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ONE DOLLAR, 25 CENTS



The Mendota Fire Department recently received a new ambulance. The 2022 Ford Side Door is a pickup truck instead of a van like the MFD's other two ambulances. (Photo contributed)

Mendota Fire Department welcomes new ambulance

Unit is Advanced Life Support equipped

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Staff writer

MENDOTA-It's always fun to have a bright, shiny, better-than-you-had-before type of toy or piece of equipment.

Just ask Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser about the new ambulance the Mendota Fire Department recently received.

"Everybody is excited about the new ambulance. We can't wait to get it into service," Chief Rutishauser said. "It's always fun to have something new. It will ride better than our other ambulances because it's longer than the vans. There is more headroom in the back.

"It's something we've needed for a long time. It worked out for us and we're thankful to the City of Mendota for purchasing the new ambulance."

The new vehicle, a 2022 Ford Side Door with a price tag of \$371,726, comes with many upsides.

It's only two years old with 6,000 miles, which are all highway miles because it was used as a demonstration piece instead of a working ambulance before Mendota

It's 10 years newer than the current ambulance MFD is using as its first out run and 21 years younger than the third ambulance which will now be used for transfers and an emergency third out run.

"This was a demounit and was driven to Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin. We bought it from Foster Coach Sales (Inc.) in Sterling, which is where we've bought all of our ambulances from the very beginning," Chief Rutishauser said. "They had a demo they were getting rid of. I was able to get it within two months instead of the delivery time of an ambulance, which could be two or three years.

"We have three ambulances. We rotate them out. The new one will become our first out run, the current first run will then be our second out run, and our other one will be for transfers or third run if it is needed for a call."

The new ride is also different than its predecessors because it's a pickup truck

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MHS Prom 2024



Mendota High School held its 2024 Prom festivities on May 4. Members of the Senior Court, left to right, are Josh Figueroa, Bryan Herrera, Izaiah Nanez, Logan Dewey, Jace Baird, King Mason Koch, Queen Bria Frey, Madelyn Becker, Ava Jones, Lily Leifheit, Ana Ramirez and Grace Wasmer. (Photo contributed)

Council OKs requests; food attraction returning

By KIP CHEEK Staff writer

MENDOTA - The Mendota City Council approved several requests and heard about the return of a popular food attraction at its May 6 regular meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman John Hessenberger presented several items for the council's consideration. He said a Plan Commission meeting will be held at a date yet to be determined to review and accept updated Building Codes 129.

Hessenberger announced that the Plan Commission met on May 2 to consider a request from Mary and Butch VanKeulen for a plat in lieu of subdivision for the former Mendota Community Hospital property on 13th Avenue. Upon the Plan Commission's approval, the council agreed to accept the request.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick presented requests from the Mendota VFW Auxiliary and the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry. The council approved the VFW Auxiliary to hold Buddy Poppy Days on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, and the food pantry to hold a Tag Day on Saturday, June 1.

Fitzpatrick also announced that work will begin on the bridge in the area of Pennsylvania Avenue and Chicago Street on Wednesday, May 15, and the area will be closed to traffic for approximately one month. Alderman John Hol-

land announced the annual donation request from the Mendota Area YMCA for its summer SCAMP program, and the council agreed to the request of a \$4,000 donation.

Alderman Jay Miller's

Bernice for two years.

In 1977, the newly married Yeakels came

They saw the church move from the con-

two years.

"We have a very friendly congregation

with great people. Most of God's people,

demned Faber Hotel to

the back of the Setchell

Insurance building for

a year before moving to

Rev. Koonce's house on

Fifth Street in Mendota

where his and Bernice's

living room was convert-

ed into a sanctuary for

worship, which seated

In 1980, United Pentecostal bought the prop-

to help Rev. Harold Koonce and his wife

report included a request for a Class C liquor license for Joe's Gaming Casino LLC, which the council approved. The establishment is located in the former Hub Tavern on Jefferson Street.

Alderman Vicki Johnson informed the council that the first Food Truck Mania will be held on Monday, May 13 on Main Street in downtown Mendota. Food trucks will be at that location the second and fourth Mondays of the month through October, with the exception of the Monday following the Sweet Corn Festival in August.

OTHER ITEMS

Mayor David Boelk said the expected revenue for the city for FY25 is \$9,027,053. The city budgets will be formally approved at the next meeting.

Police Chief Greg Kellen said public nuisance notification door hangers will be placed on the doors of properties where no one is available to personally accept the notification from police officers. The door hanger will include the property inspection date and the corrective action date to address violations of tall grass and weeds, a public nuisance affecting health, and the maintenance

of exterior of premises. In a related item, Kellen said the first date for public nuisance violations to be heard in civil court in Mendota is Wednesday, May 8.

Kellen said there is one opening for a position of police officer within the department, and testing will begin in June. He said more applications have been submitted for this testing period than since 2018.

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Meaningful anniversaries to be celebrated by United Pentecostal Church

By BRANDON LaCHANCE

Staff writer

MENDOTA-When driving into Mendota south on Highway 251, there is a church on the right side of the road.

For some it's just a building or just a

Others know it's the United Pentecostal Church and it has been there a long time to solidify itself as a rightful place of worship, not just a church.

The solidification takes a step forward at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17 as the United Pentecostal Church celebrates its 50th anniversary and at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 19 when it celebrates the 20th pastoral anniversary of Rev. Charles Yeakel and his wife Devra Yeakel.

In 50 years, United Pentecostal has made some lasting memories and foundations.

"The church started in 1974. There was a lady in Mendota (Mabel Dober), who has passed away, was a Pentecostal lady who went to church in Princeton at the United Pentecostal Church," Rev. Yeakel said. "But she wanted to see a Pentecostal church started in Mendota. There was another lady from town with three little kids who also went to the church in Princeton.

"They started having prayer meetings. The pastor in Princeton, Rev. Oliver Spen-

cer, would come to the lady's house in Mendota and hold a service once a week. They ended up renting the Faber Hotel in Mendota and had service there for three years. In 1975 they got their first pastor, Rev. James Cahill, and he was with them for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ years.

When he left, the church was without a pastor for nine months. My father-in-law had started a church in Mulberry Grove and was there for 11 years. He was a friend with the presbyter who was holding Sunday services when there wasn't a pastor. Harold

came in May of 1977 and was voted in as the new pastor, 2-0."



Rev. and Mrs. Charles Yeakel

erty on Highway 251 and built a 30x60 place of

> 125 people. With congregation expansion, Rev. Koonce and members of the congregation expanded the

I have found over my years, are very good people," Rev. Yeakel said. "Their lives have been changed by the gospel. They begin to take on the character of Jesus Christ in their lives. A lot of it trickles down from Pastor Koonce and his wife. They were very down to Earth people who were welcoming and loving. I think it has filtered through the church for years. We've tried our best to

follow down their pathway. "We have a great group of people. We have people from Earlville, Princeton, Tiskilwa, LaSalle, Peru, Rochelle, and the small towns in between. Half of our congregation is from

Rev. Yeakel and Devra were youth ministers in Mississippi (1979-80), pastored in Auburn for a couple of years, landed in Rochelle's new church in 1982, came back to Mendota in 1988 to assist Rev. Koonce, left for Oak Valley Pentecostal Church in Ramsey (outside of Pana) for seven years and came back to Mendota in January of 2004 when Rev. Yeakel knew it was time to relieve Rev. Koonce.

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church in 1988.

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LOCAL AND AREA



First Saturday Hike

The First Saturday Hike at Lake Kakusha, which started on January 1, has continued including May 4 where 11 hikers were led by Amy Brewer, left, around the Mendota wildlife resource. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

The Thirteenth Olympian coming to Stage 212

LaSALLE – Stage 212 brings a unique musical experience to the Illinois Valley Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. when they present a concert-style performance of "The Thirteenth Olympian," an original musical by local composer Cameron Dingerson.

Narrated by Calliope, the Storytelling Muse of Greek mythology, The Thirteenth Olympian follows the story of Titonius, fictional son of Ares and Aphrodite, and his quest to find the Baetylus and return it to Hades. Weaving together multiple genres,

including fantasy, adventure, tragedy, romance, this coming of age story forces its characters and audiences to think about the importance of writing their own story and knowing they are special if they believe they are.

Featured in the cast are Reid Rynke as Titonius, Xavier Barham as Jack, Ivv Soens as Grace and Emma Woulfe as Hades.

Seating for the concert will be general admission, and free will donations in support of composer Cameron Dingerson will be accepted at the door.



Events at the Civic Center

The Mendota Civic Center was a happening place on Saturday, May 6. Top, State Representative Brad Fritts brings a plastic bin toward a vehichle during the City of Mendota's drop disposal drop off. Fritts, his staff, and members of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce took turns gathering unused medicine. Bottom, inside the Civic Center was the Mendota Volunteer Fair. Numerous groups and organizations set up booths, tables, and displays to show residents what they offer and the positives of volunteering in the community. (Reporter photos by **Kip Cheek and Brandon LaChance)**





Cinco de Mayo Queen

Crystal Garcia was selected as the Queen of the annual Cinco de Mayo Festival held on May 3 at Northbrook School in Mendota. In 2022, her sister, Naitzy, was chosen as Queen. The Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council sponsored the festival. (Photo contributed)



Mini-Royalty The Mini-Royalty was selected during the annual Cinco de Mayo Festival held on May 3 at Northbrook School in Mendota. Adriel Preciado, left, was named the Mini-King and Melanie Moreno was chosen the Mini-Queen. The Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council sponsored

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the festival. (Photo contributed)

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

We recently announced the KIND KID winners for the month of April. The winners were Joaquin Scott, Abby Gehant, Hannah Reinhold, Viviana Moreno, Aaliyah Sester, Tony Munoz, Dylan Robinson, Isabella Becker, Grayson Kent, Eduardo Villagomez, Harlie Madonna, Isaac Orozco and Jonathan Morato. Congratulations to all of our students who were caught being kind throughout April.

We had kindergarten registration this past week for incoming kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you to all of the parents who came to pick up registration packets. We ask that parents complete the online part of registration within the next week or two.

If anyone has questions or trouble with the registration process, please contact our office at 539-6888. If you have a child coming to kindergarten at Blackstone this next year, and you have not picked up registration information yet, please contact our office as soon as possible so we can help you get your child registered.

We celebrated May Day by having all of our students make May Day baskets. The students filled their baskets with some treats and were encouraged to take them home and give it to a family member, friend or neighbor. This was our kindness project for the month of May. The students had a great time making their baskets and sharing them with others. We hope this is a tradition they continue for years to come.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Evalynn Kordick, Zeke Hansen, Victoria Lechuga, Arber Aliu, Kinzley Hunt, Ysabella Hernandez, Addyson Fahr and Jayce Gibson. The winners were Nathan Gonzales, Caine Quarzenski, Braxton Eames and Bentley Baxter. Congratulations to all of you!

We wrapped up our week by having a dance performance from the Ballet Folklorico de Colores group. They looked fantastic and we really enjoyed their danc ing. It was so fun to see current, past and future students dancing for our school. Thank you for visiting Blackstone!



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LOCAL AND AREA

Quesadilla Café opened at Lincoln School

Mrs. Petra Estrada's second graders hosted a "Quesadillas Cafe" for the staff at Lincoln School. The students shared the menu with the staff, helped to fill the orders, and they ran the register. This gave students a chance to use their communication and math skills to run a real-life restaurant. The money collected will be used to help make a difference in our community. This year, the students chose to make care packages for our local nursing home. Next week students will be delivering these care packages. The students also made spring decorations for the residents and will be singing a song or two for the residents while visiting. Previous years donations have been books for the Lincoln School book room, Aden Lamps Foundation, local chapter of American Cancer Society, pet shelter, picnic table for Lincoln School, and care kits for all three Mendota schools. (Photo contributed)

HTSP meeting is May 17

PRINCETON – The next Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Regional Transportation Committee Meeting for Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam counties) will be held at 10 a.m. Friday May 17, at BPART, 535 Elm Place, Princeton.

Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend, as well as anyone interested in public transit. If you would like further information, please contact via email: hstp@ncicg.org or call us at (815) 433-5830.

There will be reserved time slots available for pub-

lic comment via Zoom for anyone not able to attend the meeting in person between 10:15-10:30 a.m. If you would like to participate in public comment via Zoom during that time frame, call (815) 433-5830 to reserve your time slot.

HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans. For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, please contact Connor Schwinn at (815) 433-5830.

Scooter's Coffee officially open for business

MENDOTA—Scooter's Coffee, best known for its amazingly fast drive-thru, specialty coffee and baked-fromscratch pastries, recently opened a new location at 1110 13th Ave., Mendota. To celebrate, the drive-thru location will be hosting a grand opening on Friday, May 17, where customers can buy one drink to get one free when they pay with the Scooter's Coffee mobile app.

The drive-thru location is owned and operated by Butch VanKeulen and

Mary VanKeulen.

With the app, customers earn three "smiles" for every dollar spent to collect toward free drinks for their loyalty. To scoot through faster, customers can also link a credit card to the app and select "scan" from the home screen for quick payment. Then, if they choose to tip, customers can select a custom amount or percentage prior to scanning their app.

To scoot through event faster,

Mobile Order Ahead is also available. Ordering ahead allows customers to order their favorite drinks and food, pay ahead and pick up quickly at the drive-thru window. The Scooters Coffee app is available for download on the App Store or Google Play.

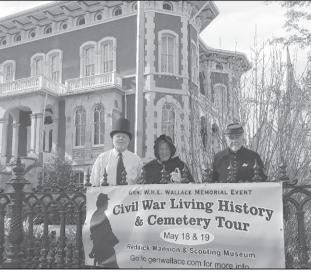
Scooter's Coffee is a drive-thru franchise that has been serving world-class coffee for 25 years and has over 750 locations in 31 states across the nation

General WHL Wallace Memorial event returns to Ottawa

OTTAWA – The General WHL Wallace Memorial Event, including a Civil War encampment at the Reddick Mansion and guided tours of the private Wallace-Dickey Cemetery, returns to Ottawa, on Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19.

The grounds of the Reddick Mansion will host a group of Civil War re-enactors on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. including a blacksmith and a wool spinner. The soldiers will be demonstrating all facets of camp life including cooking and baking, marching and training, cleaning weapons and readying to go into battle. "This is truly living history," said event chair, Chuck Sanders. "People will be able to talk with the re-enactors and demonstrators and learn about life as a soldier and civilian in the 19th century."

Cost for entry to the encampment will be \$5 perperson and \$20 per family.



Guided tours of the Wallace-Dickey Cemetery will be given on Sunday, May 19. All participants will ride small buses from the Ottawa Historical and Scouting Heritage Museum to the private, land-locked cemetery. During the ride to the cemetery, docents will share some history about the Wallace and Dickey families. At the cemetery, local historians Dan Schott and Hank Wash will talk about General Wallace's personal history, his Civil War participation and his death as part of the battle of Shiloh. They will also discuss other people buried in the cemetery including his wife, Ann Wallace, and his father-in-law, Col. T. Lyle Dickey, prominent

19th century attorney. "Access to this private, family cemetery is extremely limited," noted Schott, "and we hope people will enjoy and appreciate this unique opportunity."

In order to control parking

and access, visitors must ride

the bus to and from the cem-

etery. People will not be able

to join the tour at the cemetery

site. Buses will be leaving the Museum every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Cost will be \$15 per person and \$25 per family. The Museum will also have several special Civil War displays set up for this event.

All monies raised will be use for the restoration of the wall surrounding the cemetery.

use for the restoration of the wall surrounding the cemetery. "The cemetery is an important part of both Ottawa and Civil War history and our goal is to preserve it for future generations," said Sanders.

For more information: gen-wallace@outlook.com or Website, genwallace.com.

LaSalle's Warren Norris to share bee knowledge at public library

LaSALLE – LaSalle Public Library will host LaSalle local Warren Norris on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 p.m., as he shares everything anyone could want to know about bees – from their hive society, to their vital role in our natural ecosystem, to what we can do to help them out.

Norris has been involved with beekeeping since 2009, when he co-founded WB Honey Farms. In 2010, he helped create the Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association, of which he served as president for four years. He now manages 35 hives, provides educational lectures, and performs cutouts, such as the one performed on the set of the film Jupiter Ascending, of which Norris was able to save approximately 100,000 bees.

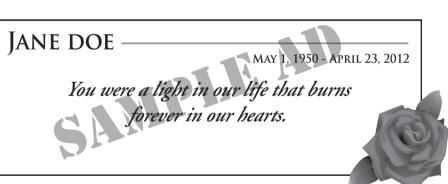
This program will be held in the downstairs meeting room of the library. Enter through the downstairs entrance on the south side of the building.

Books and documentary films about bees and other pollinators are available for checkout from the LaSalle Public Library

The program is free and open to the public; no registration necessary. The LaSalle Public Library is located at 305 Marquette St., LaSalle, and is ADA compliant and welcoming. For more information, please call the library at 815-223-2341 or email the Program Coordinator at rmalerk@lasalle.lib.il.us.



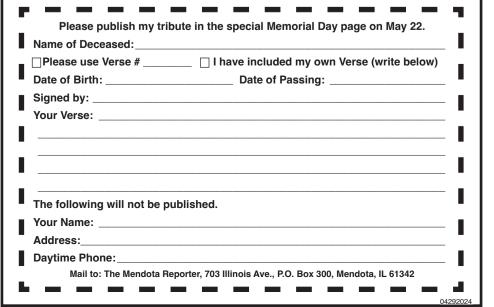
On Memorial Day, we remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us. Our time to remember will be published Wednesday, May 22nd, devoted to those who are gone, but not forgotten.



Write your own or select one of the following verses below to accompany your tribute.

- We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
 May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
- may God cradie you in his arms, now and forever.
 Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand
- Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
- 5. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.6. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
- 7. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time. B. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
- 9. May God's grace shine over you for all time.
- 10. May the Lord bless you with His grace and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way send \$10 per listing. Your special tribute will become a lasting memorial record in the May 22nd issue of The Mendota Reporter. Deadline is Thursday, May 16th at Noon.





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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Candace Buchanan

INDEPENDENCE, Wis. - Candace (Candy) Huss Buchanan, 76, of Independence, Wis., formerly of Mendota, passed away Monday April 15, 2024.

Per Candy's wishes there will be no service. Please remember her as you knew her. She is survived by her daughters,

Hannah Buchanan of Independence, Wis., Bridget Coleman of Rockingham, N.C., and Antonia Buchanan of Independence, Wis.; grandchildren, Evan Coleman, Gabriel

Buchanan, Rafe Buchanan, and Dominic Buchanan; sister, Jan (Don) Behringer of Osseo, Wis.; brother, Mark (Shelley) Huss of Ruther Glen, Va.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bruce and Helen

Huss, and her brother, John Huss.

Willis D. Vietz 🔙

MENDOTA - Willis D. Vietz, 85, of Mendota, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2024, at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Private graveside services will be held at Dewey-Worsley Cemetery. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling

Willis was born April 12, 1939, in Mendota, to Frank and Luella (Carr) Vietz. He married Gladys Jorge on Dec. 14, 1974. He is survived by his brother, Wayne (Darlene) Vietz, several cousins and his nephew, Mark Vietz.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife on Dec. 16, 2023.

Willis attended Mendota High School. He served in the United States Army. He was employed by Mendota Motor

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

Steven C. Lemmer

MENDOTA – Steven Charles 'Grizz" Lemmer, 69, of Mendota, passed away on April 27, 2024. Services will be held at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota, with Rev. Jeff Brace officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. until time of services.

He was born on Oct. 7, 1954, in Mendota, to Delmar and Elaine

He is survived by his girlfriend of 20 years, Angie Swan-Wheeler of Mendota; his daughter, Stephanie Jones of LaSalle; grandchildren, Kyle and Sommer Parrott; siblings Dan Lemmer, Mary Lemmer, Teresa Ostewig (Lemmer), Peg Danielson (Lemmer) and Lori Miller (Lemmer).

