cakes may be much less ornate, while modern cakes may be rectangular or square

and feature clean lines and minimalist decoration. The cake should fit the overall theme and scope of the wedding as it is another complementary component of the larger celebration.

Wedding cakes can be quite costly. Wedding Wire estimates the average wedding cake costs around \$500. One way for couples to save on their cake is to have a faux cake on display, with one tier that is made from cake and can be cut. Guests will then be served slices of a sheet cake that is much less expensive.

Couples have many flavors to choose from. Vanilla is classic and quite popular because it appeals to a vast number of people. Lemon, chocolate, and carrot are some other popular cake flavors.

When it comes to frosting a cake, there are various outer coatings that will encapsulate the cake to make it both beautiful and durable. Buttercream, Swiss meringue, fondant, cream cheese, and ganache all can be used in various applications. Some bakers attest that Swiss meringue, due to the addition of egg whites, makes it a more stable option over traditional buttercreams, particularly during warm weather. Of course, couples can opt for a "naked cake," which usually has a scant amount of frosting so that the cake underneath peeks through.

A groom's cake used to be tradition, but largely fell out of favor, although it is still alive and well in the American South. The groom's cake typically is less ornate than the wedding cake, and favors the groom's choices in style, interests and flavors.

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THE BACK PAGE

Carbon monoxide, home heating safety awareness is key to staying warm and safe this winter season

SPRINGFIELD – As Illinoisans turn up their thermostats to stay warm the rest of this winter the risk of a home heating fire or Carbon Monoxide incident increases. This is why the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) encourages residents to have their furnaces checked, change furnace filters, and make sure carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke alarms are functioning properly. Unlike smoke, carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas only detectable by special devices and CO alarms.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths. Fire departments responded to an estimated average of 44,210 fires involving heating equipment per year from 2016-2020, accounting for 13% of all reported home fires during this time, and these fires resulted in annual losses of 480 civilian deaths. Space heaters were the type of heating equipment responsible for the largest shares of losses in home heating equipment fires, accounting for one-third of the fires, but nearly nine out of ten deaths and four out of five of the injuries in home fires caused by heating equipment. Half of the home heating fire deaths were caused by having heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing mattresses or bedding. Nearly half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January, and February.

“During the winter months we see an increase in home fires caused by heating deceives or malfunctioning heating equipment. Today, contents inside homes burn hotter and faster than ever before leaving less than 3 minutes for your family to escape. This is why testing smoke and CO alarms monthly, checking expiration dates and replacing broken alarms is the best way to help prevent a fire death from occurring,” said Illinois State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera. “It’s simple, Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!”

In 2023, according to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), Illinois Fire Departments responded to 21,165 calls about carbon monoxide. They were able to determine a CO leak at 8,823 of those locations.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are very similar to the flu and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness. Other signs of possible CO presence include condensation on walls and windows, house pets becoming sluggish and chronic odors from malfunctioning appliances. If you suspect you may be experiencing these symptoms, smell natural gas leaking in your home, or if your CO alarm activates, if you can evacuate the building, do so immediately. Only open windows on your way out if they are easily accessible. If someone is unable to leave the building, or is unconscious, open doors and windows to the outside in the area the person is located and stay as near to the open window or door as possible until first responders arrive. Turn on any exhaust fans that may be present. Once you evacuate, call 9-1-1 from outside your home or a neighbor’s house.

Here are some other tips to keep in mind when it comes to winter heating safety:

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional and change furnace filters frequently.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturers’ instructions.



- Keep interior and exterior air vents clear of blockages or obstructions.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like a furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Purchase units with an automatic shutoff in case the unit tips over or you forget to shut it off.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before being placed into a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Create a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Test smoke and CO alarms at least once a month and be familiar with the sounds they make.

- Never use an oven or range to heat your home.
- Remember to turn off portable or space heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors on each floor of your home and within 15 feet of each sleeping area.
- CO detectors have a limited life span; check the manufacturer’s instructions for information on replacement.

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SPORTS

One game away

Weird season equals weird Super Bowl

I wrote a column a month or so about how weird the 2023-24 NFL season had been.

The same feeling was there throughout the Wild Card and Divisional Rounds of the NFL Playoffs.

As Super Bowl LVIII wrapped up the same thought came about again... weird.

The victors, Kansas City Chiefs, had their worst regular season and most lackluster play of the last five years where they've been to four Super Bowls and won three.



Not the Last Chance

By Brandon LaChance

Travis Kelce was more a social media monkey and clown on the mic than one of the best wide receivers in the league.

He snapped and pushed legendary coach Andy Reid, who is going to be in the Hall of Fame and has helped make Kelce a big enough star to be on Taylor Swift's radar. Then he follows by yelling/screaming/attempting to sing in the postgame interviews. Swift had a half smile on her face as they showed her and mama Kelce a hundred times, but I was waiting for the ugh look and X or Facebook announcement of Swift ending the charade.

The relationship with Kelce, not the juggernaut money the NFL and Swift are making off of each other. It didn't happen in Las Vegas, but it'll happen soon enough.

Patrick Mahomes played awful in the first half and then all of a sudden turns it on in the second half and overtime, only the second OT game in the history of the Super Bowl, like he was either not trying or was getting paid by Sports Illustrated for making the odds and lines appealing through the biggest game of the year.

Although he is the kind of great who can do those kind of great things; the play, not the deal.

Reid doesn't seem upset or say anything about the Kelce berating on the sideline.

Mahomes was named the Super Bowl MVP for his greatness in a clutch situation, not for the first half of the game.

Injuries seemed to bunch up for both teams, but the San Francisco 49ers, the defeated, were hit the hardest.

Dre Greenlaw hurt his Achilles, probably tore, simply running in the game. Deebo Samuel left because he hurt his left hamstring. George Kittle, who was invisible on the field when he was out there, injured his shoulder.

He came back, still invisible.

Brock Purdy, who had played fearlessly the last few years since being drafted last, looked scared, played scared, walked off the field scared.

San Francisco coach Kyle Shanahan called a timeout to change his defensive coordinator's decision to have five defensive backs playing a safe deep threat coverage as Mahomes was ripping the 49ers up with throws in the middle or the outside of the field or running for 10-15 yards each time he used his legs.

The Chiefs receivers had a few drops, similar to the rest of the season as they had the most in the NFL but caught the ball when they needed including Mecole Hardman Jr. when he hauled in the 3-yard, game-winning catch in overtime for the 25-22 victory.

If the 49ers won, a hardly known receiver Jauan Jennings probably would have been the MVP, instead of Mahomes, since he had the same amount of passing touchdowns as Purdy, one, and caught a touchdown.

The only aspect of the game besides Mahomes' second half and overtime heroics was Christian McCaffrey who was the all-around amazing player he is with 80 rushing yards and 80 receiving yards, which he caught a pass for the first TD of the game.

I don't know what was in the air this season.