Steve was well-liked by the community and retired from Hart Carter after over 20 years of employment. He had a passion for gardening; planting vegetables and beautiful flowers, earning him recognition from the Mendota Garden Club for having the Garden of the Month. Steve also enjoyed spending time outdoors and fishing.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Garden Club. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Leota E. Joerger

MENDOTA – Leota E. Joerger, 111, of Mendota, passed away peacefully May 2, 2024, at Allure of Mendota.

Per Leota's request, Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Cross Catholic Church will be family only. Rev. Peter Pilon will officiate, and burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Leota was born Jan. 17, 1913, in rural Bureau County, to Guy and Bessie (Maloy) Etheridge. She married

Rufus Joerger on Aug. 20, 1929, in St. Bernard, Neb., where they made their home for six years before moving to Mendota.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Lorraine Etheridge of Mendota; grandchildren, Dave Kain, Gary (Nicholas) Holmes, Sandy Eich, Cindy (Bill) Engels, Rick Joerger, Dick (Laurie) Joerger; great-grandchildren, Jaclyn Kain, Rufus Holmes, Julia Holmes, Christopher (Jessica) Eich, Joseph Eich, Jason (Dawn) Engels, Jennifer (Brian) Jones, Zachary (Kelli) Joerger, Joshua (Alex) Joerger, Monica Joerger; 12 great-great-grandchildren and four great-greatgreat-grandchildren

Leota is preceded in death by her parents; husband; son and daughter-in-law, Rufus and Irma Joerger; great-granddaughter, Nicole Hendricks; brother, Guy Etheridge; and three sisters, Marguerite Burlingame, Hester Anderson and Bernice Eich.

Leota was a devout member of Holy Cross Church and was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. Before nursing home care was available, Leota housed five elderly ladies in her home, earning \$68 a month for each. At 100, Leota went into the nursing home after being cared for by her daughter, Lorraine for 14 years.

Pallbearers will be Bill Engels, Dick Joerger, Rick Joerger, David Kain and Gary Holmes.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice and condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Connie L. Stanfield -

PRINCETON - Connie L. Stanfield, 63, of Princeton, passed away May 1, 2024, at Aperion Care of Princeton.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Connie was born Feb. 5, 1961, in Princeton, to Joseph and Elaine (May) Beattie. She attended LaMoille High School. Before retirement due to health issues, Connie worked in maintenance at Ace Hardware Distribution Center in Princeton. Survivors include her son, Josh Stanfield of Princeton;

one grandchild, brother Brian (Judy) Beattie of Mendota; and three sisters, Shelly Beattie of Blue Island, Denise Schmidt of Mendota and Vickie Arbuckle of Amboy. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Steve

Beattie and sister Lori Beattie. Memorials may be directed to Aperion Care in Princeton.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

The Mendota Reporter will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$100 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to editor@mendotareporter.com.

Mary C. Miller

MENDOTA - Mary Corinne "Renny" Tweddell Miller, passed away April 27, 2024, at the age of

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2024, at First Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Visitation was at 1 p.m.at the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Renny was born on July 7, 1922.

in No Creek, Ky., the daughter of P.D. and Martha Rogers Tweddell. Soon, the family moved to Hartford, Ky., where she attended all 12 grades at Hartford High School. She is survived by her daughter, Cassy and son-in-law Art;

two devoted grandsons, Reverend David Jungnickel and wife

Donna of La Moille and Eric Jungnickel of Naperville; five great-grandchildren, Courtney (Matt) Baleiko, Carley (Dave) Joyce, Mak Jungnickel, Briana (Reiley) Reardon and Nicole Jungnickel. She also leaves behind her great-great-grandchildren, Finnick, Cy, Aubrey and Oaklee; and many loving nieces and nephews who have always been an intricate part

Renny was preceded in death by her beloved husband; parents; six brothers, Roger, Morris, Jimmy, Musker, Pete and Morgan; and her two sisters, Millie and Lula May.

She was active in school, playing snare drums in band, girls glee club, President of her class, Editor in Chief of their school annual and cheerleader all four years of high school. She never lost her zest for living. In 1940 Renny, met the love of her life, a handsome young

schoolteacher from Cromwell, Ky., Bill Miller and they were married on her 18th birthday. They were married 68 wonderful years until Bill passed away in 2008. One beautiful daughter, Cassandra Jo, was born to this union. Renny's family was very close knit and enjoyed family reunions every year.

During World War II, they lived in many places and afterwards they settled in Chesterton, Ind., and lived there for 37 years. They were faithful members of Chesterton United Methodist Church where Renny taught Sunday school, bible studies and other activities. She was active in the PTA, a member of Delta Theta Tau sorority, a philanthropic organization, Jr. Women's Club, Young Adult Group and many other community projects, holding office in all.

She and Bill enjoyed vacationing, visiting all 50 states, London, Paris and many cruises. After retirement they spent their winters in Stuart, Fla., and made many friends there. In 1994 they moved to Hot Springs Village, Ark., to be near their daughter and son-in-law. They soon became faithful members of Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church. They were active in church until Bill's health failed. She often spoke of love for her church families. They loved bridge and belonged to the Village Card Club. After Bill died, Renny always said bridge was her therapy. Renny was also an avid reader and oil painter. In 2021, she moved to Stonecroft Village in Mendota, to be near to her family until her passing.

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

Special worship service set May 19 for Goodens

MENDOTA – The First Presbyterian Church of Mendota is pleased to invite community members to a special worship service on Sunday, May 19 dedicated to the memory of Don and Carol Gooden The service will begin at

Don and Carol were well known in the community during their 67 years of married life in Mendota. Parents of Jan and Scott, Don served as a teacher and coach beloved by so many and

Carol served as a faithful supporter and proud grandma. Don retired from teaching and coaching track and field in 1990, completing a 34-year career. Don and Carol then enjoyed winters in Florida and summers with their grandkids. Don and Carol passed away on Oct. 18 and May 15 of 2023, just five months apart.

Time will be given for the sharing of memories and "running the race" will be the theme of the service. Casual attire is welcome.

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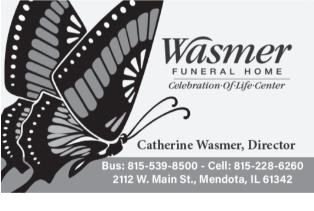


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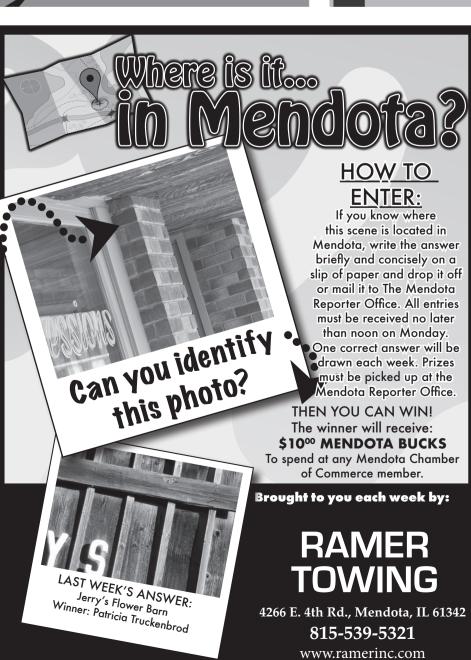
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Church

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Rev. Koonce resigned in 2023 at the age of 74. He passed away Dec. 3, 2021, at 92, a year after Bernice passed away Nov. 7, 2020, at 91.

"The church in Oak Valley was an older church and had run down. The pastor had been there for 39 years before health issues didn't allow him to stay," Yeakel said. "Over the seven years I was there, we did a lot of updating and remodeling. I left my office until last because I didn't want people to think I put myself first. At the close of a revival service we had right before the last coat of paint was put on my office, the man who was a guest speaker told me, 'I have a word for you from the Lord. God's calling you back to the city.'

"I knew when he said that he was talking about Mendota. The funny thing was, the year before, 2002, my fatherin-law asked me to take the church. The answer was no. I still needed to be a shepherd for the flock in Oak Valley. "When the man said what

he said in 2003, I told the Lord, 'If you want me to go back to Mendota, you're going to have to have my father-in-law ask me again.' At the end of a visit, he asked me again and I said, 'Yes, the Lord showed me it is had his

Rev. Yeakel has had his brother-in-law, Tim Koonce along with wife Polly, assisting him and Devra since 2021. Through one transition to

the next, the Yeakels and the United Pentecostal Church make the location on Highway 251 a special destination for worship. "We've baptized about

400 people over the years. It's still happening today. We just had a 15-year-old girl that was filled with the holy ghost a week ago," Rev. Yeakel said. "With any congregation, people move in and out of the area. Generally, the church has stayed in the ballpark of 75-80 as far as attendance on Sundays."

Ambulance

Continued from Page A1 instead of a van. It's also a

diesel engine instead of gas.

It has a refrigerator close to where patients will be for ice and water, and the seat belts have airbags in the seat belts.

Plus, it's a different color. "With it being a pickup truck, it's easier to work on the motor," Chief Rutishauser said. "When a shop has to work on our other ambulances that are vans, they have to tear off the entire front end to get to the motor. It's very time consuming. This ambulance being a pickup truck will be better in that aspect also.

"When we got the new ambulance, all it had was the black stripe on the outside. It's a totally different color, too. We've always had a white ambulance. We switched our new one to red to match the fire trucks. It was already red. We added graphics such as the Star Life and our logos."

There are also similarities between the new and the old as the 2022 is Advanced Life Support equipped like the rest of the MFD vehicles.

It will also have the same equipment and items the other ambulances have had as the staff is swapping gauze, Band-Aids, the power load and cot (which is only a few years old after being purchased with a grant and was in the other ambulance for only three months), and anything else the fire department may need on a call.

The new ambulance has not been used yet and doesn't have an official run date as it cannot hit the road until the State of Illinois Department of Public Health inspects the unit.

Public Health inspects the unit.
The Mendota Fire Department is working quickly to make it inspection and call ready

City of Mendota plans game night, scavenger hunt for prevention weeks

MENDOTA — The City of Mendota celebrates Prevention Weeks with a family game night and scavenger hunt.

The City of Mendota, Mendota Area YMCA and Reimagine Mendota are hosting a free Minute to Win It Game Night from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 at Lincoln Elementary School, 805 Fourth Ave., Mendota. Families or teams of youth can come play the 10-game course. For ages 8 and up. Teams can be two to five members. Participate and time your team or just play for fun. Snacks and prizes will be available. No RSVP necessary. First come, first serve to play.

A prevention-themed scavenger hunt is avail-

able too from May 4-18. Find the words and solve the sentence and receive \$5 off of your meal at participating restaurants or present the sentence to the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce for a \$5 gift certificate. Stop by City Hall at 800 Washington St., Mendota for a scavenger hunt sheet.

The focus of Mendota's Prevention Week May 4-11 and National Prevention Week May 12-18 activities is to start conversations and provide resources to prevent substance misuse and promote mental wellness so all Mendota residents can Live Well.

In 2023, Mendota was

announced as a recipient of the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration Partnership for Success or PFS grant. The City will receive funding for five years to fund schools, organizations and staff to implement substance use prevention programming and create more positive youth activities.

The City of Mendota's

City Council proclaimed Prevention Weeks May 4-18 and calls upon the community to join the City these two weeks in recognizing the importance of prevention by participating in the planned activities and having conversations about the risks of alcohol and drug use and misuse.

For questions, call the Mendota Area YMCA at 815-538-2900.

Public invited to open house of former Mendota Lutheran Home

MENDOTA—The public is invited to an open house of the former Mendota Lutheran Home.

The open house is available 3-5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9 at the former Mendota Lutheran Home, 500 Sixth St., Mendota.

The former Mendota Lutheran Home closed in February 2020 after serving the community for 67 years as a retirement home.

The community is invited to come see the space and give feedback about possibilities for the location's future. The space could

possibly be used as a community kitchen, meeting space, office/retail space, affordable senior housing and more.

Those who visit are also invited to a free seminar on "How to Start a Business" following the open house. The business seminar is available in English and Spanish and runs 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9 at the former Mendota Lutheran Home location.

For questions, call Mendota's City Hall at 815-539-7459 or the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-539-6507.

LaSalle County issued property equalization factor of 1.0000

OTTAWA – La Salle County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR). The property assessment

equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g., school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there was no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures.

Farmland is assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value and not subject to the state equalization factor. Assessments in La Salle County are at 33.34% of market value, based on sales of properties in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2023 taxes, payable in 2024.

Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued on Nov. 15, 2023 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If the three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

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stop by our office for info.

Council

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In a correction from the reporting of the April 15 city council meeting, the city previously had an unlimited amount of gaming licenses available, however, at the previous meeting, the council voted to set the number of gaming licenses at 27 to equal the amount of liquor licenses available.

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

OBITUARY

James R. Wiley

MENDOTA – James "Jim" R. Wiley, 75, of Mendota, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family and a friend.

A celebration of life will be held

at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home in Earlville. He was born Oct. 3, 1948, in

He was born Oct. 3, 1948, in DeKalb, the son of Roger and Mildred (Burke) Wiley. He married Cindy Sue Lisk on Jan. 24, 1994, in Galena.

He is survived by his wife Cindy; his children, Julie (Randy) Messerich, Jessica (John) Mann, Jonathan (Val) Wiley, Jacob (Paige) Wiley, Kourtney (Dalton) Heath, Jared (Carly) Wiley and Joshua Wiley; stepdaughters, Kayla (Cole) Udelhofen and Kristen (Jose) Nieto; grandchildren, Hailey, Kierra, Addison, Callan, Sage, Quentin, Bear, Indigo, Levi, Emilia, and Camden; step-grandchildren, Alice, Maeve, Cruz, Otto, Ellis, Selma, Owen and Piper; siblings, Susie Pfau, Sandra (David) Gast, Frank (Diana) Wiley, Mark Wiley, Bill (Paulette) Wiley, Donald "Kerry" Wiley; two sisters-in-law, Vicky Wiley and Cathy Wiley, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother Patrick in infancy; one sister Connie in infancy; one brother Paul Wiley; one brother-in-law Jim Pfau; and nieces Jamie Wiley, Jenny Pfau and Katelynn Wiley. Jim received the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal for

Parachuting service in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He also served as a combat Air-Medic in the 173rd Airborne Brigade, Company D 3rd Battalion.

He loved working as a meat cutter at Freedom Sausage for many years. Jim enjoyed his annual trips to Leech Lake,

for many years. Jim enjoyed his annual trips to Leech Lake, Minn., with his large family. Most of all he loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. The family would like to thank OSF Hospice and his

friend Danny Dolder for the wonderful care given to Jim in his final days.

For more information or to sign the online guest book

go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com.

Public Nuisance Ordinance

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances.

It is against city ordinance to have accumulations of trash,

building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin. The city of Mendota requests anyone who is in violation

of the above mentioned nuisance regulations to remove the item(s) from your property. Anyone found in violation will be subject to receiving a citation, which involves a court date and fine.





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OPINION

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Jerry Prokuski and his wife, Audrey, working their magic with flower arrangements. (Photo contributed)

Thank you Jerry, you will be missed

The downtown Mendota fire had happened a week before. I was searching for business owners who were affected by the tragedy to "The World's Greatest Little City" for follow up stories to showcase how the event in December 2022 really did change the city's dynamic.

Besides a couple owners I had to track down through mutual connections, a third or first, since we spoke the quickest, came to me, literally.

Never the Last Chance



By Brandon LaChance

Jerry Prokuski, owner of Jerry's Flower Barn, came into The Mendota Reporter every couple of days to share or collect some news. With the fire, he increased his visiting hours.

He agreed to chat with me for the story. We spoke, I wrote, it printed.

The day after the paper hit newsstands and mailboxes, Jerry was at The Reporter counter waiting for me to come in for the day.

"Brandon, do you know what my name is?"

I chuckled, "Yes, Jerry. How are you?"

Jerry was quick to respond like he had this scripted. "Well, I'd be better if you knew how to spell your neighbor's last name. You don't think one R is enough?"

My face went blush. Probably beet red. Maybe farm

"Hold on Jerry. I got your name from the Flower Barn website. Is it wrong on there?"

"Brandon, I hope not. Because the website hasn't been updated in a few years and if it's wrong, everyone would think my name is Prokruski instead of Prokuski."

End of short story, I was wrong.

And Jerry made sure I knew it every time he saw me. Every time.

But it was always in fun. He joked. We joked. And then he would ask me for some more Mendota information or if we were ever going to be able to take off our jackets. He always said hello. If he was getting in the flower van, he'd

But, this is just the exterior of an all-around great human being who will forever be intertwined in the Mendota

The interior was filled with integrity, humor (highlighted above), compassion, excitement, family background, community representative on many levels, and wanting to know

Definitely, my kind of dude.

wave and smile.

Prokuski moved to Mendota from LaSalle and opened Mendota Florist with a \$5,000 loan from the bank 60 years ago. Many Prom, Homecoming, wedding, funeral, Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Veteran's Day, and other days worthy of flowers were celebrated with the help of Jerry.

In 2012, he was inducted into the Illinois State Floral Association Hall of Fame. Along the way, the association chose Prokuski to design arrangements at the annual spring convention and conference numerous times and he was known to design similar arrangements throughout the United States and Canada.

Not only was he around flowers, he served as a president of the Mendota Jaycees and president and vice president of the Mendota Kiwanis Club (which helped build the Mendota Swimming Pool and the Mendota Fireman's Building). He was a member of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for many terms and served as the Retail Committee Chair, where he was a key piece to forming downtown Christmas festivities and starting Lunch in the Park.

Prokuski was active in the Men's Garden Club and was a cog in starting the Garden and Lawn of the Month program. Although, I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Jerry outside of the name Jerry's Flower Barn before I began writing for The Mendota Reporter in April 2022, I got to know him quickly and was devastated when he was diagnosed with stomach cancer.

Through the bad news and declining health, he stayed gracious, funny, and picked on me for misspelling his name. It will forever be the only mistake I'm proud of making. Jerry, thank you for being a friend in such a short time

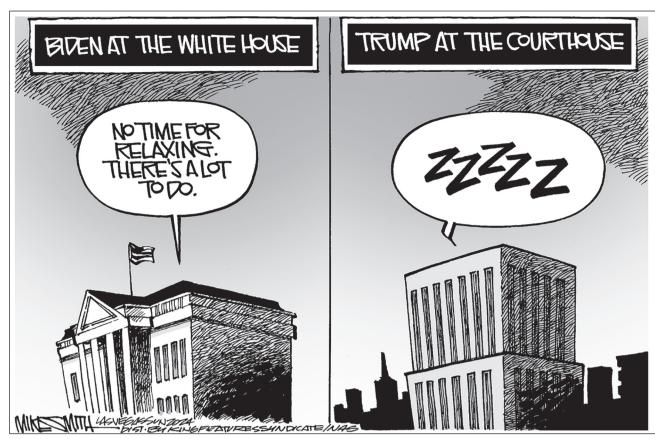
and sharing the importance of community involvement and being the very best you can be every day.

From now on during bad days, I'm sure I'll ask myself, What would Jerry tell me?'

It would start with a joke, add wise advice, then return

I know you're smiling with me, your family, and all those who loved you.

Rest in Peace, Jerry Prokuski, Aug. 27, 1934-April 28,



annon Ball Trail underway –

Backtracks

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from May 11, 1994.) By Jessica Nashold

Seventy years ago this week the first concrete on the Cannon Ball Trail was laid by the Conway Co. on May 13, 1924.

The place, four and one-half miles southwest of Mendota, is a spot that is rather low and the ground was wet, which allowed the heavy trucks to mire up to the hubs.

Nevertheless, the drivers persevered. "They were a surprise to the people who went out to see the first work done."