Maybe it was bringing in a pop star to steal the accomplishments of the players, coaches, teams.

Maybe it was Kelce being a bigger loudmouth and douche bag, while playing his least inspired football. He is officially my least favorite player in the NFL and is only not my least favorite professional athlete because Draymond Green hasn't been banned from the NBA yet.

Maybe the Chiefs are really the best team or franchise the NFL has right now, and it doesn't matter if they're the worst version of themselves, they're still the best in the league. This may be more scary than weird.

Maybe there have been weirder NFL seasons, but the media and social media attention pointed toward the NFL is at an all-time high, only to get higher.

If we're going to stay weird for next season, can the Chicago Bears weirdly make smart decisions with their high draft picks and put together a playoff team? Or is that too weird?

Trojans to face Hall in opening round of regional on Feb. 19

SPRING VALLEY – The Mendota Trojans will participate in the Hall Class 2A Regional Boys' Basketball Tournament to be played Feb. 19, 21, 23 in Spring Valley.

The Trojans will open the tournament with a play-in game on Monday, Feb. 19 against Hall in Spring Valley. Tip time is 7 p.m.

If Mendota wins its first-round game, it will advance to the semifinals to meet Seneca at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 in Spring Valley. The other semifinal-round game will pit Port Byron Riverdale against the winner of the Aurora Central Catholic-Sandwich play-in game.

The two winners in the semifinals will move on to the regional championship game at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

The champion of the Hall Regional will advance to the

Mendota Sectional to square off against the Genoa-Kingston Regional winner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28. The other sectional participants will come from the Prophetstown and Winnebago regionals, and will battle at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. The sectional championship game is Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m.

Spring Valley (Hall) Class 2A Boys' Regional Basketball Tournament Monday, Feb. 19
1 – (9) Mendota at (7) Spring Valley (Hall) – 7 p.m.
2 – (11) Aurora (Central Catholic) at (6) Sandwich – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21
3 – (2) Seneca vs. Winner Game 1 – 6 p.m.
4 – (3) Port Byron (Riverdale) vs. Winner Game 2 – 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23
5 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 – 6 p.m. (championship)

Two wins propel Holy Cross 8th-graders to Class 1A state title game

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

WARRENSBURG – During the regular season, Holy Cross eighth grade boys' basketball coach Luke Tillman knew he had a special team.

The Warriors continued to prove it to their coaches, Tillman and Aaron Eddy, but now they're proving it to themselves, the community, and the state.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, Holy Cross entered the IESA Class 1A State Tournament at Warrensburg-Latham High School and won both the first-round matchup against Griggsville-Perry, 46-29, and a semifinal against Lincoln Chester-East Lincoln, 39-29, to advance to the state final at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 against Pana Sacred Heart (25-3).

"This is a great feeling. The support from the town and everybody has been outrageous," said Tillman, who brought his team in with an 18-2 record and has a 20-2 mark going into Thursday.

"Everyone has come together to support the kids. Tony Arredondo Jr. and TNT Concrete and Handyman Services got a bus for us to take to state. That was amazing.

"There was a prep rally. That was awesome as well. So many people showed up. They got the players pumped for the game. It has been an amazing experience for the kids."

Against Griggsville-Perry, which ended its season at 18-11, Tillman and Eddy thought a full-court press would work.

After they figured out it didn't, they made changes to affect the game play and the scoreboard.

"We started off pretty slow. In the first three minutes, no one scored for either team. We just played our game, stuck to our guns, and we kept grinding away. We took the lead at halftime," Tillman said. "In the second half, we kept grinding. When you watch film, you try to develop a plan. We had a

few game films we could watch and it gave us ideas of what the team would do and what kind of formations they would be in.

"We thought we had a good idea and we wanted to press them. We got there and it didn't work out. We ended up taking the press off of Griggsville-Perry and we ended up running away with the game."

The semifinal against Lincoln Chester-East Lincoln, which finished the season 17-8, was the polar opposite.

"This game worked the other way around from the first-round game. We thought they were the better team," Tillman said. "We weren't going to press them because we didn't think it would work against their speed. We put the press on and it gave them a lot of problems. We made adjustments and we got a lot of turnovers with our press."

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MHS girls fall short in regional battle

SPRING VALLEY – Mendota and Hall played three times during the regular season and the Lady Trojans lost all three by a combined 94 points. So, when the two teams met for the fourth time in the opening round of the Hall Class 2A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament, the prospects of a Mendota victory were remote.

And while the outcome saw the Lady Trojans on the short end of a 58-40 score on Feb. 10 at Spring Valley, Mendota put forth one of its best efforts of the season. With the setback, the Lady Trojans concluded the 2023-24 campaign with a 5-23 record.

"I'm very proud of our efforts, and while I hate losing, I love the way we went down swinging," said Mendota coach John Hansen.

The turning point in the game came down to two shots to start the second half. With Mendota trailing by just four at the break, 25-21, Hall diminutive guard Charlie Pellegrini launched two straight shots from deep in the left corner behind the three-point arc, and both went in, to spark a 10-0 Lady Devil run to start the second half that all but decided the game.

McKenna Christiansen and Ella Sterling followed with back-to-back conventional hoops to increase Hall's lead to 35-21 before a Grace Wasmer rebound bucket for Mendota halted



Mendota's Crystal Garcia glides between Hall defenders Ella Sterling, left, and McKenna Christiansen for a scoop shot during the opening round of the Hall Regional on Feb. 10 at Spring Valley. (Reporter photo)

the Lady Devil scoring binge.

"That 10-0 run to start the second half ultimately killed us," noted Hansen.

The Lady Trojans still had some fight left after Hall took its biggest lead of the game (39-23) on a Sterling hoop with 2:50 left in the third. Ava Eddy and Crystal Garcia

sandwiched three-pointers around an Ella Coss basket to draw Mendota to within 39-31 before Christiansen closed out the quarter with a pair of free throws to make it 41-31 heading to the fourth.

Mendota managed only nine points in the fourth frame, all from Eddy, as the

Lady Trojans could never get the margin under double digits.

Eddy led the scoring attack for Mendota with 21 points, including three treys and eight of nine makes from the charity stripe. Coss was next for the Lady Trojans with five points. Wasmer topped the rebounding chart with 11, while Garcia and Ella Martin had five boards apiece.

The Lady Trojans hung close in the first half, trailing 12-9 after one, and then scoring seven in a row in the second period to tie the game at 21-21 with under two minutes to go in the half. Hall closed out the half with four straight points to grab a 25-21 advantage at intermission.

Pellegrini led four Lady Devils in double figures with 19 points.