Crushed rock and sand were loaded from a bin with two compartments near the Frey Poultry House. The cement was picked up at the old round house where it had been stored. This material was hauled to a mixer at the paving site where water was added. The damp concrete was then dumped and spread.

After the concrete is laid, several months must elapse before it is driven over. On that first day, 300 feet of concrete

were laid. It was anticipated that a mile could be put in each week.

The Henkel Construction Co. was at work south of Mendota with 30 teams at the site. Plans were being made for a 90-foot bridge north of Henkel - "the longest bridge on the contract." Many men had been disappointed

because the construction companies had no work for them. Some had taken jobs on farms.

The Mendota Reporter carried news of the contest to name the new amusement park being opened by Dr. Wm. Wagner, John Rutishasuer and Ed Wixom. It was on the north edge of Mendota.

Entries were judged by Mayor Ralph Madden, Mrs. Lee Smith, newly-elected president of the Mendota Woman's Club, and J.H Walker, president of the Mendota Businessman's Club.

The judges were given the names submitted but did not know the identity of the people submitting them.

The first prize of \$15 went to Mrs.

Sidetracks Frank Gurney. Her entry was identi-

fied as "Kukasha," an Indian word for friendship. This was corrected the following week and the new park became "Kakusha." Second prize of \$7.50 went to George

Nisley for "Wa-Ru-Wix," based on the names of the owners. Mrs. Wm. Spaulding received \$2.50 for her suggestion of "Mendotian." The grand opening of Kakusha Park

was May 28, 1924. H.O. Holland was contractor and 10 carpenters worked feverishly to have the pavilion done in time.

The American Legion Auxiliary received a shipment of poppies made by disabled soldiers near Flanders Field. Mayor Madden was first to make a purchase. Funds from the sale of the poppies were earmarked for relief work among disabled members of Mendota Post 540 of the American Legion. Said

We protest earnestly against the mistaken idea of devoting the day (Memorial Day) to sports and amusements.

On May 9, 1924, a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. A.W. Englebrecht by the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church. The Engelbrecht came from Oconomowoc, Wis. About 500 were present to greet the new pastor and his wife. Rev. Burzlaff of the Brooklyn Lutheran Church gave the welcoming address

Rev. Engelbrecht responded in such a cordial and thankful manner that it further endeared him to the hearts of his people.

A drastic change in the Mendota school system for the 1924-25 school year was announced.

The married women school teachers will not be employed by the school boards for the next term.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Underlying this policy was the perception that married teachers would be supported by their husbands, whereas single school teachers were on their own or in some cases supporting their parents.

Mendota businessmen took up a collection that allowed the Mendota track team to participate in a 22-school meet in Aurora on May 17, 1924. A public note of thanks signed by all the members of the team was published in The Reporter. Enroute to this meet, Raymond Teau-

saw, while transporting several fans, was hit by a westbound Burlington when his car's brakes failed to hold and he slid back on the tracks he had crossed. Vietta Weygandt, Margaret Rogers and Ruth Lutz were the passengers. Teausaw and the girls were returned to Mendota by the train that hit them.

On May 16, 1924, Rex Brouddus engaged in aerial feats out at the fairgrounds.

The high wind prevented many stunts being performed as the plane would dip badly.

He narrowly escaped being draw into the propeller. A young lady who was to have per-

formed in the air with Brouddus was introduced to the crowd but was not allowed to go up because of the danger.

The Purity Ice Cream Co. made its first batch in Mendota on May 13, 1924. Proprietors were Charles & Burke. They said they had a capacity to make 1,000 gallons a day and hoped local stores would carry their product.

Spurgeon's opened a store in Mendota on May 9. H.F. Spurgeon came out from Chicago to inspect the premises. It was the 18th unit in the Spurgeon chain.

Alderman Reul said work would be undertaken in the city's parks.

There are too many trees. Some will be taken out so the sun has more chance to get in and the grass to grow.

No, don't rush the Trump J6 case

By Rich Lowry

Trump's immunity claim in the Jan. 6 case brought by Special Counsel Jack Smith, the former president's enemies erupted in anger.

It was delay for delay's sake. It was a rank political favor for an ally. It was utterly gratuitous in legal terms, since it's a slam dunk that a former president doesn't enjoy immunity for acts during his time in office.

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow accused the Court of "doing this as a dilatory tactic to help your political friend." And, she added, "For you to say that this is something that the Court needs to decide because it's something that's unclear in the law is just flagrant, flagrant bullpucky.

This interpretation didn't survive first contact with the oral arguments, which were fascinating and complex and raised all sorts of knotty and consequential issues.

Does the threat of criminal prosecution run the risk of chilling presidents in the performance of their duties, as Trump's lawyer argued? Or does immunity run the risk of creating an incentive for executive lawlessness, as the Special Counsel's representative argued? Would politicized lawsuits against presidents threaten our "stable, democratic society," as Justice Samuel Alito suggested? Or would immunity make the presidency "the seat of criminality," as Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson worried?

Should a president have immunity for official presidential acts and not private acts, and where do we draw the line? Do the criminal statutes that Trump is accused of violating in the J6 case even apply to him? What role does a series of court precedents play in this case?

All of this and more are featured in the oral arguments. They were so interesting and fraught because the court is grappling with fresh questions raised by an unprecedented circumstance, namely, the prosecution of a former president.

As for the sweeping, unanimous decision of the D.C. Circuit that denied Trump's claim of immunity and Trump's critics considered dispositive, Chief Justice John Roberts,

who is not a MAGA extremist, made it clear that he thinks

it's desperately flawed. When the Supreme Court said it would hear Donald

Trump's critics are putting partisan considerations (the belief that a trial in and of itself and, even more so, a conviction will hurt Trump politically) and their hatred of Trump and his post-election conduct before everything else in their demand for the fastest possible ruling most damaging to Trump. This is a very bad impulse when asking the Court to create

a precedent that will affect all presidents going forward. As Justice Brett Kavanaugh said, "I'm not as concerned

about the here and now. I'm more concerned about the future." Usually, we value such long-term thinking, but it's extremely inconvenient to Jack Smith and his cheerleaders.

A rush is understandable from their point of view. There is about a 50% chance that Trump will win an election again and, if he's not tried before November, he'll shut down the prosecutions of him.

But the idea that a complicated case relying on novel use of federal statutes and involving a former president should, or could, be slammed through the courts like a case about an overdue parking ticket was always ridiculous. If timing was such a worry (and Trump's criminality so

obvious), the Justice Department could have appointed Jack Smith much sooner and Smith could have indicted Trump much faster. Hoping to short-circuit careful judicial review of all the weighty legal issues raised by the case just to meet the inherently political deadline of getting to trial before the election is foolish and short-sighted.

As it is, it seems the Court will almost certainly reject Trump's extravagant claims of immunity, while quite possibly blessing a more limited version. The Court also may ask the judge in the J6 case to determine which of Trump's acts were official and which private. That would take time and be hateful to Trump's enemies, who can't bear the thought that the judiciary might be judicious in its handling of a truly momentous court case.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA

20 Mendota H.S. students recognized as State Seal of Biliteracy scholars

MENDOTA - Mendota High School Superintendent, Dr. Denise Aughenbaugh is pleased to announce that 20 Mendota High School students have been recognized as "2023-2024 Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy and State Commendation toward Biliteracy" scholars. The prestigious award is given annually by the Illinois State Board of Education to deserving students.

MHS was one of the first of the 54 Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy participating school districts for school year 2016-2017. The program in Illinois has now expanded to include approximately 150 Illinois public high schools and their graduates who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in four domains in English, and a language other than En-

glish are eligible to earn the seal. An official seal will be placed on the diplomas and confer official recognition on transcripts of those students who qualify.

Two honors are available The Seal of Biliteracy and the Commendation toward Biliteracy. Available assessments include ACT or SAT scores, ACCESS (for EL students), AP Language & Composition scores, AP Language and Culture scores, Dual credit coursework, AAPPL exam. Students at MHS proved proficiency in foreign language by taking the Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Culture exam in the foreign language of Spanish. State Seal of biliteracy students attained a high level of proficiency in English and in one or more additional languages. Students also earn college credit a public colleges and universities in the state of Illinois. Bilingualism is an asset to be celebrated.

The following Mendota High School students have been named 2024 graduates with the State Seal of Biliteracy: Noemi Arteaga, Madelyn Becker, Araceli Diaz, Olivia Eddy, Bria Frey, Janet Guzman, Ashley Hermosillo, Ava Jones, Fredy Mandujano, Brian Perez, Ana Ramirez, Natalia Salinas, Blanka Valdez, Grace Wasmer, Valerie Valdes. The State Commendation of Biliteracy graduates: Isaac Belmonte, Alex Contreras, Logan Dewey, Lilly Leifheit, Ryleigh Sondgeroth.

For more information, please visit https://www. isbe.net/sealofbiliteracy.



Northbrook Scholastic Bowl team

The Northbrook Middle School Scholastic Bowl team finished second in the IESA Regional on April 24 at Reagan School in Dixon. Members of the team, front row, left to right, are Sami Nelson, Georgia Schwaegerman, Evelyn Sims, Wyatt Zimmerman and Callum Indigo. Back row, coach Emlee Dooley, Dalton Gallagher, Mason Rich, Abbie Botts, Liam Strait and coach Angie Nondorf. (Photo contributed)

IVCC commencement set for May 18

OGLESBY - Some 225 students who completed degrees or certificates are expected to participate in Illinois Valley Community College's 58th annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18.

Kim "Howard" Johnson will be keynote speaker. Johnson is an Ottawa native, author, comedy performer and instructor, and "Monty Python" biographer.

The ceremony also will include remarks from incoming Student Trustee Emma Garretson and outgoing Student Trustee Elizabeth Boyles, as well as President Dr. Tracy Morris. The Paul Simon Essay Contest winner, Lauren Frost, will read her essay.

The ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. Doors to the IVCC Gym open at noon. A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony.

The ceremony will be live-streamed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_hql-69cbS6w

May is also a month for celebration for

nursing and adult education completers: Adult Education

The 43rd Annual Adult Education Recognition will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, in the Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre. A reception follows the ceremony in CTC 124-125.

Students Ahlora Sbarbaro and Maren Barreras will speak, and Dr. Morris will give her address. Sbarbaro is a GED graduate, and Barreras is a GED graduate and Bridge-to-Careers/ICAPS completer.

Nearly 100 students will be invited to participate, including 60 GED completers, 13 Bridge-to-Careers completers, 13 Integrated Career & Academic Preparation System (ICAPS) completers and two who have completed citizenship courses.

Registered Nursing Program

The pinning ceremony will be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 18, in the Cultural

LaSalle County Board honors EMA volunteers

OTTAWA - In conjunction with Global Volunteer Month, the LaSalle County Board is proud to honor and recognize the invaluable contributions of all 25 volunteers of the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). In a unanimous resolution passed during their latest session, the Board expressed its deep gratitude for the unwavering dedication and selfless service of these individuals in safeguarding and supporting the community during times of crisis.

LaSalle County is privileged to have a committed team of volunteers who consistently go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents. Their tireless efforts and sacrifices often go unnoticed, but their impact resonate throughout the county.

In addition to recognizing the collective efforts of all EMA volunteers, the Board also singled out six outstanding individuals who have been honored with the prestigious President's Volunteer

Service Award for their exceptional commitment and service. These individuals have demonstrated an extraordinary level of dedication, contributing significant time and effort to support emergency preparedness and response initiatives within the community.

The recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award from the LaSalle County EMA are: • Dawn Watson – Ground

- Search and Field Service Unit with 530 hours of documented service. Anthony Sondgeroth - Ground Search and Field
- of documented service. • Tom Foust – Ground Search Team Leader with 322 hours of documented

Service Unit with 379 hours

- Steve Hammerich -Ground Search Team and Field Service Unit with 130 hours of documented service.
- Lori Ganey Ground Search Team and Field Service Unit with 121 hours of documented service.

• Hank Dorsett - Ground Search Team and Field Service Unit with 115 hours of documented service.

The President's Volunteer Service Award was established in 2003 and honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities. Award recipients receive a personalized certificate of achievement and letter from the President and an award pin, coin, or medallion.

'We are immensely grateful for the selfless service and dedication of all our emergency management volunteers, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award," said EMA director Fred Moore. "Their contributions are invaluable, and they serve as shining examples of civic duty and community spirit."

To volunteer or for additional information, please contact Corban Flynn at (815)434-2646 or email LaSalleCoEMA@lasallecountyil.gov.

IVCC Board launches Distance Learning & Telemedicine initiative OGLESBY - Illinois

Valley Community College's Board of Trustees launched the Distance Learning and Telemedicine initiative April 11 by authorizing the purchase of equipment to outfit classrooms at IVCC and remote classrooms or mobile units at 10 area high schools. Once the equipment is

in place, IVCC instructors will be able to deliver dual credit and adult education course instruction to students and the community in those high schools and mental health and substance abuse professionals will be able to provide preventative education and counseling

Nine classrooms at the College and a more private space for telehealth discussions, as well as a classroom at each high school, will be equipped at a cost not to exceed \$1.02 million. The College share will come from an \$890,000 U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant. The schools will match with funds totaling \$133,500.

In her monthly report to the Board, President Dr. Tracy Morris:

• Reported that through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) scholarships, offered in conjunction with the LaSalle County Board and the Regional Office of Education, assisted more than 100 Nursing, EMT and Certified Nursing Assistant students to continue their education this year.

• Noted that the Eagles Peak Food Pantry usage and YMCA Little Eagles usage continues to serve students and their families.

· Noted that Spring enrollment at IVCC and most community colleges in the state saw upticks over Spring 2023, as dual credit enrollment climbed steadily over the last three years, and as distance education remained a popular, prevalent and flexible form of course delivery statewide.

· Reviewed upcoming

events, including music concerts and commencement ceremonies.

• Updated the progress on the institutional strategic planning process. Minutes before gradu-

ating student trustee Libby Boyles was recognized for her service on the Board, she gave her final monthly report including the following update: • Incoming student trust-

ee, Emma Garretson, was chosen in the recent SGA election to succeed Boyles. In other action, the Board:

 Approved a change order totaling \$70,000 to relocate a water main at the salt storage facility, bringing the contract

total to \$369,989.

- Authorized upgrading service with the Illinois Century Network (ICN) at a cost of \$24,000 for three years, which would double overall computer bandwidth to support growing campus need.
- Accepted the \$42,700 bid from HFO Chicago LLC of Elk Grove Village for a Haas CNC MiniMill for the manufacturing program.
- Continued updating board policies. • Nominated Amber Rob-
- ertson for the Illinois Com-

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munity College Trustees Association 2024 Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Member award and Counselor Debbie Burch for ICCTA's Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member

The board also learned:

- A \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Community College Board will increase training opportunities for skilled workers in business, manufacturing and health
- Appointments of Joseph Mead, IT programmer analyst; Dan Rice, part-time welding instructor; Phillip Love, part-time welding lab assistant; Megen Berg, part-time academic support technologist, and Kirsten Kasperski, part-time accounting instructor.
- Resignations of Patrick Guilfoyle, head golf coach; Rahim McKee-Strong, assistant men's basketball coach; Mary Smith, educational technologist, and Hailey Williams, Bookstore
- The College received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, from the Government Finance Officers Associa-

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WHY I LOVE MOM!

Holy Cross School -Weber

You help me when I am sick. You help when I get sad. I am sorry because I lost a book and we had to buy it. At Christmas, you give me the best presents that are really nice. I love what you bake. I like your pasta, too. I love you, Stella Beetz

I love you because you give me hugs, kisses, and cuddles. I also like my mom because she buys me stuff and she pays for me to go to gymnastics, dance, soccer, and softball. Hove when she makes chicken nuggets and strips.

Love, Sydney Beetz

Dear Mom,

I love you when you help with my math. Thank you for letting me do first communion. Thank you for helping me when I was sick. I love you for letting me have the best life.

Love, Zaden Greer

Dear Mom,

Thank you for taking care of me right now. I was a little tiny animal. Thank you for all the stuff you do for me. Thank you for helping me do my chores. love it when you cook my favorite pasta. I love you,

Gabriella Hernandez

Dear Mom,

I love my mom because she helps me when I'm sad and sick/. She paints my nails. She helps me with my homework. She lays in bed with me. She cuddles me She gets me toys. I love when she makes spaghetti and breadsticks.

Love, Callie Martin

Dear Mom,

Thank you for giving birth to Mason. Thank you for making the best salmon. Thank you for playing Monopoly one time. Thank you for loving me.

Love, Keegan Mauch

Dear Mom,

Hove when you cuddle me. I love you so much. When I don't feel good, you make me feel better. When I ask for Robux, you get them for me. I love your pepperoni pasta. Thank you for helping me out.

I love you, Emmersen Piller

Dear Mom,

Hove you mom. You help me. You care for me. I like when you swim with me. I like when you spend time with me. I like when you get me slushies.

Love, Karissa Weber

Lincoln School -Becker

Dear Mom,

I love when you take me to the park and the store. My favorite thing about you is having a sleep over with you and me. You help me do my homework and help me have a good time when I am having a bad time. You teach me to be nice and cook. You make me happy. You take me to the store and the park. My favorite thing to do with you is to go to the waterpark with you. I love to read with you in bed.

Love, Greyson Gleim

Dear Mom,

I love when you make me happy. My favorite thing about you is when you teach me stuff. You help me with my homework. You learn me everything. You make me food and help. You take me to nice places. My favorite thing to do with you is play. I love you because you make me happy and you make the best food ever in my life.

Addilyn Hendricks

Dear Mom,

I love when you color with me. My favorite thing about you is your kind. You help me when I get hurt. You teach me how to be kind. You make me happy. My favorite thing to do with you is color. You are kind and loveable.

Chloey Williams

love you so much.

Love.

Dear Mommy,

I love when you kiss e good night. My favorite thing about you is your smile. You help me with my homework. You teach me to be kind. You make me my favorite cake. You take me to the trampoline park. My favorite thing to do with you

is go shopping with you. I love you with all my heart.

> Love, Elle Zinke

Dear Mom,

I love when you kiss me goodnight. My favorite thing about you is your shirts and sweaters. You help me with hard homework. You teach me how things really work and function. You make me laugh all day and forever. You take me to surprises like the Disney treasure. My favorite thing to do with you is hug, kiss, make jokes, sing my songs to you. I love when I show you my favorite drawings and give it 5/5 or 10/10 stars. Love,

Thomas Feurer

Dear Mom,

I love when you help my homework. My favorite thing about you is your kindness and beauty. You help me do stuff like make up and you teach me how to do make up. You make such good food. You take me to my friends. My favorite thing about you is spend time with me. Hove you mom because you are such a good person. Love,

AnnaBelle Sexton

Dear Mom,

I love when you tuck me in bed. My favorite thing about you is when you play with me. You help me when I need help on my homework. You teach me how to feed the dogs. You make me because when you make spged for the whole family. You take me to buy ice cream. My favorite thing to do with you is play outside. All those things I wrote make me happy.

Jaxson Donnelly

Dear Mom,

I love when you let us get stuff from the kaycees. My favorite thing about you is how nice you are all the time. You help me with. My homework. You teach me how to tell time. You make me pizza all the time. You take me to McDonald's. My favorite thing to do with you is monopoly. I love you so much you are so nice. You let me buy stuff.

Love, Kaiden Rich

Dear Mom.

I love when you play with me. My favorite thing about you is you help us by working. You help me go to school. You teach me good things. You make me happy. You take me to the store. My favorite thing to do with you is see Leney. You make me the happiest person on planet Earth.

Love, Micah Farley

Dear Mom,

I love when you make me dinner. My favorite thing about you is when you make me laugh. You help me when I'm frustrated. You teach me how to be respectful. You make me happy when I need help. You take me to Wisconsin Dells. My favorite thing to do with you is to go places. Thank you for all you do.