HALL 58, MENDOTA 40				
Mendota (40)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Eddy	5	8-9	1	21
Garcia	2	0-0	5	5
Knaff	0	0-0	1	0
Coss	2	0-0	0	5
Sondgeroth	1	0-0	2	3
Martin	0	0-0	5	0
Denault	1	0-0	4	2
Wasmer	2	0-0	11	4
Totals	13	8-9	29	40

Hall (58)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
C. Pellegrini	6	4-6	3	19
H. Pellegrini	1	1-4	4	3
Christiansen	2	6-6	3	11
Sterling	5	2-2	0	12
Wozniak	4	3-6	3	11
Zamora	0	0-0	2	0
Lauck	1	0-0	0	2
Totals	19	16-24	15	58

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	9	21	31	40
Hall	12	25	41	58
Three-point goals: Mendota - Eddy 3, Garcia 1, Coss 1, Sondgeroth 1; Hall - C. Pellegrini 3, Christiansen 1				

Sophomore boys claim conference title

The Mendota sophomore boys' basketball team is the Three Rivers Conference champion after rolling up four more victories to run its winning streak to 11. Three of those four wins last week came in conference games as the Trojans concluded league play with a 9-1 record.

Mendota held off Kewanee, 39-34, in Three Rivers Conference action on Feb. 6 at the MHS gym.

The Trojans erased a 19-15 halftime deficit by outscoring Kewanee, 24-15 in the second half.

Johan Cortez (14) and Dane Doyle (11) led the way for the Trojans.

The Trojans pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 45-33 conference triumph

over Bureau Valley on Feb. 9 at Manlius.

After trailing 9-7 at the end of the first quarter, Mendota grabbed a 21-16 halftime lead and was on top the rest of the way. A 14-8 fourth quarter in favor of the Trojans allowed them to win by a comfortable margin.

Alex Beetz led the scoring attack with 18 points, followed by Doyle with 11 and Cortez with eight.

Mendota overcame another first-period deficit to notch a 51-43 decision over Oregon in a non-conference contest on Feb. 10 at Oregon.

The home team owned a 14-11 advantage after the opening stanza, but Mendota burned the net for 20 second-quarter points compared to just

seven for the Hawks to take a 31-21 lead to the locker room. The Trojans knocked down six three-pointers in the first half – three by Doyle, two by Grady Jones and one by Cortez.

Doyle finished with five trifectas and ended with a game-high 21 points, while Cortez and Alex Beetz provided 11 markers apiece.

The Trojans wrapped up conference play with a 47-27 win over Newman on Feb. 12 at Sterling.

Mendota (20-7) took control from the opening tip, leading 11-5 after one and 33-9 at the break.

Alex Beetz pumped in 14 points to pace the Trojans, while Jones and Keegan Beetz each had six markers.

Season ends for bowler Holland

SYCAMORE - Mendota High School bowler Lauren Holland had her season come to a close at the Sycamore Sectional on Feb. 10.

The MHS junior rolled a 950 series in six games, which put her in 70th place out of 105 bowlers. She recorded games of 173, 167, 167, 173, 141 and 129.

Ashlyn Teves of Machesney Park Harlem was the individual champion with a 1476 series.

The top four teams earned a berth in the state bowling tournament. Machesney Park Harlem captured the sectional crown with a score of 6393. Also advancing to state were Oswego East (6013), Rockton Hononegah (5935) and Oswego (5805).

3 Trojan grapplers have state tourney aspirations dashed

BYRON - The wrestling season came to an end for three Mendota High School grapplers after they competed in the Byron Class 1A Sectional on Feb. 9-10.

Trayvon Rucker at 132 pounds, Madrick Musgrove at 215 pounds and Angil Serrano at 285 pounds all were eliminated from advancing to the state tournament after they did not finish among the top four wrestlers in their weight class.

Rucker and Musgrove each lost both of their matches, while Serrano won two matches and lost two matches in his division.

Byron Sectional – Feb. 9-10

132 pounds - Trayvon Rucker

Connor Knop (West Carroll) pinned Rucker, 2:01; Hunter Savage (St. Bede) pinned Rucker, 3:18

215 pounds - Madrick Musgrove

Michael Haas (Lena-Winslow) pinned Musgrove, 4:25; Aiden Fisher (Orion) pinned Musgrove, 1:03

285 pounds - Angil Serrano

Serrano dec. Jacob Baustian (Riverdale), 2-1; Jared Claunch (Byron) pinned Serrano, 5:49; Serrano pinned Kaleb Eckman (Woodstock Marian), 1:34; Colin Kraus (Richmond-Burton) pinned Serrano, 3:27

SPORTS

Fast start lifts Newark over MHS

NEWARK—The Mendota Lady Trojans closed out the regular season with a 60-27 loss at Newark on Feb. 8.

Newark took control from the opening tip as it zoomed out to a 19-3 advantage after the first quarter. The Lady Norsemen had their best quarter of the night in the second by pumping in 24 points to grab a 43-8 halftime lead.

“Newark was awesome and really good on the offensive end,” said Mendota coach John Hansen. “We had our worst night turnover-wise and Newark took advantage of it.”

Kennedy Knaff topped Mendota scorers with nine points, followed by Grace Wasmer with six, and Ava Eddy and Ella Coss with five apiece. Wasmer led with eight rebounds, while Eddy and Coss collected six and five cars, respectively.

NEWARK 60, MENDOTA 27				
Mendota (27)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Eddy	1	2-4	6	5
Garcia	0	0-0	2	0
Knaff	2	4-4	1	9
Coss	2	0-0	5	5
Sondgeroth	0	0-5	0	0
Denault	1	0-0	3	2
Wasmer	2	2-4	8	6
Totals	8	8-17	25	27

Newark (60)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Wesseh	8	0-2	1	16
Hattemberg	4	4-5	2	12
Carlson	1	0-0	1	2
Long	2	0-0	1	4
Snyder	4	2-5	1	10
Ness	0	4-4	1	4
Sittler	1	0-0	3	2
Smith	3	1-2	3	7
Hauge	1	0-0	1	3
Totals	24	11-18	14	60

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	3	8	21	27
Newark	19	43	54	60
Three-point goals: Mendota - Eddy 1, Knaff 1, Coss 1; Newark - Hauge 1				

LaMoille H.S. boys' basketball

Feb. 9 @ LaMoille
IMSA 56, LaMoille 49

Stats: Tyler Billhorn 27 points, 8 rebounds; Brayden Klein 15 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists

Feb. 10 @ LaMoille
Dakota 64, LaMoille 29

Stats: Billhorn 23 points, 13 rebounds; Tate Sundberg 4 rebounds

Holy Cross

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“We came out strong with a pretty good lead in the first quarter. In the second quarter, they made a run and were within three at halftime. We came out after halftime and ran away with it from there.”

Winning the state championship is the plan.

If the Warriors do, they would be the first basketball team from Mendota (Holy Cross, Northbrook, or Mendota High School) to win the biggest game of the season.

However, with either a win or a loss on Thursday, Tillman is proud of his team and the season it has had.

“The boys are amazing. I didn’t think they could, but they keep surprising me. These teams in the state tournament are good competition,” Tillman said. “We’re out hustling them and we want it more. That’s a big part of how we’re coming out in the end. They won’t give up. I’m sure it’s going to be the same way in the next game. These boys are exactly where they deserve to be. They’ve worked hard all year. I’m proud of them and can’t wait to see what happens on Thursday.”