Love Damien Arteaga

Dear Mom,

I love you let me go to Aaron's house. My favorite thing about you is making me happy. You teach me baseball. You make me super duper happy. You take me to Aaron's house. My favorite thing to do with you is going out to eat. I love when you are happy. Love.

Bentley Milus

Dear Mom,

I love when you love me. My favorite thing about you is when you make me brownies. You help me do homework. You teach me how to do my homework. You make me spaghetti. You take me to the park. My favorite thing to do with you is color.

Love. Meredith McNutt

Dear Mother,

Hove when you hug and kiss me. My favorite thing about you is your so sweet and kind. You help me when I'm sad or upset. You teach me so many things. You make me feel loved and safe. You take me to my happy place. My favorite thing to do with you is snuggle why watching a movie. Your so nice and loving and just being around you makes me happy. Love,

Raegan Willow Evans

Dear Mama,

Hove when you buy the stuff I need and want. My favorite thing is your personality. You help me do my homework. You teach me how to defend myself.

You make me chicken nuggets. You take me to Dunkin Donuts. My favorite thing to do with you is go to the store. Hove love you. All the things you do for me. Love.

Sadee Gonzalez

Dear Mother,

When you tuck me into bed I am very thankful. My favorite thing about you is that you let me go to my friends. You help me with my homework so I can turn it in to school. You teach me how to do such beautiful hair. I love it. You make me smile a lot because I love you. You take me to the park every single weekend. My favorite thing to do with you is to play dolls with you and dad and my sisters. I love you so much and you are the best mom ever in the world. Love,

Kimber Escatel

Dear Mom, I love when you smile at me. My favorite thing about you is when you hug me. You help me with my homework and you teach me math. You make me feel safe when you are around

me. You take me to my favorite restaurant. My favorite thing to do with you is coloring with you. I love you.

Hannah Hackerson

Dear Mom,

I love when you are happy. My favorite thing about you is that you are my favorite one. You teach me my math to tell me the answers. You make me happy to beyond and back. You take me where I want to go. My favorite thing to do with you is exercise with you. I love you so much and you are my favorite. Love,

Hayden Wheeler

Dear Mommy,

I love when you have a secret trip to Mexico to see the family. My favorite thing about you is to go fishing with my cousins here. You help me with my homework when I don't understand. You teach me to do soccer tricks. You make me $happy\,by\,taking\,me\,to\,fun\,places$ for my birthday. You take me to fun places with the family. My favorite thing to do with you is to go to grama's house and let me spend the night. Love,

Phoenix Sky Orseno

Dear Mom,

Hove when you kiss me good night. You make me feel good. You take me to practice. You play football with me. My favorite thing about you is when you take me to the park. Mom, you are the best mom in the world. I love you so much and I love that you play football with me.

Love,

Cameron Saunders

Dear Mom, I love when you make me food and get me toys. My favorite thing about you is that she loves me. You help me get the play doh. You teach me how to ride skateboard. You make me cake on my birthday. You take me to the park when I am good. My favorite thing to do with you is go the park and play with me.

Elijah Turner

Dear Mom,

Hove when you hug me. My favorite thing about you is your hugs. You help me when I get hurt. You teach me new things every day. You make me the best food ever. You take me to Walmart. My favorite thing to do with you is listen to Johnny Cash. I love you because you make me the happiest person in the world. Love,

Lane Brewer

Dear Mom, I love when you kiss me. My favorite thing about you is when you give me robux. You help me do my homework. You teach me to ride my bike. You make me pizza. You take me to the mall. My favorite thing to do with you is play soccer. I love you. Love,

Jace Ganther

Lincoln School -Estrada

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me cuenta chistes. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que es muy trabajador y da lo major de ella. Ella me aydua a mis deberes siempre. Ella me ensena hacer un buen nino. Ella me hace reir mucho. Ella me lleva a jugar soccer supre. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con me mama es salif con ella porque siempre me compra cosas.

Escrito por, Jordenys Acosta

I love when my mom plays with me and my brother. My favo rite thing about my mom is that she is kind. She helps me with my homework. She teaches me how to play school. She makes me food in the morning. She takes me to my tia Lupe's house. My favorite things to do with my mom are to hang out with her. Love, Paola Arteaga

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me hace reir y juega conmigo. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que hace Buena comida. Ella me ayuda a hacer la tarea. Ella me ensena a hacer los trastes. Ella me hace comida bien Buena. Ella me lleva a caminar a las nieves. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con me mama es diverntirme con ella y reir con ella. Escrito por, Ruben Calamaco

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me da abrazos y besos. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que trabaja duro para nosotros. Ella me ayuda a hacer mi tared. Ella me ensena a cocinar. Ella me hace reir. Ella me lleva al parque y me gusta. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es tener tiempo con ella la amo mucho.

Escrito por, Delaila Casas

I love when my mom takes me to the parks. My favorite thing about my mom is when I clean my room and my mom is proud of me and she gives me Robux. She helps me when she takes me to the doctor. She teaches me how to cook. She makes me when she takes me to my cousin's house. She takes me to misa for my first communion. My favorite things to do with my mom are to take care of my baby sister. Love, Natalia Chavez

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama juega foosball y mi papa. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es muy rapida y es buena a futbol. Ella me ayuda a hacer mi tarea. Ella me ensena a jugar futbal. Ella me hace comida. Ella me lleva a la escuela. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es jugar futbol y foosball.

Escrito por, Jayden Escatel

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama juega conmigo y mi hermana. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es nas lleva al parque y al club de legos. Ella me ayuda a ser la toreay a limpiar. Ella me ensena hacer tamales y tortillas. Ella me hacer comida y peinados. Ella me lleva a la escuela y al parque. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es jugar y reirnos Tambien ver la tele juntos finalmente ir a la tienda.

Escrito por, Renata Falcon

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me da de comer. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que me hace reir. Ella me ayuda a estar sana. Ella me ensena a ser buena. Ella me hace comida muy buena. Ella me lleva al doctor y al escuela. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama aes hacer tamales con ella.

Escrito por, Valeria Gomez

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama juega conmigo. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que es my bonita. Ella me ayuda a hacer la tarea. Ella me ensena a leer. Ella me hace comida. Ella me lleva a afuera. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es cuando salemos para afuera a jugar con mis hermanas a jugar afuera le gusta a mi mama.

Escrito por, Alejandra Mar-

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me cuida cuando estoy enferma. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es cuando estoy con mi mama. Ella me ayuda a ser mi tarea. Ella me ensena mi mama ensena a cosinar. Ella me hace comida. Ella me lleva a la tienda. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es jugar con ella a la munecas.

Escrito por, Nancy Martinez

I love when my mom tells me stories of when she was little. JMy favorite thing about my mom is she is a hard worker, and she makes me laugh. She helps me do my homework and she helps me think of ideas. She teaches me how to tell time and count money. She makes me yummy ribs with fries. She takes me to the park, and we go get ice cream, and she takes me to the movies. My favorite things to do with my mom are spending time with each other and playing with her. Love, Emiliano Moreno

Me gusta mucho cuando mi

mama me bana y juego con mis jugetes. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es su pelo tiene negro. Ella me ayuda en la mesa para comer. Ella me ensena cocinar

comida. Ella me hace guitar mi cosas para mover. Ella me lleva en la escuela. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es coloriar mucho y me gusta a cocinar tamien. Escrito por, Sofia Rivera

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me de helado. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es cuando jugamos juntos afuera. Ella me ayuda a plantar las flores y cortarla yerba. Ella me ensena como aser la ropa. Ella me hace comida. Ella me lleva en la parque. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es jugar afera con mi hermano y mi mama. Escrito por, Ximena Rojo

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me dice cuentos de cuando ella estaba chiquita. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es cuando le puedo ayudar con la comida. Ella me ayuda a hacer mi tarea. Ella me ensena a amarrar mis tenis. Ella me hace feliz cuando me siento triste. Ella me lleva al parque a jugar. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es que me abraze en la noche. Escrito por, Ximena Salinas

Lincoln School -Mitchell

Dear Mom,

Dear Mom,

We love each other. That is our family love. We are a perfect family with a brother. Love, Alban Aliu

I love when you watch me

play basketball. My favorite

thing about you is you make

food for me. You help me when

I get hurt.

Love, Cayden Bloomfield Dear Mom, I love when you play with me. You make me happy. My favorite thing to do with you is

watching movies. Love, Ayla Bolliger

Dear Mom,

You make me feel happy. My favorite thing to do with you is watch a movie. My favorite thing about you is your hair. Love,

Jack Camacho Humphries

My favorite thing about you

is that your confident and kind. You help me think of stuff. My favorite thing to do with you is

to make you laugh. Love, Rory Eich

Dear Mom. I love when you kiss me a lot, make my favorite food, and play school with you when I give you school papers. I love you so much.

Love, Mateo Escatel

Dear Mom,

I love when you do everything for me. My favorite thing to do with you is go fun places. Love, Liam Falcon

Love, Angel Figueroa

My favorite thing about you

is you make me happy. You take me to soccer practice. You make

Dear Mom,

Dear Mom,

You teach me how to clean. You help me with things. My favorite thing about you is you're my mom. Mom and dad make me happy. My favorite thing to do with you is play with you. Love, Camila Flores

Dear Mom,

My favorite thing to do with you is play Uno. You make me

Love, Mateo Gonzalez

Dear Mom,

I love you. You take me home. You make me clean my

room. My favorite thing about you is you. Love, Amy Lopez

Dear Mom, I love when you give me a

hug. You teach me how to dance to Cotton Eye Joe. You make me feel loved. Love, Quentin Montecinos Dear Mom,

I love when you snuggle

me. You help me with my homework. My favorite thing to do with you is snuggle and play Monopoly on your phone. Love, Aubrey Muro

Dear Mom, my first steps. My favorite thing to do with you is spending qual-

to the Mendota pool. Love, Ana Neilsen Dear Mom. You teach me to be nice and

good. You make me happy. You

help me learn a lot. My favorite

ity time with you. You take me

You taught me how to take

thing to do with you is watch TV. Love, Jesus Palacios

Dear Mom.

You teach me how to play football. You take me on bike rides. I love when you play with me. Hove when you play soccer with me. Love, Manny Quintana

hugs. My favorite thing about you is when you're being you. You help me when I'm sad and

mad or when I have a problem.

I love when you give me

Love, Koreeann Rinkier Dear Mom,

My favorite thing about you is you are my mom. You help me do my schoolwork. My favorite thing to do with you is going to McDonalds.

My favorite thing to do with

you is to go on car rides in the

summer. You make me happy. I

Love, Derrick Skaggs Dear Mom,

love when you give me a snack. Love, Kale Smith

Dear Mom, I love when you give me chocolate. My favorite thing about you is you. You help me

when I'm hurt. Love, Piper Spitz

Dear Mom, You teach me sports. You

You take me everywhere. I love playing sports with my family. I like to watch movies with you. Love, Jaxon Stamberger Dear Mom,

make me go to every sport.

taught me how to change the bed. Hove when you take me to the park. You are so kind to me.

clean and wash the dishes. You

I love when you help me

Arianna Taperia-Raymundo

Love,

to play.

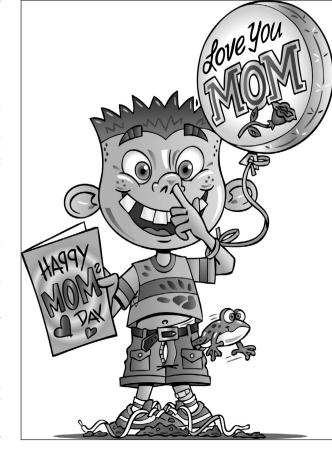
Dear Mom, I love when we eat popcorn and watch the Titanic. I love when we go to the YMCA

Love, Parker Watson Dear Mom, You make me happy. I love

when you play with me. You

Love, Lauren Wujek

teach me everything.



WHY I LOVE MOM!

Lincoln School -Sheaves

Things I love about my mom are mom is happy and mr. potato head.

Mike Vasquez

Things I love about my mom are she lets me have a pet, pancakes, feeding, story books, store.

Things I love about my mom are we play outside, bakes cookies, gives me donuts, ipad, hugs.

Things I love about my mom are food, cookies, macaroni, library, reading. Mikey

Things I love about mom are she plays games, she goes to work.

Lincoln School -Shirley

Dear Mom,

You help me with my homework. You make me happy. My favorite thing to do with you is go shopping on a Sunday. Love,

Andres

Dear Mom,

You help me with homework. You teach me how to ride my bike and tie my shoes. You make me very happy. I love you. Aisaiah

Dear Mom,

I love when you cook for me. You teach me how to tie a balloon. You take me for ice cream. My favorite thing to do with you is watch a movie. Love,

Kingston

Dear Mom, You teach me how to crack

eggs. You make me happy. You take me shopping. I love you Mom. Love,

Abrahm

Dear Mom,

Hove when you help me. My favorite thing about you is your cuddles. You teach me how to tie shoes. You make me happy. Love,

Eliana

Dear Mom. I love when you got me

kisses. You teach me how to do gymnastic. You make me happy and loved. You take me to go adventuring. Love,

Constance

Dear Mom,

I love when you give me hugs when I am sad. My favorite thing about you is you will get gifts. You help me to do my homework. My favorite thing to do with you is to go to the spa.

Penelope Dear Mom,

Love,

I love when you at the end

of every game you say good game. You help me when I do a mistake. You teach me sports. You take me bowling. Love.

Rebecca

Dear Mom.

I love when you take me on vacation. You make me happy. You take me to the movie theater. I love you so much.

Love, Ed

Dear Mom,

My favorite thing about you is when you cook. You help me do my homework. You teach me to play soccer. You make me happy.

Love, Jorge

Dear Mom,

I love when you take me to the movies and when you play with me. You help me with my homework. You take me to the store. I love you mom. Happy Mother's Day, you are the best mom ever.

Love, Karson

Dear Mom,

I love when you watch a movie with me. My favorite thing about you is that you always care about what I like. You make me feel better after I get mad and sad.

Love, Blair

Dear Mom,

I love when you buy me things. You help me clean my room. You teach me to not dumb things. My favorite thing to do with you is to not get lost in the store like the three other times.

Love, Spencer

Dear Mom,

I love when you hug me. My favorite thing about you is when you cook me dinner. You help me when I make a mistake on my homework.

Love, Liam

Dear Mom,

I love when you tuck me in at night. My favorite thing about you is when you make me cookies. You make me feel loved. You take me for ice cream.

Love. Jonah

Dear Mom,

I love when you hug me. My favorite thing about you is vou're a nice mom. You teach me how to ride a bike. You take me on fun vacations.

Love, Bryson

Dear Mom,

I love when you tuck me in for bedtime and hugs and kisses for bedtime. You make me happy. You take me to the park. My favorite thing to do with you is going to Starbucks.

Love, Carter

Dear Mom,

I love when you make me breakfast. You teach me how to calm down. You make me happy. You take me shopping.

Love, Addiylyn

Dear Mom,

My favorite thing about you is your hugs. You teach me how to ride my bike. You take me to McDonald's.

Love, Trevor

Dear Mom,

Hove when you hug me. You help me when I'm sad. You make me feel loved. I love you mom. Love,

Joseph

Dear Mom, I love when you take me

to school. You help me do my homework with me. You teach me to tie a balloon. You take me to the bus in the morning.

Dear Mom.

You make me happy. You take me to my favorite restaurant. My favorite thing to do with you is go to shant. You are the best and you are amazing.

Leona

Lincoln School -Sondgeroth

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is as pretty as a rose and as sweet as a cupcake. She likes to take walks with her friends. The best thing she cooks is meat loaf. Her favorite food is cookies. Her favorite thing to do to relax is play on her phone. We like to walk together. My mom is really good at playing on her phone. I would like to thank my mom for helping me with everything. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to not fight with my brother. My mom deserves a new car for Mother's Day this year.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom! Love, Liam Benenhaley

My mom's name is mom, and she is 41 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she smiles. My mom is really good at cooking. When I'm at school, my mom is watching kids. The best thing my mom cooks is pizza. My favorite thing to do with my mom is go to the pool. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her makeup. I love my mom more than I love donuts.

> Happy Mother's Day! Love, Allious Bugiyne

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is as pretty as a rose and as sweet as a Sour Patch Kid. She likes to play volleyball. The best thing she cooks is corn and mash potatoes. Her favorite food is Sam's chicken alfredo. Her favorite thing to do to relax is sit on the couch and snuggle with me. We like to do girl days together. My mom is really good at volleyball. I would like to thank my mom for taking me to soccer practice. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to get along with my brother. My mom deserves a massage chair for Mother's Day this year.

Happy Mother's Day! Lylah Cervantes-Escatel

My mom's name is McKenna, and she is 29 years old. My mom looks beautiful every day when she brushes her hair. My mom is really good at making popcorn. When I am school, my mom works. The best thing my mom cooks is eggs. My favorite thing to do with my mom is spend time. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a big, beautiful house. I love my mom more than I love my Nintendo Switch. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Grayson Dean

My mom's name is Delilah, and she is 56 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she curls her hair. My mom is really good at cleaning. When I am at school, my mom thinks about me. The best thing my mom cooks is pancakes. My favorite thing to do with my mom is play games If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her makeup. I love my mom more than I love my toys.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, Yelaina Escatel

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is as pretty as a sunflower and as sweet as a Sour Patch Kid. She likes to clean the house. The best thing she cooks is rice. Her favorite food is tuna casserole. Her favorite thing to do to relax is watch a movie. We like to do puzzles together. My mom is really good at planting the flowers. I would like to thank my mom for cleaning the house. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to not fight with my brother. My mom deserves roses for Mother's Day this year. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Fianna Figueroa

My mom's name is Anna, and she is 34 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she drops me off at school. My mom is really good ab being a mom. When I am at school, my mom works at a nursing home. The best thing my mom cooks is salad because I am on a diet. My favorite thing to do with my mom is to do word searches. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a jeep. I love my mom more than I love my dad.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, Abel Gonzalez

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is as pretty as a rose and as sweet as a cake. She likes to cuddle me. The best thing she cooks is spaghetti. Her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite thing to do to relax is read a book. We like to watch movies together. My mom is really good at cleaning her room. I would like to thank my mom for everything she does for me. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to clean my room. My mom deserves a new car for Mother's Day this year.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, Katalina Hernandez

My mom's name is Sandra, and she is 29 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she gets dressed up. My mom is really good at making food. When I am at school, my mom goes to work at a cookie factory. The best thing my mom cooks is noodles. My favorite thing to do with my mom is watch TV. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her chocolates. I love my mom more than I love my new shoes.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, Matthew Krisch

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom's name is Joanna. She is 35 years old. She is as sweet as a baby bunny. My mom looks beautiful when she cooks. My mom is really good

at making cakes. When I am at school, my mom watches my baby sister. My favorite thing to do with my mom is go to the water park. I would like to thank her for everything she does for me. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a Kit-Kat. I love my mom more than I love school. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Dominic Lopez

My mom's name is Holly, and she is 38 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she wears a clip. My mom is really good at keeping things clean. When I am at school, my mom is the school secretary. The best thing my mom cooks is mac and cheese. My favorite thing to do with my mom is cuddle with me. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her chocolate strawberries and a ring. I love my mom more than I love Kennedy and Lylah. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Olivia Mathieu

My mom's name is Jeannie, and she is 40 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she curls her hair. My mom is really good at taking care of me. When I am school, my mom goes to work. The best thing my mom cooks is cake. My favorite thing to do with my mom is watch TV. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a phone. I love my mom more than I love my baby doll. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Shandi Matura

My mom's name is Vanessa, and she is 32 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she goes to a party. My mom is really good at snuggling. When I am at school, my mom cleans. The best thing my mom cooks is pasta. My favorite thing to do with my mom is watch TV. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a purse. I love my mom more than I love Magic Mixies.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, Tanya Munoz

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is as pretty as a sun and as sweet as a strawberry. She likes to play Royal Match. The best thing she cooks is skinny pizza. Her favorite food is eggs. Her favorite thing to do to relax is watch TV. We like to color together. My mom is really good at Tic Tac Toe. I would like to thank my mom for getting me ready for school. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to wash the dishes. My mom deserves cookies for Mother's Day this

Happy Mother's Day! Love, Isaiah Perez

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is as pretty as a butterfly and as sweet as a sugar cookie. She likes to sleep. The best thing she cooks is pasta. Her favorite food is Mexican tacos. Her favorite thing to do to relax is sleep. We like to make homemade pizza together. My mom is really good at dancing. I would like to thank my mom for loving us. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to not fight with my sister. My mom deserves a jacuzzi for Mother's Day this year.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, A'Jada Perkins

My mom's name is Regina, and she is 46 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she puts a dress on. My mom is really good at garage sales. When I am at school, my mom goes to school to work. The best thing my mom cooks BBQ. My favorite thing to do with my mom is cuddle. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a Lamborghini. I love my mom more than I love football.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, Jackson Perryman

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is as pretty as a flower and as sweet as a piece of candy. She likes to teach. The

best thing she cooks is chicken alfredo. Her favorite food is chicken alfredo. Her favorite thing to do to relax is read her Kindle. We like to watch TV together. My mom is really good at cooking. I would like to thank my mom for all the stuff she has done for me/. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to not fight at all. My mom deserves family time for Mother's Day this year. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Kennedy Piller

My mom's name is Greg, and she is 37 years old. My mom looks beautiful all of the time. My mom is really good at jump rope. When I am at school, my mom works at my school. The best thing my mom cooks is eggs. My favorite thing to do with my mom is walking together. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a ring. I love my mom more than I love a toy. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Greyson Rhine

My mom's name is Meagan, she is 36 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she hugs me. My mom is really good at cleaning the house. When I am at school, my mom is working. The best thing my mom cooks is muffins. My favorite thing to do with my mom is hangout. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her flowers. I love my mom more than I love dad.

Happy Mother's Day! Jason Rhynedance

My mom's name is Celi, and she is 33 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she goes to a party. My mom is really good at cooking. When I am at school, my mom is at home. The best thing my mom cooks is guacamole. My favorite thing to do with my mom is get ice cream. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her perfume from Sephora. I love my mom ore than I love guacamole.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, Priscila Roman

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is a pretty as a rose and as sweet as a cake. She likes to take me to my

games and watch. The best thing she cooks are tacos. Her favorite food is spaghetti. Her favorite thing to do to relax is read a book. We like to snuggle together. My mom is really good at softball. I would like to thank my mom for loving me. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to not fight with my brothers. My mom deserves an Apple Watch for Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Quincy Ryan

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is as pretty as a flower and as sweet as candy. She likes to watch movies with me. The best thing she cooks is mac and cheese. Her favorite food is tacos. Her favorite thing to do to relax is sleep. We like to bake together. My mom is really good at organizing the house. I would like to thank my mom for getting me up before school. On Mother's Day this year, I promise to keep the house clean. My mom deserves a lamb pillow for Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Ellie Sester

My mom's name is Samantha, and she is 31 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she curls her hair. My mom is really good at cooking. When I am at school, my mom cleans the house. The best thing my mom cooks is chicken and rice. My favorite thing to do with my mom is snuggle. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a new car. Love my mom more than I love all of my stuff. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Salem Showen

My mom's name is Paula, and she is 39 years old. My mom looks beautiful when she is going to the store. My mom is really good at cleaning. When I a. at school, my mom is working on her laptop. The best thing my mom cooks are tacos. My favorite thing to do with my momisgoing shopping. If I could buy her a gift, I would buy her a ring. I love my mom more than I love Pokémon.

Happy Mother's Day! Love, AJ Widolff







THE BACK PAGE

GARAGE SALES & NOTICES

SPRING GARAGE SALE Sponsored by **First United Methodist Church** First Ave. & Sixth St. Thursday, May 16 Noon-5 p.m. Friday, May 17 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 18 8:30-11 a.m.

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POLICE BLOTTER

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Daniel E. Rutledge, 25, of 111 S. 13th Ave., Lot A17, Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers were called to a disturbance in the 100 block of South 13th Avenue at 11:30 a.m. April 27. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

WARRANT ARREST

Christopher D. Garrett, 38, of 1605 Lincoln Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 5:32 p.m. April 30 on a Livingston County warrant for failure to appear/domestic battery. The subject posted bond and was released with a Livingston County court

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Samuel Bahena Zaragoza, 47, of Highland, Ind., was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and East 525th Road at 11:47 p.m. May 1. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Denise M. Holzner, 63, of 701 Meadowview Drive, Apt. 602, Mendota, was charged with disorderly conduct misuse of 9-1-1 after police officers responded to the Holzner address following several 9-1-1 calls with no emergency reported at 9:52 p.m. May 3. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

SEVERAL CHARGES

Beth M. Kerchner, 61, of 105 20th St., Apt. B4, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended, resisting arrest and aggravated battery of a peace officer after a traffic stop at First Avenue and 20th Street at 10:15 a.m. May 5. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Antonio Rosales Jr., 44, of 1104 Fourth St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Fourth Street and Ninth Avenue at 6:40 a.m. May 6. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Mendota City **Ordinance**

Grass clippings, etc. in streets

No person shall throw, place or leave, or cause or permit to be thrown, placed or left, any ashes, dirt, filth or rubbish, grass clippings, or foreign matter in or upon any street, alley or sidewalk of the City of Mendota.

Penalty: Any person violating this section shall be subject to the penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500. Imposition of any penalty for a violation of this section shall not be construed as a waiver of the right of the City to collect the cost of removal of such nuisance where it is necessary for the City to remove such nuisance.

D. Countryman benefit to be May 18 at Moose

MENDOTA-Abenefit for Dan Countryman, "Countryman Strong," will be held on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 3 p.m. at the Mendota Moose, 211 E. 12th St.

Dinner will be served from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12 years. Children 5 and under are free.

The benefit will include food, music, auction, raffles and 50/50s. There will be a prize raffle for a half hog.

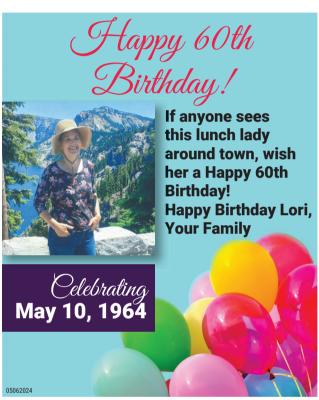
For more information or to donate to the raffles and auction, contact Vi at 815-577-1490 or Esther at

Deposits can be made directly to Eureka Savings Bank, Dan Countryman Benefit, 1300 13th Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

Permission needed from city to place a dumpster in street

MENDOTA - All dumpsters needing to be placed on Mendota city streets are required to be cleared with Nick Stremlau of the streets, parks and public property departments. Please call 815-539-7287 for approval before placing dumpsters on city streets.









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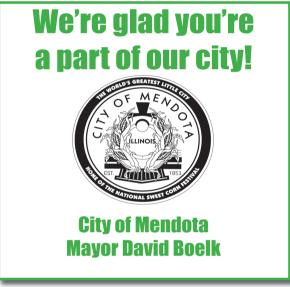
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SPORTS



Mendota's Mariyah Elam clears the high jump bar at 5-6.25 to win the event and set a new Three Rivers Conference record during the girls' conference meet on May 3 at Mendota. (Reporter photo)

Mendota's Elam takes first in 2 events; sets conference record in high jump

MENDOTA - Mendota hosted the Three Rivers Conference Girls' Track & Field Meet on May 3.

Sherrard ran away with the team title with 156 points. Bureau Valley and Princeton were a distant second with 80.5 points apiece. The Lady Trojans finished ninth out of 13 teams with 34 points.

The highlight of the meet for Mendota came from freshman Mariyah Elam. She finished first in two events - the 100-meter hurdles and the high

Boys' hoop

June 10-13

camp set for

meet from 9:30-10:45 a.m., while sixth through

eighth graders will meet

camper (\$35 for each

additional family mem-

ber). Camp shirts are

only guaranteed to those

whose forms are turned

at Mendota High School.

For more information,

call Steve Wasmer at

Forms are available

in by Monday, June 6.

The camp is \$50 per

from 10:45 a.m.-noon.

jump. In the high jump, Elam topped out with a measurement of 5-6.25, which was a personal best for her and also a conference record, erasing the old mark of 5-6. In the 100-meter hurdles, Elam cruised to the win with a time of 16.25.

May 3 - Three Rivers Conference Girls' Meet

Sherrard 156, Bureau Valley 80.5, Princeton 80.5, Kewanee 79.5, Riverdale 66.5, Erie-Prophetstown 59, Sterling Newman 39, Monmouth-Roseville 38, Mendota 34, Orion 33, Rockridge 28, Morrison 5, Hall 3 Mendota 1st place: Mariyah Elam,

100m hurdles, 16.25; Elam, high jump, 5-6.25 Mendota 4th place: Laylie Denault,

300m hurdles, 52.86 Mendota 5th place: 4x200m relay

(Grace Wasmer, Elam, Denault, Aby Buettner), 1:54.71

Mendota 6th place: Buettner, 300m hurdles, 53.46

MHS girls shut out Dixon, 1-0; end regular season at 12-6-1 MENDOTA - The Menat the Oregon Park West field.

MENDOTA - The dota Lady Trojans closed out Mendota Trojans Boys the regular soccer season with Basketball Camp will a 1-0 triumph over Dixon on be held June 10-13 at May 1 at the MHS field. Men-Mendota High School. dota concluded the regular Campers in third season with a 12-6-1 record. through fifth grade will

Crystal Garcia scored Mendota's goal.

The Lady Trojans will return to action in the Oregon Sectional on Saturday, May 11 against Aurora Central Catholic. Game time is noon

into the regional championship game against either Oregon or Aurora Rosary at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14.

Awin against Aurora Central

Catholic will propel Mendota

MHS, ACC to meet in soccer regional

OREGON – The Mendota girls' soccer team has been assigned to the Oregon Class 1A Regional Soccer Tournament, to be held at Oregon Park West.

Action will begin with two games on Saturday, May 11. Oregon will take on Aurora Rosary at 10 a.m. followed by Mendota against Aurora Central Catholic

The two winners will square off for the regional championship at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14.

The champion of the Oregon Regional will advance to the Shabbona Indian Creek Sectional to face the winner of the Stillman Valley Regional at noon on Saturday, May 18. The other sectional participants will come from the Rock Island Alleman and Byron regionals.

Oregon Class 1A Girls' Regional Soccer Tournament Saturday, May 11

1-(2) Oregon vs. (7) Aurora (Rosary) 10 a.m. 2 - (3) Aurora (Central Catholic) vs. (5) Mendota noon

Tuesday, May 14

3 - Winner Match 1 vs. Winner Match 2 -4:30 p.m. (championship)

Trojans go against tough competition in two meets

Mendota's boys' track team went up against three other schools in the Ottawa Quad on April 30.

The host Pirates took the team title with 97 points, followed by Marengo with 71, LaSalle-Peru with 60.5 and Mendota with 43.5

The Trojans had six second-place finishes, led by Mason Koch in the long jump (18-4.5) and triple jump (37-7.25). Also taking seconds were Sebastian Carlos in the 400-meter dash (52.25), Gavin Stevenson in the 3200-meter run (12:16.77), Anthony Kelson in the 300-meter hurdles (44.63) and Jamal Lesley in the high jump (5-5.75).

April 30 - Ottawa Quad Ottawa 97, Marengo 71, La-Salle-Peru 60.5, Mendota 43.5

Mendota 2nd place: Sebastian Carlos, 400m dash, 52.25; Gavin Stevenson, 3200m run, 12:16.77; Anthony Kelson, 300m hurdles, 44.63; Jamal Lesley, high jump, 5-5.75; Mason Koch, longjump, 18-4.5; Koch, triple jump, 37-7.25

Mendota 3rd place: Carlos, 200m dash, 23.9; Berta Imeri, 800m run, 2:27.59; 4x400m relay 'A' (Koch, Hector Gonzalez, Anthony Seablom, Aaden Castle), 4:11.89

Mendota 4th place: Kelson, 1600m run, 5:31.81; Carlos Toribio, 3200m run, 12:43.38; 4x200m relay (Seablom, Jamal Lesley, Castle, Jayden Lesley), 1:45.01; 4x400m relay 'B' (Javi Hernandez, Jamal Lesley, Bailey Ryan, Diego Sandoval), 4:18.14; Gael Garcia, long jump, 16-6.5

Mendota competed in the eight-team Winnebago Mike Mowen Invitational on May 3 at Winnebago.

The Trojans scored 53 points and finished in seventh place. The host Indians claimed the top spot in the standings with 163 points,

while Galena was second with 107 points.

Mendota's highest finish went to Carlos, who cruised to victory in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.45. The Trojans had a pair of

second-place finishes. Koch took the runner-up spot in the long jump with a distance of 18-4.75, while the junior varsity 4x400-meter relay team was second in a time of 4:09.27. Runners were Jamal Lesley, Hector Gonzalez, Bailey Ryan and Berat Imeri. May 3 - Winnebago Invite

Winnebago 163, Galena 107, Lena-Winslow 107, Byron 92, Rockford Christian 85, Rockford Lutheran 55, Mendota 53, Oregon 39 Mendota 1st place: Sebas-

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Berat Imeri), 4:09.27 Mendota 3rd place: Gavin Stevenson, 3200m run, 11:43.07

Mendota 4th place: Anthony Kelson, 110m hurdles, 18.44; Jayden Lesley, long jump, 17-3

Mendota 5th place: 4x100m field events relay (Gabe Vallejo, Logan Wujek, Michael Thornhill, Aidyn Stevens), 58.54; 4x100m JV relay (Robert Botello, Javi Hernandez, Anthony Seablom, Ryan), 50.82; 4x400m relay (Koch, Seablom, Kelson, Carlos), 3:45.32

Mendota 6th place: Kelson, 1600m run, 4:49.49; 4x100m relay (Koch, Jamal Lesley, Carlos, Jayden Lesley), 46.56; 4x800m relay (Imeri, Gonzalez, Carlos Toribio, Spencer Kain), 9:39.47

Mendota 7th place: Jamal Lesley, high jump, 5-5.75

Mendota 8th place: Carlos, 200m dash, 23.75; Imeri, 800m run, 2:23.63; Koch, triple jump, 35-8.25

Trackmen in Sycamore Sectional

SYCAMORE - The Mendota boys' track team will participate in the Sycamore Class 2A Sectional Track Meet on Thursday, May 16. The field events will begin at 4 p.m. and the running events are set for a 5:30 p.m. start.

Other schools competing in the sectional include Aurora Central Catholic, Aurora Illinois Math and Science Academy, Aurora Marmion

Academy, Byron, Dixon, Galena, Plano, Rochelle, Rock Falls, Sandwich, Sterling, Stillman Valley, Sycamore, West Chicago Wheaton Academy and Wheaton St. Francis.

First-and second-place winners and those who meet or exceed the qualifying standard in each event, including relay teams, will advance to the State final meet, which is May 23-25 in Charleston.

Mendota's Jauch gets call to the CFL Hall of Fame

Honor puts cap on distinguished coaching career

By KIP CHEEK

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Sports editor

MENDOTA - Ray Jauch has compiled a long list of accomplishments during his football playing and coaching careers. Now, long after those careers ended, perhaps the greatest accolade he could ever achieve has been bestowed upon him. Twenty-nine years after

he coached his last game in the Canadian Football League, Jauch will join the hallowed halls of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum as a member of the Class of 2024. The Mendota native got the call from a CFL representative back in March and the CFL made the official announcement of the Class of 2024 inductees on May 3.

"Undoubtedly this is a very elite group and I'm proud to be a part of it," said Jauch. "It's a great honor to be chosen to the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame and I appreciate it immensely.'

"The Class of 2024 has shaped our game beyond record books and accolades," said CFHOF Executive Director Eric Noivo. "They are heroes to young football players and athletes. They are tremendous leaders who have shared their invaluable time and vast knowledge. And they are steadfast cham"It's a great honor to be chosen to the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame and I appreciate it immensely."

-Ray Jauch

pions who helped expand our game to reach more people

and more communities." After graduating from Mendota High School in 1956 and embarking on a highly successful four years as a member of the University of Iowa football team, Jauch was drafted by the Buffalo Bills, but he received a better offer to play for Bud Grant and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. Jauch's playing career was cut short, however, when during the Grey Cup in his second season, he tore an Achilles tendon. The Blue Bombers won the CFL championship, but it turned out to be Jauch's last appearance in uniform.

"I knew I was going to get into coaching after I realized there was no way I could come back as a player," Jauch said. "I tried to come back, but I wanted to be able to run around and play with my kids in the yard, so I hung it up and got into coaching."

Jauch's first coaching job in the CFL was in 1966 as an assistant coach for Neil Armstrong in Edmonton, a position he remained in for four years. When Armstrong left for the Minnesota Vikings in 1970, Jauch was named the head coach of the Eskimos (now the Elks) at the ripe young age of 30.

"I always admired Neil, and when I was named to take his position with Edmonton, it was a great honor and meant a lot to me," Jauch

During eight seasons as the Edmonton sideline boss, Jauch guided the team to three Grey Cup appearances, winning the Super Bowl of the CFL in 1975.

"We had our ups and downs that year, and after losing our first two Grey Cup appearances in 1973 and 1974, it would've been tough to lose three in a row," noted Jauch. "I remember the 1975 Grey Cup game in Calgary was one of the coldest days in Grey Cup history. Of course I wanted to win the game, but I remember saying under my breath, 'I don't care who wins, just get me out of here, it was so cold."



Kurt Bruno, left, holds the telephone as Ray Jauch talks to a representative from the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame who is informing Jauch of his selection to the CFL Hall of Fame Class of 2024. The Mendota native will be inducted into the Hall in September in Hamilton, Canada. (Reporter photo)

CFL game in 1995. After one more season in Edmonton, Jauch moved south and served as the head coach in Winnipeg from 1978-82, before he returned to the United States to coach in the USFL, the Arena Football League and in college. He returned to Canada in 1991 as an assistant coach with Saskatchewan and then was named head coach in 1994, a position he held for

two years, coaching his last

In 15 years as a head coach, Jauch amassed 127 regular season victories ranking sixth all time - while guiding his teams to 11 playoffappearances. He captured one Grey Cup championship and was named CFL Coach of the Year twice (1970 and

Jauch moved back to his hometown Mendota in the late 1990s. He left Mendota

to live in North Carolina near one of his sons, but returned to Mendota several years ago.

Jauch and the other members of the CFL Hall of Fame Class of 2024 will be officially inducted in an evening ceremony on Friday, Sept. 13. The CFL Hall of Fame and Museum is located on the fourth floor of Tim Horton Field in Hamilton, Ontario, B2 ● The Mendota Reporter Wednesday, May 8, 2024



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SPORTS

Trojans blanked by Sterling; nip Erie-Prophetstown, 2-1

Mendota's bats were held in check in a 4-0 loss to Sterling on May 1 at the MHS field.

The Trojans managed only three hits off of Sterling hurler Drew Nettleton, who went the distance and struck

The game was scoreless through four innings before the Golden Warriors broke through with a pair of unearned runs in the fifth off of Mendota starter Izaiah

Sterling added single tallies in the sixth and seventh

Mendota's hits belonged to Justin Randolph (double), Cale Strouss (single) and Nanez (single).

Nanez worked into the seventh inning before Owen Aughenbaugh came on in relief. Nanez permitted six hits, walked three and struck out 11. All of Sterling's safeties were singles.

The Trojans edged Erie-Prophetstown, 2-1, on May 3 at the MHS field.