“They’re smart players. They have their head in the game and they listen. We have a game plan going in and they know exactly what it is because they listen in practice and they’re dedicated. They listen to both of their coaches and they understand what we’re doing in a game. They understand things may change throughout a game with adjustments as well. They’re ready for them when we make the changes. They understand. They’re a group of smart basketball players that understand the game.”



Mendota's Ella Coss has her path to the basket cut off by Hall's Ella Sterling in the first game of the Hall Regional on Feb. 10 at Spring Valley. (Reporter photo)



Mendota's Grace Wasmer tries to alter the shot of Hall's Charlie Pellegrini in the opening round of the Hall Class 2A Regional on Feb. 10 at Spring Valley. (Reporter photo)



Second in tournament
The Northbrook Middle School sixth grade volleyball team finished in second place in the Spring Valley JFK Tournament on Jan. 26-27. Members of the team, front row, left to right, are Lila Coss, Taylor Erlenborn, Harper Stamberger, Karly Beetz, Ava Schnaiter, Bella Escatel and Aliya Escatel. Back row, coach Tori Coble, Ariana Francis, Kendra Milus, Viri Perez, Raelynn Sundberg, Aubri Gonzalez and Lyla Rodriguez. (Photo contributed)

Trojans drop 3 of 4 games; finish 3-7 in Three Rivers

One bad quarter has been the downfall of the Mendota Trojans in many of their losses this season. The scenario reared its ugly head again when Kewanee pulled away from the Trojans in the fourth quarter for a 56-48 Three Rivers Conference triumph on Feb. 6 at the MHS gym.

The Trojans sprinted out to a 19-14 lead after the opening stanza before Kewanee came back with a 19-point second period to take a 33-31 halftime lead. Mendota managed to forge a tie after three quarters (40-40), but then it was outscored, 16-8, in the fourth as the Boilers avenged an earlier loss to the Trojans on Kewanee's home floor.

Only four Trojan players found the scoring column, with Cale Strouss and Izaiah Nanez producing 15 points apiece. Nanez scored all of his points in the first half. Aden Tillman drained four three-pointers and ended with 14 points.

Mendota couldn't keep pace with Bureau Valley and fell by a 63-42 count in conference action on Feb. 9 at Manlius.

The Trojans held a 12-9 lead heading to the second quarter, but it was all Bureau Valley after that. The Storm surged in front 29-21 at intermission and led by 10 going to the fourth frame, where it outscored Mendota, 19-8.

Nanez and Strouss had 12 and 10 tallies, respectively, to lead the Trojans.

The Trojans bounced back 24 hours later for their largest point production of the season as they handled former Big Northern foe Oregon, 82-72, on Feb. 10 at Oregon.

Mendota put up more than 20 points in three of the four quarters, including 21 each in the first two frames, to take a 42-35 halftime lead. The

Trojans tacked on 23 points in the third period to forge in front by double figures (65-53). Mendota sank 10 free throws in the fourth to secure the victory.

Nanez erupted for 27 points to lead all scorers, while teammates Tillman (15) and Dane Doyle (10) also hit double digits. Tillman connected on four of the team's eight three-pointers.

Mendota let a first-half lead slip away and dropped a 70-59 conference outing to Newman on Feb. 12 at Sterling.

NEWMAN 70, MENDOTA 59				
Mendota (59)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Strouss	3	2-2	2	10
Aughenbaugh	1	0-0	0	2
Baird	2	0-0	1	4
Kelly	1	0-0	4	3
Nanez	5	2-3	2	15
Freeman	4	0-0	1	8
Tillman	6	0-0	4	17
Totals	22	4-5	14	59

Sterling Newman (70)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Matznick	2	0-3	4	4
Francque	1	0-0	0	3
Jungerman	8	0-2	4	18
Rosengren	17	6-12	1	40
Snyder	1	2-2	0	5
Totals	29	8-19	9	70

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	23	41	50	59
Newman	14	32	54	70
Three-point goals: Mendota - Strouss 2, Kelly 1, Nanez 3, Tillman 5; Newman - Francque 1, Jungerman 2, Snyder 1				

MENDOTA 82, OREGON 72				
Mendota (82)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Strouss	3	2-2	3	9
Aughenbaugh	2	0-0	2	4
Baird	1	0-2	4	2
Kelly	1	4-6	4	7
Nanez	10	7-14	0	27
Freeman	4	0-0	4	8
Tillman	5	1-2	1	15
Doyle	4	0-0	0	10
Totals	30	14-26	18	82

Oregon (72)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Johnson	4	2-2	5	10
Olalde	5	5-7	4	18
Caposey	3	2-4	3	8
Campos	3	0-0	3	8
Salsbury	4	1-2	1	10
O'Brien	1	0-0	3	3
Girton	4	6-6	4	15
Totals	24	16-21	23	72

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	21	42	65	82
Oregon	19	35	53	72
Three-point goals: Mendota - Strouss 1, Kelly 1, Tillman 4, A. Beetz 2; Oregon - Olalde 3, Campos 2, Salsbury 1, O'Brien 1, Girton 1				

The Trojans were up 23-14 after the first frame and 41-32 at the break, but a pair of nine-point quarters in the second half allowed Newman to overcome the deficit and post the win.

Tillman (17), Nanez (15) and Strouss (10) all hit the double-figure scoring mark for Mendota. Tillman connected on five three-pointers.

Mendota is 12-17 overall and ended Three Rivers play at 3-7.

KEWANEE 56, MENDOTA 48				
Kewanee (56)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Jordan	0	0-2	2	0
B. Lewis	4	1-2	2	9
Reed	3	4-8	0	11
Conley	2	1-1	2	5
Welgat	2	5-6	2	11
Clark	8	1-5	4	17
Ellerbrock	1	0-0	0	3
Johnston	0	0-0	2	0
Totals	20	12-24	14	56

Mendota (48)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Strouss	5	3-4	5	15
Aughenbaugh	0	0-0	2	0
Baird	0	0-0	4	0
Kelly	0	0-0	5	0
Nanez	6	1-3	3	15
Freeman	1	2-2	4	4
Tillman	5	0-0	2	14
Doyle	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	17	6-9	26	48

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Kewanee	14	33	40	56
Mendota	19	31	40	48
Three-point goals: Mendota - Strouss 2, Nanez 2, Tillman 3; Kewanee - Reed 1, Welgat 2, Ellerbrock 1				

BUREAU V. 63, MENDOTA 42				
Mendota (42)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Strouss	5	0-2	2	10
Aughenbaugh	1	0-0	1	3
Baird	0	0-0	2	0
Kelly	1	0-0	2	2
Nanez	5	2-5	2	12
Freeman	3	1-1	3	7
Tillman	1	0-0	1	3
A. Beetz	1	2-2	2	5
Totals	17	5-10	15	42

Bureau Valley (63)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Helms	1	0-0	1	2
Hulsing	5	2-3	3	12
Moon	1	1-2	2	3
Chhim	14	1-2	3	30
Attig	0	2-2	0	2
Birdsley	3	3-3	0	9
Foster	1	0-0	0	3
Endress	0	0-0	2	0
Dybek	1	0-0	1	2
Totals	26	9-12	12	63

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	13	21	34	42
Bureau Valley	9	29	44	63
Three-point goals: Mendota - Aughenbaugh 1, Tillman 1, A. Beetz 1; Bureau Valley - Chhim 1, Foster 1				

Volleyball officials' clinic set for Feb. 25 in Mendota

MENDOTA—The Illinois Valley Volleyball Officials Association (IVVOA) is hosting an IHSA Level 1 and Level 2 Volleyball Officials Clinic from noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Mendota High School, located at 2300 W. Main St.

This will include a beginner's section for anyone who is interested in seeing what officiating is all about.

The IVVOA is reaching out to the area high schools to spread the word to help build a list of officials with many younger officials.

The IHSA now allows anyone 16 and older the opportunity to officiate and will waive their fees until they are 21 years old.

Right now, there are three area high school students working the spring IESA season and doing a fabulous job. IVVOA is here to get them started and work with them. On an average evening, volleyball officials make about \$70 per night for two matches lasting approximately 2 1/2-3 hours.

The cost of the clinic is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members.

If there is someone interested in just coming for the information, it would be \$10, but it would not give them the IHSA clinic credit. All brand-new individuals are encouraged to not sign up with the IHSA until after attending the clinic on Feb. 25 in order to give them the proper paperwork to waive the IHSA fee.

Pre-registration is not required. Registration begins at 11 a.m. on Feb. 25. For more information, contact IVVOA President Patti Blumhorst at pblumhorst@yahoo.com or 815-303-3178.

BOWLING

Elks 9 Youth League	
Standings as of Feb. 3 - 1. Team 3 24.5-11.5; 2. Team 2 22.5-13.5; 3. Team 1 15-21; 4. Team 4 10-26	
High team game (scratch) - Team 1 262, Team 3 240, Team 4 233	
High team game (hdcp) - Team 1 654, Team 3 621, Team 2 620	
High team series (scratch) - Team 1 687, Team 4 671, Team 2 647	
High team series (hdcp) - Team 1 1863, Team 2 1823, Team 3 1770	
Boys' high game (scratch) - Maddox Chaon 121, Keegan Mauch 100, Michael Eames 83	
Boys' high game (hdcp) - Maddox Chaon 237, Keegan Mauch 216, Conrad Barkman 212	
Boys' high series (scratch) - Maddox Chaon 302, Keegan Mauch 277, Michael Eames 229	
Boys' high series (hdcp) - Maddox Chaon 650, Keegan Mauch 625, Michael Eames 601	
Girls' high game (scratch) -	

- Grace Piskie 103, Brooklyn Bejster 86, Ady Law 78	
Girls' high game (hdcp) - Brooklyn Bejster 217, Grace Piskie 217, Lainey Ramer 214	
Girls' high series (scratch) - Grace Piskie 252, Ady Law 227, Brooklyn Bejster 218	
Girls' high series (hdcp) - Ady Law 614, Brooklyn Bejster 611, Lainey Ramer 606	
Elks 11 Youth League	
Standings as of Feb. 3 - 1. Team 5 29-7; 2. Team 2 28.5-7.5; 3. Team 3 17.5-18.5; 4. Team 4 13.5-22.5; 5. Team 1 5.5-30.5; 6. Team 6 0-36	
High team game (scratch) - Team 5 416, Team 2 324, Team 4 281	
High team game (hdcp) - Team 5 725, Team 2 675, Team 3 650	
High team series (scratch) - Team 5 1009, Team 2 841, Team 4 702	
High team series (hdcp) - Team 5 1936, Team 2 1894, Team 3 1818	
Boys' high game (scratch) -	

Parker Ramer 180, Jaxen Daley 144, Landon Kent 139	
Boys' high game (hdcp) - Jaxen Daley 266, Landon Kent 260, Cooper Klein & Parker Ramer 249	
Boys' high series (scratch) - Parker Ramer 402, Gavin Stamberger 352, Landon Kent 314	
Boys' high series (hdcp) - Gavin Stamberger 685, Landon Kent 677, Jaxen Daley 648	
Girls' high game (scratch) - Eliana Eammes 98	
Girls' high game (hdcp) - Eliana Eammes 225	
Girls' high series (scratch) - Eliana Eammes 266	
Girls' high series (hdcp) - Eliana Eammes 647	
Mixed Night Monday League	
Standings as of Feb. 5 - 1. Ramer Inc. 17-8; 2. Bad Kats 17-8; 3. Leagal Beagles 13-12; 4. Split Happens 10-15; 5. CM Farm 10-15; 6. Sports-N-Stuff 8-17	
High team game (scratch) - Split Happens 698, Sports-N-Stuff 678, Leagal Beagles 669	
High team game (hdcp) - Sports-N-Stuff 1002, CM Farm	

949, Leagal Beagles 948	
High team series (scratch) - Split Happens 2058, Leagal Beagles 1902, CM Farm 1876	
High team series (hdcp) - Bad Kats 2754, CM Farm 2752, Sports-N-Stuff 2742	
Men's high game (scratch) - Sonny Sterchi Jr. 246, Matt Ramer 224, Joe Dimmig 207	
Men's high game (hdcp) - Sonny Sterchi Jr. 291, Ron Westphal 256, Matt Ramer 252	
Men's high series (scratch) - Sonny Sterchi Jr. 646, Matt Ramer 615, Joe Dimmig 586	
Men's high series (hdcp) - Sonny Sterchi Jr. 781, Joe Dimmig 712, Matt Ramer 699	
Women's high game (scratch) - Hannah Westphal 202, Gail Sessler 199, Dria Kuntz 181	
Women's high game (hdcp) - Hannah Westphal 271, Sarah Westphal 260, Gail Sessler 258	
Women's high series (scratch) - Hannah Westphal 558, Gail Sessler 545, Dria Kuntz 512	
Women's high series (hdcp) - Hannah Westphal 765, Kim Smith 744, Gail Sessler 722	

Go Trojans! Good Luck Down the Tournament Trail!

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Winner Game 2

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LOCAL AND AREA

Be the friend you want to have

Whether you realize it or not, your thoughts, words, and attitudes have a tremendous impact on your relationships.

A positive attitude will help build your relationships and make you so much more enjoyable to be around. Likewise, someone with a negative attitude is fighting an uphill battle if they hope to make and maintain quality friendships.

Romans 12:2 (AMPC) was a game-changer for me. It says, "Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed)

by the [entire] renewal of your mind...."