E-P scored what turned out to be its lone run in the top of the first on a bases loaded walk. Trojan starting pitcher Dane Doyle managed to wiggle out of the jam when he induced an inning-ending double play.

The scored remained that way until the bottom of the fourth when Mendotatied the

a double and Nanez dropped in another double, moving Randolph to third. Braiden Freeman grounded out to plate the tying run.

The Trojans went up top in the sixth, when after the first two batters were retired, Freeman reached on a double infield error. He stole third and scampered home on a line drive single to center by Josh Figueroa.

Doyle wrapped up the complete game victory, allowing three hits, walking three and striking out eight, as the Trojans improved their record to 8-7.

Nanez (two doubles) and Strouss (two singles) paced Mendota's six-hit

game. Randolph led off with Trojans in Newman Regional; to host Oregon in play-in game

STERLING-The Mendota Trojans will compete in the Sterling Newman Class 2A Regional Baseball Tournament. The Trojans are the sixth seed in the sub-sectional.

The tournament will begin with a playin game when Oregon visits Mendota on Monday, May 13. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

The winner of that game will advance to the semifinal round to face second-seeded Sterling Newman at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 in Sterling. The other semifinal contest will pit Rock Falls against Pecatonica. The two winners will meet for the regional championship at 10 a.m. Saturday,

The champion of the Newman Regional will move on to the Byron Sectional to

MHS girls to meet

Byron in 1st round

of Oregon Regional

OREGON - The Mendota softball team has been

The Lady Trojans will kick off the regional with a

The winner of that game will advance to take on

The two winners will meet for the regional cham-

The Oregon Regional champ will move on to the Marengo Sectional to battle the survivor of the Rock

Falls Regional on Wednesday, May 22. The other two

teams in the sectional will come from the Oregon and

Oregon Class 2A Girls'

Regional Softball Tournament

Monday, May 13

Tuesday, May 14

2 - (1) Stillman Valley vs. Winner Game 1 - 4:30 p.m.

3 – (4) Oregon vs. (5) Genoa (G.-Kingston) – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

assigned to the Oregon Class 2A Regional Softball

play-in game at Byron on Monday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m.

top-seeded Stillman Valley at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May

14 at Oregon Park West field. The other semifinal game

Tournament to be played May 13, 14, 18.

Mendota is seeded 10th in the sub-sectional.

will pit Oregon against Genoa-Kingston.

pionship at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18.

Aurora Central Catholic regionals.

1 – (10) Mendota at (9) Byron – 4:30 p.m.

battle the survivor of the Marengo Regional at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22. The other two sectional teams will come from the Port Byron Riverdale and Richmond-Burton regionals.

> Sterling Newman Class 2A Regional Baseball Tournament Monday, May 13

1-(7) Oregon at (6) Mendota - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15

2 – (2) Sterling Newman vs. Winner Game 1 - 4:30 p.m.Thursday, May 16

3 – (4) Rock Falls vs. (5) Pecatonica [Coop]

-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18

4 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 10 a.m. (championship)

MHS girls drop two in softball Ottawa struck for seven

runs in the first inning en route to a 13-0 triumph over Mendota in a non-conference varsity softball game on April 30 at the MHS field. The game was stopped after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

After the seven-run first, the Pirates pushed across five runs in the second and one in the third. Two Ottawa pitchers

limited Mendota to one hit, a single by Ava Eddy. Ottawa totaled 10 safeties.

Eddy took the loss.

Erie-Prophetstown downed Mendota, 17-1, on May 3 at the MHS field.

The Panthers scored five runs in three of the four innings played despite only collecting seven hits in the

Mendota's lone run came in the third and was driven in by a Madelyn Becker single.

Eddy was in the circle and were earned.

4 - Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 - 10 a.m. took the loss. Only seven of (championship) the 17 runs scored by E-P

Trojan netters split with Rockford teams Mendota's boys' tennis team split a triangular meet with Rockford Christian and Rockford Lutheran on April

30 at the MHS courts.

The Trojans defeated Rockford Christian, 4-1. Cameron Escatel and Dagen Setchell won in singles play for Mendota, while doubles winners were the teams of Wyatt Sondgeroth-Josh Sondgeroth and Landon Lee-Harlan Gallagher. Mendota fell to Rockford

Lutheran, 5-0.

April 30 Mendota 4, Rockford Chris-

Singles: No. 1 - Cameron Escatel (M) def. Frazier (RC), 6-0, 6-2; No. 2 - Dagen Setchell (M) def. Wesson (RC) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: No. 1 - Fu-Kneller (RC) def. Ben Bresley-Trekker Klema (M), 7-5, 6-2; No. 2 - Wyatt Sondgeroth-Josh Sondgeroth (M) def. Raj-Heinisch (RC), 6-0, 2-6, 10-5; No. 3 - Landon Lee-Harlan Gallagher (M)

def. Lestan-Derry 6-2, 6-0 Rockford Lutheran 5, Men-

Singles: No. 1 – Temple (RL) def. Escatel (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2-Subramanian (RL) def. Setchell (M), 6-2, 6-0

Doubles: No. 1 - Aulner-Johnson (RL) def. W. Sondgeroth-J. Sondgeroth (M), 6-2, 6-0; No. 2 – Johnson-Akre (RL) def. L. Lee-Gallagher (M), 6-2, 6-0; No. 3 - Horn-Patkus (RL) def. Ryder Woods-Daniel Pierce (M), 6-3, 6-7 (5), 10-4

Free Kids' Fishing Expo to be held May 11 at Peru Baker Lake

PERU - The 24th annual Kids' Fishing Expo will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Baker Lake in Peru. Baker Lake is located on Airport Road north of Shooting Park Road and one-half mile south of Wenzel Road. Participation in the event is free. Bait will be provided and a limited number of fishing poles will be available for loan. The expo includes food, games, drinks and

snacks. Other features of the expo include:

- Free beginning fishing "how-to" clinic for boys and girls ages 6 and up (sessions
- start every 15 minutes).
 - Free fishing games with prizes. Casting games.
- Free fishing literature and door prizes.
- Learn to cast, tie a knot, bait a hook, tie a fly, identify your catch, clean a fish and lots more
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For more information, contact Mark Dudek at 815-220-3901, Barry Welbers at 815-488-2035 or go online at www.better-fishing-assoc.org.

The expo is sponsored the Better Fishing Association of Northern Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Peru Rescue Station.



Three Holy Cross School athletes will compete in the IESA State Track and Field Meet on May 10-11 in East Peoria. Left to right, are Leo Engels, Komen Denault, coach Thomas Makransky and Eva Beetz. (Photo contributed)

Three Holy Cross athletes headed to state track meet

SPRING VALLEY – Three Holy Cross School track athletes have earned a trip to the IESA State Track and Field Meet after participating in the sectional meet held in Spring Valley on May 4.

Eva Beetz will be competing in the long jump and 400-meter dash at state, while Komen Denault and Leo Engels will both be participating in the pole vault. This is the first year Holy Cross has had pole vault as

In the sectional meet, Beetz, a seventh grader, placed first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:09.57. In the long jump, she took second place with a distance of 14-1.

Denault, an eighth grader, finished first in the pole vault with a height of 9-0. Engels, a seventh grader, also took first place with a measurement of 6-5.

The Holy Cross state qualifiers will be competing in the state meet to be held Friday,

May 10 and Saturday, May 11 at the Eastside Centre in East Peoria.

In other Holy Cross sectional results, the eighth grade 4x100 relay placed fifth with a time of 59.8. Runners were Beetz, Gaby Martinez, Elsie Soliman and Hayley Diaz.

Soliman also ran the 400-meter dash and finished in second place with a personal record time of 1:11.39.

For the seventh graders, the 4x400 relay, which consisted of fifth grade girls, came in second with a clocking of 6:05.0. Participants were Samantha Escatel, Nicole Cervantes, Sofia Lemus, Mingxi Huang.

The team is coached by Thomas Makransky and Erika Hueneburg. Makransky is a graduate of St. Bede and went to Trinity Catholic Academy for grade school and is currently at IVCC finishing up his freshman year. Hueneburg is the athletic director and a teachers' aide at Holy Cross.



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ENTERTAINMENT

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Keanu Reeves will turn 60 on Sept. 2 of this year, but that's

not slowing him down. He's currently one of the stars of the black c o m e d y "Outcome,



which was written, directed and produced by Jonah Hill. Hill also stars in the film, alongside Cameron Diaz, Matt Bomer, soap legend Susan Lucci, David Spade, Laverne Cox and Roy Wood Jr. Reeves also has a new

comedy film "Good Fortune," written and directed by Aziz Ansari. It co-stars Seth Rogen, Sandra Oh and Keke Palmer (the current host of "Password"). In addition, Reeves did a cameo in "John Wick Presents: Ballerina" (the fifth installment in the franchise), which stars Ana de Armas, Anjelica Huston, Gabriel Byrne, Lance Reddick and Ian McShane. To date, the franchise has grossed more than \$1 billion. Lest we forget Reeves

joining the cast of "Sonic the Hedgehog 3," which will hit movie screens on Dec. 20. He lends his voice alongside Jim Carrey, James Marsden, Ben Schwartz and Idris Elba.

'Sonic the Hedgehog 2" took in a whopping \$405 million at the box office.

Hollywood

Nipping at his heels are three budding Hollywood superstars in waiting. The first is GLEN POWELL ("Top Gun: Maverick"), who's taking on Arnold Schwarzenegger's role from the 1987 classic "The Running Man" (a Stephen King bestseller). Powell's recent rom-com "Anyone but You" pulled in close to \$220 million in theaters, and his disaster film "Twisters," with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos, will hit theaters like a cyclone on July 19. But don't count AUSTIN

BUTLER out! He's giving Powell a run for his money with "Dune: Part Two," which has grossed \$704.3 million so far. Butler also has the upcoming drama "The Bikeriders" due on June 21, and he costars with Jodie Comer, Tom Hardy, Michael Shannon and Norman Reedus. In addition, Butler will star in "Eddington" with Joaquin Phoenix, Emma Stone, Pedro Pascal and Luke Grimes. The film is currently being shot in New Mexico until May 17.

Now add TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET to the mix, who toplined "Dune: Part Two" and "Wonka" (which grossed about \$633 million).

Chalamet is taking on the role of music legend Bob Dylan in "A Complete Unknown," with Elle Fanning, Edward Norton and Boyd Holbrook.

On the flip side, former "Baywatch" bathing beauty PAMELA ANDERSON is making a comeback in the role that Priscilla Presley made famous in the 1988 Leslie Nielsen comedy "The Naked Gun." The film also starred George Kennedy, "Weird Al" Yankovic and Ricardo Montalbán, and it spawned two sequels, earning the franchise close to \$500 million. Meanwhile, the title star

of "Barbie," MARGOT ROBBIE, is shooting "ABig Bold Beautiful Journey" with Colin Farrell (who currently stars in the Apple TV+ series "Sugar" and the Max series "The Penguin").

Lastly, ZENDAYA filmed the sports film "Challengers," which hit theaters on April 26 and co-stars Josh O' Connor. She refused to wait around for HBO to get their act together for "Euphoria." Even though they gave the controversial series a green light for season three, they never gave it a start date due to the pandemic and the writer's and actor's strikes. Not exactly a perfect, euphoric situation!

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: What is the name of the show that preceded "NCIS"? It had a very handsome leading man, but I'm blanking on the show and the star. -- K.L. A: "JAG," which is a

United States military acronym that stands for Judge Advocate General, debuted on NBC in 1995, but the show moved to CBS a year later and lasted another nine seasons. The handsome leading man was played by David James Elliott, who was previously known as one of Elaine's boyfriends on the Seinfeld" episode titled "The Couch." "JAG" also starred Cath-

erine Bell, Patrick Labyorteaux and John M. Jackson, all of whom have gueststarred on its very successful spin-off "NCIS." Mark Harmon, Cote de Pablo and Michael Weatherly launched the original "NCIS" series, which was currently just renewed for its 22nd season.

Elliott and Bell have both moved on from the show, working steadily since. Elliott starred alongside Jennifer Finnigan in another legal drama "Close to Home," from 2005 to 2007, and Bell starred in "Army Wives" for seven seasons.

She's since acted in several TV movies for Lifetime and Hallmark. Elliott can be seen in the upcoming film "Harvest Moon," written by and starring Paul Bettany ("WandaVision").

"JAG" ultimately led to five "NCIS" series in total, each set in a different city. Unfortunately, "NCIS: Hawai'i" -- the first one with a female headliner (Vanessa Lachey) -- was recently canceled after three seasons. It was axed days before the network was planning to announce its fall schedule. Its series finale will air on May 6.

Q: I recently read how much money Mark Cuban had to pay in taxes. Is he the richest of the "Shark Tank" investors? -- E.E.

A: According to an article on TVInsider, the main panel members of ABC's "Shark Tank" have collectively invested \$200 million into products and investment opportunities featured on the show. Barbara Corcoran has the least net worth at an estimated (gulp) \$100 million. However, the top three wealthiest are Daymond John, the CEO of FUBU, who is worth \$350 million; Kevin O'Leary (AKA "Mr.

Wonderful"), who has an estimated \$400 million net worth; and Mark Cuban, the only billionaire in the group, who has about \$6.86 billion.

Cuban recently wrote, "After military service, paying your taxes is the most patriotic thing we can do." His contribution to the IRS was said to be \$275.9 million.

Q: I love the new series "Shogun." Is there going to be another season, or is it a limited series? -- Y.F.

A: The new FX series "Shogun" is based on a novel by James Clavell that was published in 1975. Set in the 15th through 17th centuries, it first became a hit miniseries back in 1980, originally starring Richard Chamberlain and Toshiro Mifune. Since the newest series tells the entire story of the novel, the writers would have to come up with another chapter for there to be a second season.

According to TV Guide, the series creators Rachel Kondo and Justin Marks are open to the idea of another season, but they don't know if it's possible, pointing out that even the novelist Clavell moved on to other stories after writing his acclaimed book.

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By Lucie Winborne

Couch Theater

"Love Lies Bleeding" (R) -- This romantic thriller stars Kristen Stewart ("Spencer") and Katy O'Brian ("Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania"). Taking place in 1989, Stewart plays Lou, a gym manager who falls for a bodybuilder named Jackie (O'Brian). As Jackie prepares for a bodybuilding competition, she stays with Lou and subsequently finds herself immersed in Lou's family drama. With an estranged criminal father who looms over the town and an abusive brother-in-law, Lou becomes filled with an intense rage that propels Jackie to take matters into her own hands. Buckle up for a deadly, mind-bending cat-and-mouse chase. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

"Unfrosted" (PG-13) -- Jerry Seinfeld makes his feature directorial debut with this comedy film loosely based on the origin story of Pop-Tarts! Set in 1963, Kellogg's and Post Cereal are the two biggest names in the American cereal industry, but both companies are desperate to knock each other out of the running. When Kellogg's receives word

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"The Idea of You" (R) -- Based on the novel of the same name by Robinne Lee, this rom-com stars Anne Hathaway ("Eileen") and Nicholas Galitzine ("Red, White & Royal Blue"). Hathaway portrays a 40-yearold single mom named Solene who agrees to take her daughter to the musical festival Coachella. After unexpectedly encountering Hayes Campbell (Galitzine), the lead singer of the famous boy band August Moon, Solene and Hayes strike up an intense attraction amid their 16-year age gap. Initially, Solene expresses her fear about what people will say, but as their relationship progresses, she throws caution to the wind and lets herself fall for the picture-perfect boy bander. Rumor has it that Galitzine's character was inspired by several real-life boy banders. Out now! (Amazon Prime Video) "Prom Dates" (TV-MA)

-- Ah, the worry of showing up dateless to prom. It's something we've all likely experienced, and this coming-of-age comedy takes a stab at the hilarity that can ensue as teenagers prepare for this once-ina-lifetime special night. Hannah (Julia Lester) and Jess (Antonia Gentry) are two best friends who made a pact to have the best prom ever, but the two girls unexpectedly break up with their boyfriends right before. As the hours count down to prom, Hannah and Jess go to absurd lengths to try to find a suitable date in time. Chelsea Handler and John Michael Higgins costar in this amusing film, out now! (Hulu)

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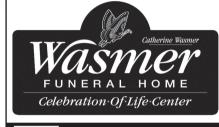


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When people notice our good attitude in life, it gives us a wide door of opportunity to tell them, "Really, I deal with the same things you deal with in life. It's not that I never have a struggle, but Jesus Christ is in my life and He makes all the difference in the world!"

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be the only Jesus that our neighbors will ever see. And if God didn't have something for us to do here on earth, He wouldn't have left us here. We are here for a purpose.

1 Peter 2:9 (AMPC) highlights our purpose beautifully, saying, But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Now, the Lord has a special, unique plan for each one of our lives. We've each been given gifts and talents, and there are specific things we are meant to accomplish while we are here. However, first and foremost, we as Christians share one main purpose. We are here to live for God's glory, tell others about Him, and reflect His goodness in

In my own ministry, I've been asked how I stay passionate and keep doing what I'm doing. Now, I can give some really cool, spiritual answer. But truthfully, I've come to believe that it's really a decision about what kind of an attitude we're going to have.

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on the Word of God. He doesn't want us to stand around saying, "Well, I'm just so confused about the will of God for my life. I just don't understand. I just don't know what my purpose is, and I just feel so useless."

Many Christians have literally done nothing because they can't figure out what it is they're supposed to do. God does not call us to do something and then refuse to tell us what it is that we're supposed to do. So, if we're thinking, "Well, then why am I so confused?", it may be because we're living life with our "head" instead of our "heart."

For example, I know a story about a man who had been preaching all his life, and started feeling like he wanted to teach the Bible in college. "But I'm a pastor", he thought, and he couldn't reconcile what he had been doing for so long with the new desire that God was putting into his heart.

He wrestled with it until he came to a point where he had to decide between the two. He had an epiphany moment where God said to him, "Know that

whatever you choose, I'll be with you."

Freedom scares us because many of us have the idea that God is in heaven with His hammer saying, "You better do this exactly because if you don't, you're going to be in big trouble."

We start to worry, thinking, "What if I miss God?" because we're afraid to make a mistake. Now I'm not suggesting that we start doing stupid stuff, but 95 percent of what we're supposed to do is in the Word. The other five percent is ours to freely pursue what God has planned for us.

So, let's make a commitment to make progress by faith. Maybe we've been doing something for a long time, but then we start to sense that God is changing things in our life, even though what we've been doing is good.

The possibility of change can scare us and also be the reason why we sometimes feel like we're being pulled apart, not knowing what we're supposed to be doing. But faith propels us to take a chance—to step out and find out. We need to be

willing to try and risk being wrong if that's what it takes to find out what God has for us.

Scripture tells us that even if the righteous fall seven times, they rise again (Proverbs 24:16)! You and I need to dare to be passionate and purposeful...and move forward in the life God has planned for us.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource Living on Purpose for a Purpose. You can also contact us to

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And light a lamp that other men might see;

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- 2. Who said, "Indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost"? Matthew, Mark, John the Baptist, Luke
- 3. From Leviticus 14, how long was a "clean" person required to remain outside his tent? 1 night, 2 nights, 4 days, 7 days
- 4. What town or city was Saul of Tarsus near when he converted to Christianity? Damascus, Assos, Corinth, Gaza

5. Which apostle's mother-in-law is

referred to in the Bible but not by name? Peter, Judas, James, Andrew 6. Jesus says that you have to do what to see the kingdom of God? Love one another, Be born again, Do what's right, Tithe

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) John the Baptist (Acts 11:16), 3) 7 days, 4) Damascus, 5) Peter, 6) Be born again

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as Unit No. 0282, Use DELRIO BROWN and SIMONE CRAIG, 1008 GREEN WOOD CIR, HAUGHTON, LA 71037, according to the Deed dated May under File No. 2012-12520, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illiare the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit Number(s) 39, Phase 2 JERRELL **BROWN CASSANDRA** TAYLOR 1501 HERSHEY RD APT 4, 61704, according the Deed dated April 28, 2012 and recorded 10181, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 14, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086E, Use Period CASSANDRA LOR, 1002 SHERYL LN APT A, NORMAL, IL 61761, according to the Deed dated April 28, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-10181, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 14, 2012. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0086E, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 2 ALMA V CABRALES and MARIBEL RENTE-RIA, 1900 N KEDVALE CHICAGO. IL 60639, according to the Deed dated January under File No. 2013-01919, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on January 29, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0033O, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1 SAMUEL C. CARPEN-TER and ALEATHA K. CARPENTER, 14176 S DIRECTOR VIEW LN, DRAPER. UT 84020. according to the Deed

dated January 16, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-06595, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 12, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0053E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1 TREVOR E. CLARK. A SINGLE MAN, 17 VERPLANCK LN, CO-HOES, NY 12047, according to the Deed dated October 25, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2019-10604, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 116. Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 2 SCOTT CLOAT and B.

CONNIE MIN-CLOAT, 6126 W **TUSCARORA** BARTONVILLE, 61607, according to the Deed dated August 30. 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-33780, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24.

2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100E, Use Period Number(s) 12, COLEMAN OKASILI and RUFUS COLEMAN, 8324 S LA-FAYETTE AVE, CHICA-

GO, IL 60620, according

to the Deed dated April

19, 2002 and recorded

under File No. 2002-13793, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on May 09, 2002, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067. Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1 COLEMAN OKASILI and RUFUS COLEMAN, 9047 S JUSTINE ST. CHICA-GO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated April 19, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-13793, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds nois, on May 09, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1 BRENDA R and VICTOR L WILLIAMS, 813 E PEORIA, IL 61603. according to the Deed dated August 04, 2012 and recorded File No. 2012-18065. in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0394, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 6 BRENDA R COTTON and VICTOR L WIL-LIAMS, 905 E SENECA PL, PEORIA, IL 61603, according to the Deed dated August 04, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-18065, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0394, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 6 KATHERINE COYNER and any unknown heirs and Legatees, 4N206 PHEASANT RUN DR. SAINT CHARLES, IL according the Deed dated August 12, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2016-05489, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on October 04. 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016O Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 1 JOSE DIZON and PAU-LINE DIZON, 5 TODD DRIVE EXT, NORTON, MA 02766, according

to the Deed dated July 16, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-14752, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on August 04, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0373, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 3 **GERALD** and ELIZABETH A. DRAKE, 6415 HINDS

DRAKE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707, according to the Deed dated June 23, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-22094, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 27, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0117O, Use Period 10275, in the Office of Number(s) 44, Phase 2 the Recorder of Deeds SUSAN EDWARD and for LaSalle County, Illi-JULIAN GARCIA, 2211 nois, on April 12, 2001. MOCKINGBIRD are the owners of the BAYTOWN, TX 77520, timeshare estate to be according to the Deed foreclosed, more particdated July 26, 2009 ularly described as Unit and recorded under No. 0124O, Use Period File No. 2009-21002, Number(s) 32, Phase 2 in the Office of the Re-LINDA C

corder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois,

on August 14, 2009,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be

foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit

Number(s) 31, Phase 2 4228 S 93RD DR, TOLLESON, AZ 85353. according to the Deed and recorded under File No. 2014-05142, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for on March 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-No. 0027E, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 1 NORMAN FUER-STENAU AND ANY UN-KNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES and JEAN FUERSTENAU, 215 NE 20TH ST GUYMON OK 73942, according to the Deed dated March 28, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-15467, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 16, 2009. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 4 DENNIS GARTON. 1120 CALLON WAUSAU, WI 54401 according to the Deed dated February 21. 2019 and recorded under File No. 2018-15998, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 03. 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 283O. Use Period Number(s) 12,

No. 0154. Use Period

and ROSA M GARZA. 1801 WOOD VISTA PL, ROUND ROCK, TX 78665, according to the Deed dated January 19, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-02151, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on February 05. 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreciosea, more particularly described as Unit No. 0391, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 6 BARBARA GLADNEY and JERRY GLADNEY, 840 N KEDVALE AVE.

CHICAGO, IL 60651. according to the Deed dated October 14, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-26923, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 07, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0164E, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1 KELSEY HARMON, 156 S WESTERN AVE, AURORA, IL 60506, according to the Deed dated September 01, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2020-04576, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 20, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0134E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 2 RINGTON and RUBY LEE HARRINGTON. 131 S AUSTIN BLVD FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Deed dated March 24. 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-

RINGTON and RUBY

LEE HARRINGTON,

4337 W GLADYS AVE.

CHICAGO, IL 60624

according to the Deed

dated March 24, 2001

and recorded under

File No. 2001-10275. in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 12, 2001. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0124O. Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 2 and KATY KOESTNER, 16547 W 147TH PL, LOCKPORT, IL 60441. according to the Deed dated June 07, 1998 and recorded under File No. 1998-24213, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0024, Use Period Number(s) 24. Phase 1 Norma A. Jackson, A Single Woman, 7420 S EVANS AVE. CHICA-GO, IL 60619, according to the Deed dated September 12, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-08505, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 14, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, Frequency: 13, Phase 1

more particularly described as Unit No. 68 Annually, KEITH JACOBS and NINFA JACOBS, 901 SHAVER RD, ARAN-SAS PASS, TX 78336, according to the Deed dated August 27, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-19006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 13, 2011. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088. Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2 KEITH JACOBS and NINFA JACOBS, 177 NORTHSHORE BLVD APT 8302, PORTLAND. TX 78374, according to Deed dated August 27, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-19006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 13, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2 GHANSHYAMSINH K JADEJA and VANDANA JADEJA, 12345 FER-RIS LN. HUNTLEY. IL 60142, according to the Deed dated September 06, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-

to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0099E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 2 DENNIS JAMES, VIN-CENT JAMES AND LORRAINE RILEY, 5333 W VAN BUREN CHICAGO. IL 60644, according to the Deed dated January 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-06497, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on March 01, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100O, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2 DENNIS JAMES, VIN-CENT JAMES AND LORRAINE RILEY, 125 N MAYFIELD AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60644,

19928, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, Illi-

nois, on September 27,

2011, are the owners

of the timeshare estate

particularly described as Unit No. 0052E, Use Phase 1 dated January 09, 2002 Frequency: Odd, Use and recorded under Period Number(s) 43, File No. 2002-06497, Phase 1

timeshare estate to be ularly described as Unit No. 0100O, Use Period Number(s) 45. Phase 2 DENNIS JAMES, VIN-CENT JAMES AND 1326 N HARDING AVE CHICAGO. IL 60651 according to the Deed and recorded under File No. 2002-06497, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-No. 0100O, Use Period Number(s) 45. Phase 2 LARRY E JAYNE, 1391 SHAW RD. HINES-VILLE, GA 31313, according to the Deed dated April 26, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-11287, corder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on May 20, 2008, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0396, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 6 KEITH JONES, 1000 MOINES, IA 50315, according to the Deed dated September 20, 2013 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit Number(s) 44, Phase 4 NATALIE KELLY and PHILIP KELLY, 8601 S DANTE AVE, CHICAing to the Deed dated December 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013-00565, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 09, 2013, are the owners of the timesnare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01010, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2 NATALIE KELLY and PHILIP KELLY, 4856 S FORRESTVILLE AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60615, according to the Deed dated December 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013-00565, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on January 09, 2013. are the owners of the timeshare estate

> particularly described as Unit No. 0101O, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2 THERESA W KITCH-EN-TEVERBAUGH, 16902 MANOR DR, SOUTH HOLLAND. IL 60473, according to the Deed dated February 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-05122, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on March 07, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

to be foreclosed, more

Period Number(s) 39, Marc Daniel Lanhart, A Single Man, 119 N OL-IVE ST, MAQUOKETA, IA 52060, according to the Deed dated February 25, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-15433, 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 deaccording to the Deed scribed as Unit No. 66

in the Office of the Re-STEVEN LAWRENCE, corder of Deeds for 315 S MAPLE ST, WA-LaSalle County, Illinois, TERMAN, IL 60556, on March 01, 2002, according to the Deed dated May 22, 2013 are the owners of the

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and recorded under File No. 2013-14481, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 03, 2013, timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070O, Use Period and GABRIELA A LO-PEZ, 364 W SAVOY DR, ROUND LAKE, IL the Deed dated April 19, 1998 and recorded under File No. 1999-03358, in the Office of for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on February 05, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate particularly described as Unit No. 0163E, Use Period Number(s) 27, MAURO A LOPEZ, II and GABRIELA A LO-PEZ, 585 S PARKSIDE

DR. ROUND LAKE, IL 19, 1998 and recorded under File No. 1999-03358, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds linois, on February 05, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 0163E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 .I LYNCH. HENRY 1209 W BRIDGE ST,

STREATOR, IL 61364, according to the Deed dated June 28, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-18476. in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 16, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0078E, Use Period MONIQUE P. MAD-LOCK, 266 PLEAS-ANT DR, CHICAGO for LaSalle County, Illi-HEIGHTS, IL 60411, according to the Deed dated December 09, 2004 and recorded under File No. 2005-00820, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on January 11, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0056O. Use

Period Number(s) 32,

Phase 1

MATHESIUS and PAMELA L PLOTE, N6595 FOREST RD. ELKHORN, WI 53121, according to the Deed dated July 19, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-17735. in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 06, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0393, Use Period Number(s) 52. Phase 6 Jack Carlton May And Jean Irma Parsons And Betty May And Ryan Michael May And Brandon May, As Joint Tenants With Full Rights Of Survivorship, 136 TAMB-ARISK LN, CONROE, TX 77304, according to the Deed dated June 17, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-08513, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 14, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 121 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 2

Jack Carlton May And

Jean Irma Parsons And

Betty May And Ryan

Michael May And Bran-

don May , As Joint Ten-

ants With Full Rights

Of Survivorship, 902

OXFORD DR, ROLLA,

MO 65401, according

to the Deed dated June

17, 2016 and recorded

under File No. 2017-08513, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 14, 2017. are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 121 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 2 Jack Carlton May And Jean Irma Parsons And Betty May And Ryan Michael May And Brandon May, As Joint Tenants With Full Rights Of Survivorship, 107 BRADWELL RD. IN-VERNESS, IL 60010, according to the Deed dated June 17, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-08513, in the Office of the Recorder County, Illinois, on June 14, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, scribed as Unit No. 121 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 2 Jack Carlton May And

Betty May And Ryan Michael May And Brandon May , As Joint Ten-Of Survivorship, 9681 E BOWLING LN, CO-LUMBIA, MO 65201, according to the Deed and recorded under File No. 2017-08513, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 14, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed. more particularly described as Unit No. 121 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 12. Phase 2 MICHAEL MCGOVERN JR, 2716 STRUCKMAN AVE, RIVER GROVE, IL 60171, according to the Deed dated August

24, 2013 and recorded

under File No. 2013-

21126, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

nois, on September 19,

2013, are the owners

of the timeshare estate

to be foreclosed, more

particularly described

Jean Irma Parsons And

as Unit No. 0410, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 7 DEREK GEORGE MCKIE and KAREECE MCKIE, 681 YOUNG-BLOOD RD, WAXA-HACHIE, TX 75165, according to the Deed dated January 15, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-04404, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 23, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0139O, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 2 CHRISTINA STEF-FES, CORTEZ IVORY, SHARON MITCHELL AND CORTIA MAYS, 15503 ABBOTSHALL BEND DR, HUMBLE, TX 77346, according to the Deed dated January 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-03056, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on February 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0089E, Use Period Number(s) 39, CHRISTINA STEFFES,

Phase 2 CORTEZ IVORY, SHA-RON MITCHELL AND CORTIA MAYS, 16303 IMPERIAL VALLEY DR APT 1012. HOUSTON. TX 77060, according to the Deed dated January 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-03056, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on February 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0089E, Use Period Number(s) 39,

CHRISTINA STEFFES. CORTEZ IVORY, SHA-CORTIA MAYS, 5071 PAGE BLVD. SAINT LOUIS, MO 63113. according to the Deed dated January 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-03056. in the Office of the Re-LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0089E, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 MARVELL MOODY and JOANN CAMPBELL, 161 KATHLEEN LN, CHICAGO HEIGHTS. IL 60411, according to the Deed dated October 11. 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-22403, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on October 31, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055O, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 1 MARVELL MOODY and

JOANN CAMPBELL,

735 W 117TH ST FL 1,

CHICAGO, IL 60628,

according to the Deed

dated October 11, 2011

and recorded under

in the Office of the Re-

corder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois,

Phase 2

on October 31, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055O, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 1 JOSE J MUNOZ, TE-RESA MUNOZ-AR-ROYO and JOSE MU-NOZ-ARROYO, 2907 IL 60099, according to the Deed dated March 16, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-06692, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 15, 2014, timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0095E, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 2 PATRICK NELSON and CRISTINE POPE-NEL-SON, 2433 W WASH-BURNE AVE FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60608, according to the Deed dated October 09, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-31866, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 01, 2005. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 1 PATRICK NELSON and CRISTINE POPE-NEL-SON, 1321 S CLARE-MONT AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60608, according to the Deed dated October 09, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-31866, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 01, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076E, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 1 Floyd L. Nesemeyer

AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGA-TEES And Debra Ann Schopf and Nancy J. TerHark and Gary Allan Nesemeyer As Joint Tenants With Full Rights Of Survivorship, 2380 US HIGHWAY 20 E, FREEPORT, IL 61032, according to the Deed dated March 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14615, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described

quency: Annually, Use to the Deed dated No-Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1 Floyd I Nesemeyer AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGA-TEES And Debra Ann Schopf and Nancy J. TerHark and Garv Allan Nesemeyer As Rights Of Survivorship, 44 N STEWART AVE. FREEPORT, IL 61032, according to the Deed FLOYD dated March 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14615, in the LEGATEES. Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more par-Unit No. 63 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1 Flovd L. Nesemever AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGA-TEES And Debra Ann Schopf and Nancy J. TerHark and Gary Allan Nesemeyer As Joint Tenants With Full Rights Of Survivorship, 629 N Phase 7 DAKOTA RD. RIDOTT. IL 61067, according to

20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14615, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 63 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1 AND ANY UNKNOWN Phase 1 HEIRS AND LEGA-

TEES And Debra Ann KHANH Schopf and Nancy J. TerHark and Gary Allan Nesemeyer As Joint Tenants With Full Rights Of Survivorship, 834 E GARDEN ST, FREEPORT, IL 61032, according to the Deed dated March 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14615, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois. on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as CHIEU Unit No. 63 Frequency: **ANGEL** Annually, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1 FLOYD NESEMEY-ER AND ANY UN-KNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES, DEBRA NANCY TERHARK AND GARY NESEMEYER. 2380 US HIGHWAY 20 E. FREEPORT, IL 61032, according to the Deed dated November 23, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014-06930, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 11, 2013, are the owners KHANH of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0412. Use

KNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES. DEB-SCHOPF, NAN-TERHARK AND GARY NESEMEYER, 44 N STEWART AVE, FREEPORT, IL 61032, according to the Deed dated November 23, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014-06930, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 11, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0412, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 7 FLOYD NESEMEY-ER AND ANY UN-

KNOWN HEIRS AND

TERHARK AND GARY

NESEMEYER, 629 N

DAKOTA RD, RIDOTT,

DEBRA

NANCY

LEGATEES,

SCHOPE

Period Number(s) 12,

ER AND ANY UN-

NESEMEY-

as Unit No. 63 Fre- IL 61067, according and PHILLIP M OBOS, vember 23, 2013 and recorded under File PAUL, MN 55101, ac-No. 2014-06930, in the Office of the Recorder le County, Illinois, on December 11, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be ularly described as Unit No. 0412, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 7 NESEMEY-ER AND ANY UN-KNOWN HEIRS AND SCHOPF. NAN-TERHARK AND GARY NESEMEYER, 834 E GARDEN ST. FREEPORT, IL 61032, according to the Deed dated November 23, under File No. 2014-06930, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illi-2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described Period Number(s) 12, CLARENCE NEWMAN and HAZEL NEWMAN, 105 BELLE CHERIE SLIDELL, LA 70461. according to the Deed dated August 02, 2000 and recorded 27352, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on October 24, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0021O, Use Period Number(s) 03, CHIEU NGUYEN, AN-GEL INTHASY AND NGUYEN, 12500 DUNCAN LN UNIT 206, NEW BER-LIN, WI 53151, according to the Deed dated October 04, 2014 and No. 2014-20572, the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, October 24, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168O, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1 NGUYEN. INTHASY AND KHANH NGUY-EN, 35935 W SANTA CLARA AVE, MARICO-PA. AZ 85138, according to the Deed dated October 04, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-20572, the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 24, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168O, Use Period Number(s) 47. Phase 1 CHIEU NGUYEN, AN-GEL INTHASY AND NGUYEN, **FOXHAVEN** RUN APT 2, WAUKE-SHA, WI 53186, according to the Deed dated October 04, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-20572, in the Office of the Re-

corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 24, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168O, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1 CHRISTINE L OBOS and PHILLIP M OBOS, 18172 W TWIN LAKES BLVD, GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030, according to the Deed dated August 20, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2006-23725, in the Office of Phase 2 the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 15, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate

to be foreclosed, more

particularly described

as Unit No. 0059O, Use

Period Number(s) 17,

Phase 1

111 KELLOGG BLVD cording to the Deed dated August 20, 2006 No. 2006-23725, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 15, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit Number(s) 17, Phase 1 ROSELYNN OGAN, 8589 MORGAN RD. RIDGE BLUE the Deed dated March 03, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-05870, in the Office of for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on March 24, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate particularly described as Unit No. 0002E, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 BRENDA PERRY, 706 E DOVEWOOD LN, FRESNO, CA 93710. according to the Deed dated March 22, 1998

and recorded under File No. 2010-06169. in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit Number(s) 40, Phase 1 TRENT PERRY and RITA JOHNSON, 2795 ROSE HILL RD, MILLaccording to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-13138, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 19, 2013, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0083E, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2 TRENT PERRY and RITA JOHNSON, 9624 SW ROYAL POINCI-ANA DR. PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL 34987, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-13138, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 19, 2013. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0083E, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2 Jean L. Pohl, A Single Woman, 2232 SAINT VINCENT AVE, LA SALLE, IL 61301, according to the Deed dated January 25, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14264, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 27, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 71 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1 CAROLYN PRES-TON, 377 WINFIELD RD, HAUGHTON, LA 71037, according to the Deed dated August 24, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-25348, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on October 08, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described

Phase 1 as Unit No. 0144E, Use Period Number(s) 18, Michael A. Purciarello, A Single Man And Melissa A. Rath, A Single File No. 2001-30860, Woman, As Joint Tenin the Office of the Reants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 223 corder of Deeds for EMERY ST, JOLIET, IL LaSalle County, Illinois, 60436, according to the on October 12, 2001, Deed dated November are the owners of the 05, 2017 and recorded timeshare estate to be CHRISTINE L OBOS under File No. 2018foreclosed, more partic-

the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 29, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be ularly described as Unit No. 205 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 4 And Sharon A Quamme, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1924 SCHELL DR, ROCKFORD, IL 61109, according to the Deed dated October 23. 2017 and recorded under File No. 2018the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 17, 2018, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 431 Frequency: Annually, Use Period Number(s) 6, Phase 7 and LUIS QUINTANA, 1707 S HAMILTON AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60608, according to the Deed dated May 12, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-11554, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 30, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0058O, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 1 GLADYS RAMIREZ. 3044 W 42ND ST APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60632, according to the Deed dated September 21, 2013 and recorded 22943, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on October 10, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0054E, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 1 MELINDA RAMIREZ and THOMAS SPEN-

CER, 301 W PANTHER WAY APT 302, HEWITT, TX 76643, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-14468, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on July 05, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046E, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1 MELINDA RAMIREZ and THOMAS SPEN-CER. 143 BREWSTER ST, ROBINSON, TX 76706, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-14468, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 05, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046E, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1 MARIA REYES, 1422 PARNELL AVE, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78224, according to the Deed dated February 18, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-05222, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on March 13, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015E, Use Period Number(s) 49, NEILBERTO RIVERA and SHERRIE CHRIS-TINE FREEMAN, 4825 CHALFONT DR, OR-LANDO, FL 32837, according to the Deed dated September 28, 2001 and recorded under

08408, in the Office of ularly described as Unit No. 0078O, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 NEILBERTO RIVERA and SHERRIE CHRIS-TINE FREEMAN, 5744 34986, according to the Deed dated September 30860, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on October 12, of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0078O. Use SHAIRA ROCK, 187 N LARCH AVE, EL-MHURST. IL 60126. dated January 25, 2013

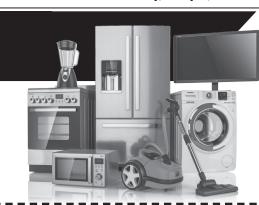
and recorded under File No. 2013-03269. in the Office of the Re-LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 15, 2013, are the owners of the ularly described as Unit No. 0019O, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1 TEVES, 301 ARISTO-CRAT DR. BOLING-BROOK, IL 60490 according to the Deed and recorded under File No. 2013-13241, in the Office of the Renois, on June 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be No. 0030O, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 1 911 LYNWOOD CT, 60404, according to the Deed dated May 04, 2014 and recorded the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County. Illinois, on May 21, 2014, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0004E, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 PETER G SANTUC-CI and CHRISTINA A PETERSON, 5470 WHITETAIL YORKVILLE, IL 60560, according to the Deed dated January 29, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2016-18384. in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073E, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 1 KIMBERLY SCHOEWE

SANTANA

PKWY.