I'm not exaggerating when I say this one scripture changed my life. How? When we fill our minds with God's Word and learn to think like He thinks, then these positive, faith-filled thoughts flow through our words and attitudes to the people around us.

I don't think negative people even realize how their attitude affects their relationships. I sure didn't. But the truth is, anyone who is happy and positive quickly discovers that being with a negative person doesn't bring them joy.

I believe it's important

to occasionally ask ourselves, Am I the kind of person other people want to be around? Am I a good friend?

Take a few moments to really think about it. Think about the people in your life. How do you think they would describe you? Would they consider you to be a good friend... someone they like to be around? This exercise isn't designed to make you feel bad, but it's meant to help you take an accurate inventory of where you are.

I've reached a place where I really want to be a good friend. If someone runs into me at the coffee shop, I want them to be glad to see me and take a few minutes to talk. I want my attitude to add to their joy!

Most of us are familiar with the law of sowing and reaping. The Bible clearly tells us that we reap what we sow (Luke 10:27-36; Galatians 6:7). If you want more friends, then sow a seed and choose to be a good friend to someone else.

Nothing happens by accident. If we want to be well-liked, we can choose to be likeable. If we want friends, we can choose to be friendly!

I once heard something that really got my attention. Someone said that even if people don't remember what you say to them, they do remember how you made them feel.

For example, I have an exercise coach who is extremely positive. He encourages me throughout the routine, so I always



look forward to seeing him. His attitude makes the entire experience!

However, on the other hand, a few years ago I was going to a trainer who wasn't very encouraging. He often came across as negative and condescending. I know he thought he was helping me, but he was really discouraging me!

Isaiah 50:4 (AMPC) says, "...The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary...."

Encouraging people has not always come easy to me, but years ago I made a commitment to God to start doing it on purpose. Every day I ask the Holy Spirit to show me who I can encourage.

Encouragement is powerful. It can actually make a person feel better. I remember one time when I got a text message from my youngest son. All it said was, "I love you, Mommy!" At that moment, I literally felt refreshed by his words. They gave me the extra

dose of courage I needed that day.

First Thessalonians 5:11 tells us to encourage one another and build each other up. Think about the people and friends you will see and ask God to put something in your heart that you can say to them that will be uplifting.

It can be as simple as saying something positive to someone you work with or letting them know how much you appreciate them. Sometimes I will take a moment to tell someone how much God loves them and wants to bless them.

Proverbs 18:21 (AMPC) says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue...."

Your words are powerful, and a word of encouragement at the right time can literally transform someone's entire day. Really, it's pretty simple: If you want friends, be a good friend. Be the kind of person that other people want to be around. Be positive, encouraging and uplifting.

Maybe you are where I was years ago. If you realize you are negative, the greatest thing you can

do is ask the Lord to begin changing you. Begin renewing your mind with God's Word and allow Him to help you become positive in your thoughts, your words, and your attitude.

As you do, you will become a person others want to hang around. You will become someone they want to call "friend."

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-part teaching resource *Enjoying Successful Relationships*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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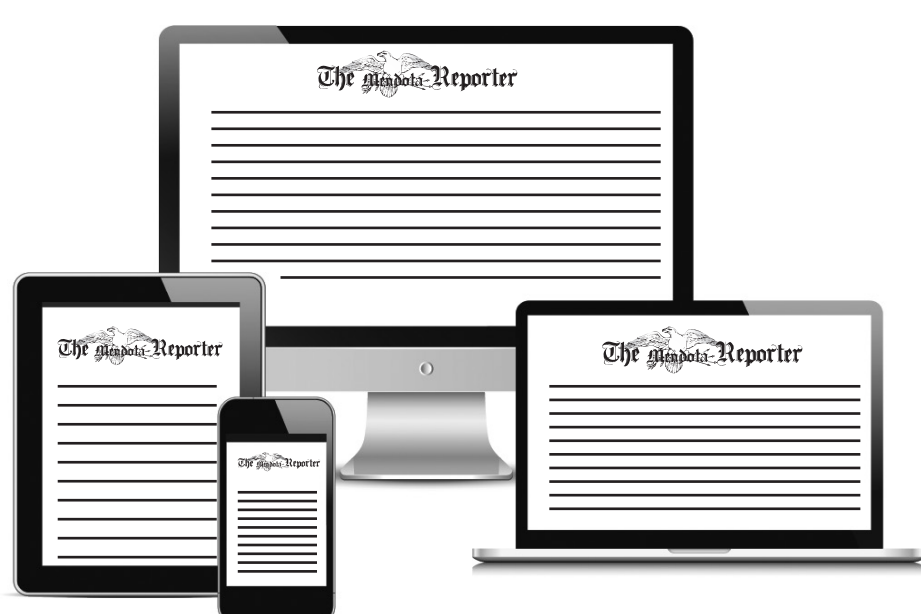
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If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

If I can write one verse of truth today
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If I can push one needless cloud away
And help men live as children
of the King:
If I can lend someone a helping hand
Or warm a place where friendship
needs to be;
If I can build a bridge where
fences stand
And light a lamp that other men
might see;
If I can open doors of hope this day
By letting someone know that
others care;
If I can speak in words that seem
to say:
I know the heavy burdens that
you bear.
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way
Or pause to bid him stay for food
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If I can do these, Father, this I pray:
"O let me do them with my very best."

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Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
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With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones."
ISAIAH 57:15-19

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV)
in the Old or New Testament or
neither?

2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not
love in word or talk but in deed
and in ..."? Hope, Abundance,
Touch, Truth

3. In Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred
stirreth up strifes, but love
covereth all ..."? Sins, Beings,
Creation, Enemies

4. Which Old Testament book reads
like a love story? Ruth, Daniel,
Habakkuk, Song of Solomon

5. Where does one find the phrase
"God is love"? Genesis, Nehemiah,
Hebrews, 1 John

6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is
honorable in all? Love, Trust,
Marriage, Worship

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Truth, 3)
Sins, 4) Song of Solomon, 5) 1 John
(4:8, 16), 6) Marriage

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Preston C. Allen, A Single Man And Iris Woodward-Groves, A Single Woman, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 3504 Hazel Ln, HAZEL CREST ILL, 60429, according to the Mortgage dated March 03, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15426, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 00007 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1

Preston C. Allen, A Single Man And Iris Woodward-Groves, A Single Woman, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 611 Main Street Ave, CALUMET ILL, 60409, according to the Mortgage dated March 03, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15426, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle

County, Illinois, on October 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0007 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1 Brittney L. Barney, a Single Woman And Christopher Wayne Newland, a Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1922 S 300 E, LA PORTE, IN, 46350, according to the Mortgage dated June 10, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2018 -9197, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0426 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 7 Brittney L. Barney, a Single Woman And Christopher Wayne Newland, a Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 4484 N 700 E, ROLLING PRAIRIE, IL, 46371, according to the Mortgage dated June 10, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2018 -9197, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0426 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 7 Clarence A. Butcher And Valerie A. Butcher, Husband And Wife, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1014 HARBOR DR, ROCK FALLS, IL, 61071, according to the Mortgage dated January 16, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 -14614, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0059 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 1 Karen A. Czaplinski And Mark A. Hamilton, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 2470 CRYSTAL CREEK LN, ELGIN, IL, 60124, according to the Mortgage dated January 31, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 -9942, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 12, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0426 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 7 Karen A. Czaplinski And Mark A. Hamilton, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1000 GENEVA RD APT 16D, SAINT CHARLES, IL, 60174, according to the Mortgage dated January 31, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 -9942, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 12, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0426 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 7 David Roy Dallas And Rita J. Dallas, Husband And Wife, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 10 BLAIR CT, CLINTON, IL, 61727, according to the Mortgage dated January 24, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 -15006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 27, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be

foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0426 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 7 Mercedes H. Diaz, A/K/A M. Diaz, A Single Woman And Jaime Edrian Miranda, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, C/O KANNUK LAW OFFICE PA 1615 S CONGRESS AVE STE 103, DELRAY BEACH, FL, 33445 according to the Mortgage dated February 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-17391, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0086 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2 Mercedes H. Diaz, A/K/A M. Diaz, A Single Woman And Jaime Edrian Miranda, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 3315 W DIVERSEY AVE APT 3 CHICAGO, IL, 60647 according to the Mortgage dated February 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-17391, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0086 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2 Mercedes H. Diaz, A/K/A M. Diaz, A Single Woman And Jaime Edrian Miranda, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 4504 W Parker Ave, CHICAGO, IL, 60639, according to the Mortgage dated February 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-17391, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0086 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 2 Michelle Susberry Hill And Anthony Bernard Hill, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1725 MAIN ST UNIT 181, HOUSTON, TX, 77002, according to the Mortgage dated December 31, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2020-5590, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 24, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 426 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 7 Anthony James And Ellen Chantel Graham, Husband and Wife, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 5343 W MONROE STREET APT 1, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated February 20, 2022 and recorded under File No. 2022-6518, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 19, 2022, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 437 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 7 Melissa D. Klicker And Trent H. Klicker, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 384 N MARKET STREET SENECA, IL, 61360 according to the Mortgage dated September 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-8559, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 19, 2022, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 437 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 7

nois, on June 14, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0141 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 2 Leroy F. Lilly And Barbara L. Lilly, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1453 COLONIAL PKWY, PLAINFIELD, IL, 60544 according to the Mortgage dated December 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017-17843, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 23, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0004 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 1 Caroline A. Love, A Single Woman, 514 CONCORD AVE, ROCKFORD, IL, 61101 according to the Mortgage dated January 22, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-7646, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0073 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1 Jesus Martinez, A Single Man, 2514 W 55TH ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60632, according to the Mortgage dated July 31, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-16228, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 13, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 137 Frequency: Odd, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 2 Jeffery S. Massey And Velma J. Austin-Massey, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 10012 S FOREST AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628 according to the Mortgage dated November 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017-13208, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 29, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0375 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 3 Arthur L. McFadden Jr. And Janelle D. McFadden, Husband And Wife, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 518 FARMVIEW RD, UNIVERSITY PARK, IL, 60484 according to the Mortgage dated June 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-14602, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0432 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 7 Destiny M. McKinney A Single Woman And Joshua Dee Reymier Reedy, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 7232 RANDOLPH ST APT 101, FOREST PARK, IL, 60130, according to the Mortgage dated April 22, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15920, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0004 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1

nual, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1
David Miranda, 1920 SUNNYSIDE AVE, WESTCHESTER, IL 60154, according to the Mortgage dated April 29, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2019-10401, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 20, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 284 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 4
Warren G. Ragland And Maxine Carthan-Ragland, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 2457 W HARRISON ST UNIT 2 CHICAGO, IL, 60612, according to the Mortgage dated November 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-3725, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 17, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 164 Frequency: Even, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1
Derrick Reuben Anderson BRIDGET L REUBEN A/K/A BRIDGET REUBEN, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 410 APPLEWOOD LN MATTESON, IL, 60443, according to the Mortgage dated October 08, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2020-986, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 21, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 17 Frequency: Odd, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1
Roger Herman Ribbick Jr. And Susan S. Ribbick, Husband and Wife, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 10 BRIDWELL PARK RD, HIGDEN AR, 72067, according to the Mortgage dated September 05, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-7722, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0435 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 7
Antonio Santos Jr., Single Man, 4421 N NATCHEZ AVE, IL WOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706, according to the Mortgage dated August 19, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-20124, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0220 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 4
Michael T Zauner A/K/A MIKE ZAUNER, A Single Man, 6031 JONATHANS BAY CIR #401, FORT MYERS, FL 33908, according to the Mortgage dated April 04, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15970, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0212 Frequency: Annual, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 4
TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash.

Purchase price shall be paid in full at the time of sale by cash or certified funds. In the event the holder of the mortgage(s) or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the holder of the mortgage(s) or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all due under the mortgage(s) (and thus, create a bid).

Other terms may be announced at the public auction.

Holiday Inn Club Vacations Incorporated
A Delaware corporation
By: Deborah A. Quinn
Its: Agent

**NOTICE OF SALE OF
TIMESHARE ESTATE
OR ESTATES UNDER
SECTION 10 OF THE
TIMESHARE LIEN
AND SECURITY IN-
TEREST ACT**

By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60555 and Section 5 of the Timeshare Lien and Security Interest Act establishing management entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, LaSalle County, Illinois, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

Each timeshare estate is a 1.923% and/or 0.9615% undivided interest (each, a "Unit") as tenant-in-common at Fox River Resort, a vacation ownership project in LaSalle County, Illinois, as per the recorded plat(s) thereon and according to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants and Conditions recorded under File No. R20031258 and any Supplemental Declaration recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, as supplemented or 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.