SCHOEWE, 1854 STOCKTON DR. HOFFMAN ESTATES. IL 60169, according to the Deed dated September 14, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-22312, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100E. Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 2 MARY L SHERFIELD and RAYMOND SHER-FIELD, 1773 W GOLD-EN HILLS DR. PERU. IN 46970, according to the Deed dated June 25, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-24022, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 10, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0043, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1 NIVETTE SMART and ROBERT CORDY, 1807 WALTON LN SE, SMYRNA, GA 30082,

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according to the Deed No. 1999-25288, in the Office of the Recorder and recorded of Deeds for LaSal-2014 le County, Illinois, on under File No. 2014-September 24 1999 25017, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds are the owners of the timeshare estate to be for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit 2014, are the owners No. 0015E. Use Period of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more Number(s) 11, Phase 1 ROBERT A. TSIKRETparticularly described as Unit No. 0020O, Use SIS and LINDA HEINZ, Period Number(s) 14, 215 N ONECA ST, TONICA. IL 61370. Phase 1 BENJAMIN S SMITH according to the Deed and KYRA W SMITH, dated January 30, 2005 CMR 480 BOX 2989, and recorded under APO AF 09128 ac-File No. 2005-04380, in the Office of the Recording to the Deed dated September 28, 2007 corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 24, 2005, File No. 2007-25779, in the Office of the Reare the owners of the timeshare estate to be corder of Deeds for foreclosed, more partic-LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 24, 2007. ularly described as Unit are the owners of the No. 0204O. Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 4 timeshare estate to be ROBERT A. TSIKRET-

SIS and LINDA HEINZ.

PO BOX 61, TONICA,

IL 61370, according to

the Deed dated January

30. 2005 and recorded

under File No. 2005-

04380, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, II-

linois, on February 24,

2005, are the owners

of the timeshare estate

foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit

No. 0055E, Use Period

Number(s) 37, Phase 1

BENJAMIN S SMITH

and KYRA W SMITH

2101 W DEKLE AVE.

TAMPA, FL 33606, ac-

cording to the Deed dat-

ed September 28, 2007

and recorded under

File No. 2007-25779,

in the Office of the Re-

on October 20, 2011,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be

foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit

No. 0402, Use Period

Number(s) 28, Phase 6

CHRISTOPHER

MICHELLE SPRING-

BORN, 800 WOLF

RANCH PKWY APT

9100, GEORGETOWN, TX 78628, accord-

ing to the Deed dated

September 30, 2011

and recorded under

File No. 2011-21579,

in the Office of the Re-

corder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois,

on October 20, 2011,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be

foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit

No. 0402, Use Period

Number(s) 28, Phase 6

DENNIS K STOLL

AND ANY UNKNOWN

HEIRS AND LEGA-

TEES, 1093 2300TH

AVE, CHESTNUT, IL

62518, according to the

Deed dated February

07, 2008 and recorded

under File No. 2008-

07302, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, Illi-

nois, on April 03, 2008,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be

foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit

No. 0078E, Use Period

Number(s) 42, Phase 1

ROBERT W STRASS-

ER and KATHY L

STRASSER, 304 LIN-

COLN BLVD, NORTH

PEKIN, IL 61554, ac-

cording to the Deed

dated January 18, 1998

and recorded under File No. 1999-25288, in the

Office of the Recorder

Number(s) 11, Phase 1

and recorded under File

STRASSER.

and

SPRINGBORN

corder of Deeds for to be foreclosed, more particularly described LaSalle County. Illinois. as Unit No. 0204O. Use on October 24, 2007, are the owners of the Period Number(s) 07, timeshare estate to be Phase 4 VENABLE, **TERRY** foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit 1414 DOUGLAS DR, JACKSON, MO 63755. No. 0055E, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 according to the Deed dated September 27, CHRISTOPHER SPRINGBORN and recorded and MICHELLE SPRINGunder File No. 2008-BORN, 4202 VERDE 24988, in the Office of VIS, GEORGETOWN, the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illi-TX 78628, according to the Deed dated nois, on November 07, September 30, 2011 2008, are the owners and recorded under of the timeshare estate File No. 2011-21579, to be foreclosed, more in the Office of the Reparticularly described corder of Deeds for as Unit No. 0369, Use Period Number(s) 38, LaSalle County. Illinois.

Phase 3

MARTIN D. WALLACE, 3060 N RIDGECREST UNIT 159, MESA, AZ 85207, according to the Deed dated February 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2005-32707, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on March 01, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0077E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 1

CHARLES WILLIAMS and SHIRLEY H WIL-LIAMS, 3244 CHEST-NUT DR, FLOSS-MOOR, IL 60422, according to the Deed dated July 04, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-14848, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 20, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 4 DOROTHY WIL-LIAMS-HAMMOC. CHARLESTON 1108 LN, SAVANNAH, TX 76227, according to the Deed dated December 12. 2004 and recorded under File No. 2005-00372, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on January 06, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015O, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1

of Deeds for LaSal-ELIZABETH WRIGHT and JOSHle County, Illinois, on UA LEE WRIGHT, 808 September 24, 1999, are the owners of the PIER ST, AUBREY, TX 76227, according to the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-Deed dated September 24, 2011 and recorded ularly described as Unit No. 0015E, Use Period under File No. 2016-18582, in the Office of ROBERT W STRASSthe Recorder of Deeds ER and KATHY L for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on October 20, 13945 WAGNER DR, BLOOM-2011, are the owners INGTON, IL 61705, of the timeshare estate according to the Deed to be foreclosed, more dated January 18, 1998 particularly described

as Unit No. 0086E, Use

Period Number(s) 03, Phase 2 HOLLY E ZAEHRING-

ER and STEPHEN C ZAEHRINGER. 722 **TURTLEBACK** RD MES-102E, NV 89027 according to the Deed dated October 03, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-30996, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 22, 2005,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0216, Use Period Number(s) 21, 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. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the

purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be an-

auction. Managing entity lien holder: Holiday Inn Club Vaca-

nounced at the public

tions Incorporated, A Delaware Corpora-By: Julie Sabon-Van

Dyke, Assistant Secretary No. 0501

(May 05, 15 and 22,

NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE E. OL-SON. Deceased. Case No. 24 PR 74 **CLAIMS NOTICE** Notice is given of the

death of CHARLOTTE E. OLSON, of Cedar Point, Illinois. Letters of Office were

issued on April 18, 2024 to DAYNA M. GAETA, 428 W. Erie, Spring Valley, IL 61362, and whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Independent representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or

dates is barred. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts. gov/serviceproviders. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http:// www.illinoiscourts.gov/ FAQ/gethelp.asp.

before the above stated

Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of Court. Dated this 18th day of

April, 2024 Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse 119 W. Madison St. Ottawa, IL 61350 David M. Kaleel Attorney for Executor 806

Jefferson St Mendota, IL 61342 815-539-5616 kaleel5@frontier.com No. 0417 (April 24, May 1 and 8,

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 23, 2024 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as J & G Maintenance Services located at 1022 W. Main Street, Apt. A Ottawa. IL. 61350.

Dated: April 23, 2024. John Schutzius & Gerald Schutzius Applicants

No. 0502 (May 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On May 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM, a meeting conducted by Mendota Township High School #280 will take place at 2300 West Main Street,

Mendota. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2024 - 2025 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Mendota Township High School, you are

If you have further pertaining questions to this meeting, please contact Dr. Denise Aughenbaugh at 815-No. 0503

(May 08, 2024)

urged to attend.

IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE** THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY. OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF

Elaine R. Cain,)Case No. 2024-PR-79 Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the death of Elaine R. Cain of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 24, 2024 to Kenneth Doran of 1715 Char Lu Drive, Mendota, IL 61342, as Independent Executor, whose Attorneys of record are Guilfoyle &

Stevenson, LLP, 1316

Meriden Street, Mendo-

ta, IL 61342.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever

periods are barred. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinois-

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ministered without court unless supervision. under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred.

(May 5, 15 and 22, 2024)

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No. 0504

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Fears about fertilizing are often unfounded and can be overcome with some basic knowledge of the process.

The basics of fertilizing a lawn

Spring marks the return of lawn and garden season. Lawns often bear the brunt of winter's wrath, so spring is a great time to nurse them back to health, and fertilizing can be an essential component of that process.

Fertilizing a lawn can be intimidating. An array of fertilizers, with each seemingly designed to address a different issue, can make homeowners' heads spin when visiting their local lawn and garden center. However, fertilizing is a very simple task that any homeowner can tackle. In fact, fears about fertilizing are often unfounded and can be overcome with some basic knowledge of the process.

• Identify which type of grass is in the yard. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that turfgrass is divided into two categories: cool-season grass and warm-season grass. A local lawn and garden center can help homeowners identify which type of grass is in the yard, and this often depends on location. Fescue, bluegrass and perennial

ryegrass are some examples of cool-season grasses, while Bermuda, bahia, St. Augustine, and zoysia are considered warm-season grasses. Identifying which type of grass is in the lawn is important because that will indicate when to fertilize. Cool-season grasses are typically best fertilized in early spring, while warm-season lawns can benefit from an application just before especially warm temperatures arrive.

• Survey the lawn to identify which spreader to use. A small yard or a thriving lawn with only a few bald or unsightly patches may not need a full application of fertilizer. In such instances, a hand spreader can suffice. For larger lawns and areas, a broadcast spreader is the ideal option. Spreaders have multiple settings, and the fertilizer package will indicate which setting to utilize when using the product.

• Test the soil prior to purchasing fertilizer. The lawn experts at Pennington® note that a simple soil test can reveal soil pH and phosphorous

and potassium levels. Soil tests can be purchased at most home improvement stores and lawn and garden centers, and they can help homeowners determine which fertilizer will most benefit their lawns.

• Water the lawn prior to fertilizing. The experts at Scotts® recommend a good watering a few days prior to fertilizing a lawn. Such an approach ensures the soil is ready to accept the fertilizer once it's applied.

• Follow the instructions carefully. Detailed instructions are typically provided on fertilizer product packaging. Once homeowners have identified and purchased the product they need, they can simply follow the instructions on the packaging, including how and when to water after application, which can make fertilizing less intimidating.

Fertilizing in spring can help a lawn recover from the previous summer and winter, ensuring it's lush and green when summer entertaining season arrives.

to infestation and infection. Well-maintained tools like shovels and hoes also make more demanding gardening jobs a little bit easier, so don't forget to tune up your tools before the weather warms up.

It's almost gardening season, which means gardeners can start on the necessary prep work to ensure their gardens grow in strong and beautiful this spring.



The buzz about bees

Warm weather and extra hours of sunlight spark flowering trees and plants to bloom anew. This is the time of year when the air is sweet with the aroma of blossoms and the familiar hum of insects can be heard all around.

Not all "bugs" are the same this time of year. While you probably won't want ants invading your backyard grill fest, the presence of bees nearby can be a good thing — even if those curious yellow-and-black critters get a little close for comfort from time to time. That's because almost 90 percent of wild plants and 75 percent of the leading global crops depend on animal pollination, indicates the World Wildlife Federation.

Bees are remarkable creatures in small packages. The following are some bee facts to buzz about, courtesy of the WWF, Save the BeesTM, NASA, and the Texas A&M University Honey Bee Information Site.

• There are roughly 20,000 species of bees around the world. Most of them are solitary bees.

Bees have five eyes. Two of the eyes are large compound eyes with hexagonal facets. The other three are small, simple eyes.
Honeybees have a move called the "waggle dance." It

is a clever way of communicating to tell them where to go to find the best sources of food.Bees can carry up to 122 times their body weight in

• Bumblebees leave footprint scents behind. They are able to distinguish between their own scents, the scent of a relative and the scent of a stranger as they look for food. They also can avoid flowers already visited.

• Should a queen bee perish, the hive workers will select a new young larva and feed it a special food called "royal jelly." The larva will develop into a fertile queen.

 Bees flap their wings 190 to 200 times per second. They can fly up to 15 miles per hour.

Female bees can sting; males do not. Losing the singer will cause the bee to die. The honeybee only can sting once because its stinger is barbed. Bumblebees and hornets can sting multiple times because they have smooth stingers.
It can require nectar from two million flowers to make

ne pound of honey.

• Many bees are not aggressive. Simply moving away from them can prevent a person from being stung. Generally, bumblebees and honey bees will only sting by accident or if a nest is being disrupted.

• Wasps are different from bees in that they are mostly known to be predators. They eat other insects and often food that people eat, which is why wasps are more likely to be found around your cookout. Bees tend to be covered in hair, while wasps (which include yellow jackets) are smooth.

Bees are remarkable creatures and should be celebrated as the weather warms up.

Tips to revitalize a garden this spring

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that pays a host of significant dividends. Many people love gardening because it allows them to spend time outdoors, and that simple pleasure is indeed a notable benefit of working in a garden. But the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture notes that gardening provides a host of additional benefits, including helping people get sufficient levels of exercise, reduce stress and improve mood.

With so much to gain from gardening, it's no wonder people look forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden each spring. As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

• Discard the dead weight.

Winter can take its toll on a garden, even in regions where the weather between December and early spring is not especially harsh. Discard dead plants that have lingered into spring and prune any perennials that need it. Branches that fell during



winter storms also should be removed at this point if they have not previously been discarded.
• Test the soil. Soil testing

kits can be purchased at local garden centers and home improvement retailers. Such tests are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.

Mulch garden beds.
 Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and preventing the

growth of weeds. Various garden experts note that mulching in spring can prevent weed seeds from germinating over the course of spring and summer. That means plants won't have to fight with weeds for water when the temperature warms up. It also means gardeners won't have to spend time pulling weeds this summer.

• Inspect your irrigation system. Homeowners with in-ground irrigation systems or above-ground systems that utilize a drip or soaker function can inspect the systems before plants begin to bloom. Damaged sprinkler heads or torn lines can deprive plants of water they will need to bloom and ultimately thrive once the weather warms up.

• Tune up your tools. Gardening tools have likely been sitting around gathering dust since fall. Serious gardeners know that tools can be expensive, so it pays to protect that investment by maintaining the tools. Sharpened pruners help make plants less vulnerable



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The exterior of a home, including its landscaping, can serve as a source of pride and catch the eye of prospective buyers when the home hits the market.

Simple landscaping strategies that can transform a home's exterior

The interior of a home may be where homeowners and their families spend the majority of their time, and there's no denying that a wellplanned interior goes a long way toward making a house a home. However, the exterior of a home, including its landscaping, can serve as a source of pride and catch the eye of prospective buyers when the home hits the market.

It's easy to walk past a home with an eye-catching exterior and assume the homeowner has a green thumb or has spent lots of time and money working on the landscaping. Though that may be true, oftentimes it's the simplest strategies that make all the difference. Homeowners can keep these strategies in mind as they look to transform the exterior of their homes.

• Dress up the walkway. A longer walkway can give guests a strong first impression of a home and won't break the bank. Create new planting beds and plant bright plants and flowers along each side of the walkway. If it's necessary and within budget, lengthen the walkway to create the feel of a more grandiose entryway. · Make things more sym-

metrical. A messy landscape can give a poor first impression, even if the area features some beautiful plants. In such instances, a little effort to make things more symmetrical, with equal parts grass and vegetation, can create a cleaner, more inviting look.

 Mulch your flower and tree beds. Mulch is a relatively inexpensive but effective way to add aesthetic appeal to a landscape. Freshly mulched beds beneath trees and flowers creates a clean and organized look, and the mulch also serves a practical purpose, as it reduces weed growth and helps the soil retain moisture so plants stay healthy and look better throughout the warmer months when rainfall may not be steady or significant.

• Plant shade trees. Shade trees can be especially useful when selling a home. The shade provided by trees can shield grass from blistering summer sun, potentially helping it stay green. A lush green lawn appeals to buyers and gives the impression the home has been well maintained. In addition, shade

trees can be used to create the look of a backyard oasis. A well-placed bench beneath a large shade tree can entice buyers who want a relaxing spot to enjoy warm summer days outdoors without getting a sunburn.

 Consider maintenance. The more exotic an exterior landscape is, the more maintenance it's likely to require. Lawn and garden enthusiasts may not be turned off by landscape features that require steady maintenance, but homeowners who don't have much time for such work should keep things simple. A poorly maintained landscape, even if it includes exotic plants and elaborate designs, will adversely affect curb appeal. Another feather in the cap of low-maintenance landscape features is they could prove more appealing to prospective buyers, who may view elaborate, exotic landscaping as a lot of extra work they won't want to do.

Some simple landscaping strategies can help homeowners transform their home exteriors without requiring a significant investment of time or money.

6 ways to make your garden more successful

Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals.

While growing a vegetable or flower garden can turn into a rewarding hobby, or even a passion, gardening also can be overwhelming

 particularly when the results are less than stellar. Novice gardeners have scores of resources at their disposal, including the advice of gardeners who have made mistakes and learned from them. The following guidance can make

home gardens that much more successful.

1. Start small.

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers. But it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden.

This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely fashion.

2. Assess the soil.

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants, according to the gardening resource GrowVeg. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost, shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly

or averse to plants at a local garden center.

3. Arm yourself with knowledge.

Do you know how deeply to plant seeds and how far apart to space plants? Are you aware of the sunlight needs of certain flowers or plants? If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not only sprouting, but also surviving. Many people prefer to start seedlings

indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

4. Sit in your yard and observe.

Watch the way the sunlight dances over areas of your landscape. Take note of

which areas get the most sun and shade. This will help you plan what to plant and where to plant it. Vegetable gardens tend to need ample sunlight to bear pick-worthy produce. You can give plants a leg up by growing them in optimal conditions.

5. Choose hardy varieties.

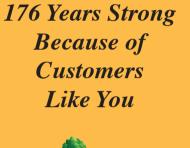
Certain plants have been bred to thrive in your climate, including heat-tolerant plants for climates with sweltering summer sun. Consult with a local gardening center to figure out which plant zone you are in and which plants will do best within that zone.

6. Use rainwater.

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden.

Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.

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