Paul Herman Bishop, Jr. and Yolanda M. Bishop, As Joint Tenants with Full Right of Survivorship, 1722 21ST ST, RACINE, WI 53403, according to the Deed dated April 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 201610911, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 29, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0157 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 2

TAMEKA BOWEN and TONY BOWEN, ELL, 445 W 56TH AVE, MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 201405112, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 29, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0036E, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 1

JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICE HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 24 WELLS AVENUE, HARVEY, IL 60422, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2014, and recorded under File No. 2014- 1999, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICE HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 1426 KENOSHA CT, CORALVILLE, OH 42241, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 1999, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICE HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 16001 AVALON AVE, SO. HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 1999, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICE HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 164 BREGEN CT, LYNWOOD, OH 44111, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 1999, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

JULIUS CRAWFORD, MARGARET CRAWFORD, GARRY CRAWFORD, FAYLICE HARDWICK, DIMITRIUS HARDWICK AND MAURICE CRAWFORD, 10622 SO. HALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014- 1999, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0432 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

Melvin A. Easley, Jr., A Single Man, 45 PEBBLE BEACH CIRCLE, UNIVERSITY PARK, IL 60484, according to the Deed dated March 16, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016- 11900, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 04, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0432 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4

ally, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 7
ALDEN ERICKSON AND any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and JEANETTE M ERICKSON, PO BOX 596, MINOOKA, IL 60447, according to the Deed dated October 06, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015- 00628, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 13, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0218 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 4
Irene Estrada, A Single Woman, 1913 S ALLPORT ST APT 8, CHICAGO, IL 60608, according to the Deed dated May 29, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017- 16212, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 13, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0423 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 7
Jose Luis Garcia Islas, A Single Man, 1523 S LARAMIE AVE APT 2E, CICERO, IL 60804, according to the Deed dated August 26, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016- 20127, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0287 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 4
MARGRETE HERVEY, 63 MAGNOLIA DR, MONROE, LA 71203, according to the Deed dated March 29, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012- 8079, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 18, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0101E , Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 2
Kristi Ann Holt And Dexter Lamar Holt, Wife And Husband, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 2837 JONQUIL LN, WOODRIDGE, IL 60517, according to the Deed dated March 26, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017- 16038, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 12, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067E , Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1
GEORGE C HOWARD AND any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and CATHERINE M HOWARD AND any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 6807 S CHAPPEL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60649, according to the Deed dated September 29, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007- 25886, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 25, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0063 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 1
TIMOTHY L. JOHNSON and TONYA G. WOOD, 1065 ATLANTIC AVE APT C, HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169, according to the Deed dated December 02, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2002- 01638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

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particularly described as Unit No. 0154 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2
TIMOTHY L. JOHNSON and TONYA G. WOOD, 6 WOODHEAD DR, LAKE VILLA, IL 60046, according to the Deed dated December 02, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2002-01638, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0154 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2
FERNANDO LARA, 2616 S RIDGEWAY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60623, according to the Deed dated September 06, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-18076, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 22, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015E, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1
Rhonda L. Lewis, A Single Woman, 4712 W ADAMS ST APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Deed dated January 24, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-08263, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0163E, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 1
Terry L. Ludwig And Margurita Ludwig, His Wife, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1408 17TH ST, VIOLA, IL 61486, according to the Deed dated May 26, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2019-17681, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 24, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 440 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 7
Pushpa K. Mamtani, A Single Woman, 2700 W NORFOLK AVE, NORFOLK, NE 68701, according to the Deed dated December 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017-16395, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0440 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 7
Pushpa K. Mamtani, A Married Woman, 2700 W NORFOLK AVE, NORFOLK, NE 68701, according to the Deed dated April 08, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-16063, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 12, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0071 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1
Michael R. Mardis And Whitney F. Reed AKA Whitney Dixon-Reed, Husband And Wife, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 404 DIVISION ST, EATON, OH 45320, according to the Deed dated June 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-17423, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit

No. 0041 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1
JOSEPH P MASELKO and MARY J MASELKO, HUSBAND/WIFE, VICTORIA MASELKO, JOSEPH J MASELKO, 16630 CHARNWOOD CT, TINLEY PARK, IL 60477, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2003-28667, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0117E, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2
JOSEPH P MASELKO and MARY J MASELKO, HUSBAND/WIFE, VICTORIA MASELKO, JOSEPH J MASELKO, 3514 EDGE CREEK CT, NEW LENOX, IL 60451, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2003-28667, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0117E, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2
JOSEPH P MASELKO and MARY J MASELKO, HUSBAND/WIFE, VICTORIA MASELKO, JOSEPH J MASELKO, 6414 180TH ST, TINLEY PARK, IL 60477, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2003-28667, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0117E, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2
BERNARD MCCLELLON and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 6201 S TALMAN AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60629, according to the Deed dated October 14, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-28243, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 27, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 1
JERROL A MESENBRINK, LOIS J BISCOMB, KELLY A. BURMEISTER, RENEE M. CHRISTENSEN, JUSTIN M. MESENBRINK AND JULIE L. DAVIDSON, 5821 WILD PLUM RD, CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014, according to the Deed dated August 30, 1998 and recorded under File No. 2002-01799, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 16, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0031 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1
Lisa M. Parelo, A Single Woman And Kenneth B. Greenwood, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 3355 PECOS CIR, MONTGOMERY, IL 60538, according to the Deed dated February 04, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15446, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0096 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 2
Lisa M. Parelo, A Single Woman And Kenneth B. Greenwood, A Single Man, As Joint Tenants with Full

Rights of Survivorship, 2916 DISCOVERY DR, PLAINFIELD, IL 60586, according to the Deed dated February 04, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15446, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0096 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 2
WALTER L SCOTT AND any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and CAROLYN SCOTT AND any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 3018 SHERWOOD DR, DECATUR, IL 62521, according to the Deed dated December 13, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014-00065, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 02, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 7
GREGORY W SMALL and KEENA R SMALL, 1524 E WALNUT ST, CHATHAM, IL 62629, according to the Deed dated May 01, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-12129, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 03, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0384 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 3
GREGORY W SMALL and KEENA R SMALL, 503 GROVE ST, CHATHAM, IL 62629, according to the Deed dated May 01, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-12129, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 03, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0384 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 3
GREGORY W SMALL and KEENA R SMALL, 1524 E WALNUT ST, CHATHAM, IL 62629, according to the Deed dated May 01, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-12129, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 03, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 387 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 5, Phase 6
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BENJAMIN VALENTIN, JOSEPHINE DOMINGUEZ, MELISZA CONCEPCION (SINGLE) AND DEANNA R WATTS, 5510 SUMMER GOLD DR, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78222, according to the Deed dated September 14, 2000 and recorded under File No. 2009-17093, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0079 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 2
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(Feb. 7, 14, & 21, 2024)
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Greg Vaccaro / MAP, Clerk
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No. 0208
(February 14, 2024)
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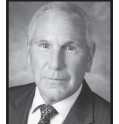
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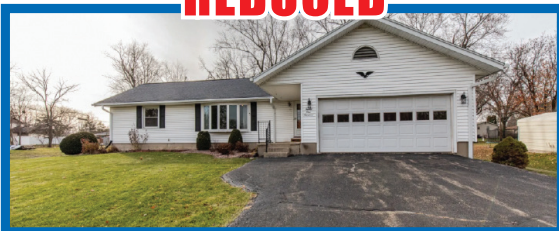
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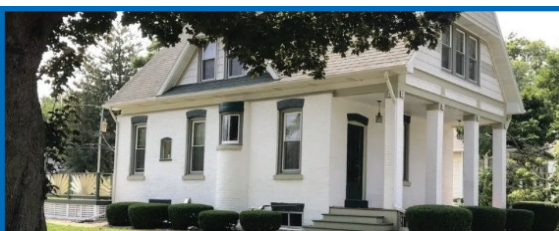
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