

MHS tackles serious subject matter in fall play

❑ “Radium Girls” set for stage Oct. 4 & 5

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Staff writer

MENDOTA – When Mendota High School Drama Director James Younger was thinking about choosing the fall play, an old idea came to him.

“Radium Girls” had been on the back burner for a few years. He thought it was a good play, but it just wasn’t the right time.

Now it is, as MHS welcomes you to “Radium Girls” at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 5 at the MHS Auditorium.

“I’ve been thinking about this show for a couple of years. I have the right cast at the right time,” Younger said. “It allows for lots of participation. I have a lot of hungry students who are willing to bite into something a little more serious with a difficult subject matter. They were willing to put in the work to understand the depth of their characters.

“We have 15 actors on stage, and we have almost that many helping with technical duties and in the back. We have around 30 students involved in the production. The play has local connections. This one is set in New Jersey, but they had the same story in Ottawa. It gives the students a chance to be really dramatic. We’ve done some comedies in the past, which they’ve enjoyed. This lets them flex a different muscle. I thought they were ready for it.”

“Radium Girls” is a play. There isn’t music involved. There isn’t any choreography, dance, or song.

It is all dialogue where



The cast and crew of Mendota High School’s production “Radium Girls” includes, front row, left to right, Abe Botts, Sophie Pappas, Daisy Mendez-Santana, Nicki Reyes, Norah Olson, Sami Nelson, Grace Schlesinger, Hunter Goellner, Brianna Russell, Meghan Dewey, Allyssah Arteaga, Korinne Miars. Back row, stage manager Jennifer Masini, James Whitmore, Quin Holland, Dessa Komitas, Jillian Younger, Gage Richey, Spencer Kain, Gracie Botts, Miranda Wheeler, Shelby Bentley, Cailynn Rodrick, Hayden Senders, B.J. Bresley, director James Younger. (Reporter photos by Brandon LaChance)

Younger has seen all of his young actors and actresses grow as performers.

Gracie Botts, a MHS junior, has been in the drama program since her freshman year. She has enjoyed all of the productions she has been in over the last few years, but this hits a little different.

She enjoys telling the story of the girls from the 1920s and wearing the period wear dresses of the time period.

“I feel this has been the most coherent and well put together play. This is my favorite production I’ve been part of,” Botts said. “Mama Mia and Radium Girls are pretty close, but I think Radium Girls tops Mama Mia because of the relationship we’ve all developed.

“We did it a little different with rehearsals. I felt we were missing some connection, but as soon as we started full group activities, this has been the most positive production. Not that any of them were negative, but this is especially positive because it’s such a heavy play.

“We’ve all lifted each other up. It makes the backstage environment happy and uplifting even though this is not a funny or happy production.”

Junior Spencer Kain has been on stage since fifth grade but nothing has given him the emotional roller coaster at the same speed or height as “Radium Girls.”



MHS junior Spencer Kain rehearses his role for the upcoming production “Radium Girls.” The show hits the MHS Auditorium at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 5.

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District 280 Board OKs FY25 budget

❑ MHS supports city grant application

MENDOTA – The Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education approved the Fiscal Year 25 budget at its Sept. 23 meeting.

BUDGET HEARING

A budget hearing was held prior to the regular session. Superintendent Denise Aughenbaugh said the FY25 budget had changes from what was placed on display last month. The Corporate Personal Property Tax revenue funds were estimated at \$759,447, which is a decrease from \$1.127 million received in FY24. The CPPRT revenue funds are shifting back to the amount prior to a state correction in revenue sent to school districts.

Over the last four years, several capital projects have occurred that impacted expenditures. In FY24, the district remodeled the weight room with ESSER (Emergency and Secondary School Emergency Relief) grant funds and made bus garage roof, gutter and minor flat roof repairs.

Projects planned or completed from FY22 through FY25 are approximately \$5.3 million. The Finance Committee met and also recommends a future \$400,000 Working Cash transfer to Capital Projects to pay for the rough estimate of capital projects and health life safety work, which is approximately \$1.6 million in FY25.

The total estimated revenue for FY25 is \$11,029,445 with expenses at \$12,159,651 for a deficit of \$1,130,206.

REGULAR MEETING

During regular session, the board approved the FY25 budget as proposed. Budgets are posted at www.mendotahs.org.

The board heard a request from City of Mendota representatives Annie Short and Ali Braboy for a permanent easement to support the walk/run/bike path grant application. Upon review by the district attorney, the board will approve the request.

A representative from Land’s Energy Electric Renewal addressed the board regarding pending electrical increases. The board approved a 24-month renewal contract.

Also, the board approved the purchase of a snow removal/maintenance truck and approved the first reading of PRESS Plus 116 policy updates.

Principal Joe Masini reported on the professional development scheduled, Homecoming Week activities and Curriculum Committee updates, and provided commendations and a fall athletics overview.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21.

Free electronics recycling event scheduled for Oct. 5 in Ottawa

OTTAWA—A free electronics recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5 from 8 a.m.-noon at the LaSalle County Government Center, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa.

Pre-registration is required by going online at www.lasallerecycling.as.me (preferred method) or by calling 815-630-4308 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. Registration is not open to businesses.

Accepted items are: cable and satellite receivers, cameras, cash registers, credit card readers, cell phones and accessories, chargers, circuit boards, computer servers, computers and parts, copiers/

printers/scanners/fax machines/typewriters, DVD/VHS players, external drives, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, ink and toner cartridges,



laptops/tablets/eReaders, mice and keyboards, microwaves, all types monitors, MP3/iPods/etc., networking equipment (modems, switches, routers, hubs), phones and telecom equipment, projectors, rechargeable batteries (lithium ion, Ni-Cd, lead acid, Ni-Mh), stereos/radios/speakers, all types televisions (limit two per vehicle), uninterrupted power supplies, video game

consoles, wires, cable, Christmas lights.

Non-accepted items are: loose alkaline batteries (accepted while

contained in electronic devices), liquid containing items, freon containing items (A/C units, dehumidifiers), white goods (refrigerators, freezers), thermostats, light bulbs.

For information not regarding registration, contact the LaSalle County Land Use Department at 815-434-8666.

Fire Prevention Week 2024 Theme is: “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™”

SPRINGFIELD – The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced this year’s theme for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6-12: “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™” The goal of this year’s campaign strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

“It’s simple, working smoke alarms save lives! Due to synthetic materials used in modern construction, homes burn hotter and faster, while also emitting toxic smoke limiting the time you have to escape to less than 2-3 minutes. The early warning from smoke alarms could save your life,” said Illinois State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera. “I encourage all departments across the state to make plans to host outreach events that help to promote fire safety in their



communities during this week. You should always test your smoke/CO alarms monthly and replace any broken or expired alarms in your home.”

During 2023 in Illinois, the “Be Alarmed!” Smoke Alarm Installation Programs participating fire departments found 68% of pre-existing smoke alarms in homes that received new 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms were non-functional or expired. Currently, there are 280 active Illinois fire de-

partments from 61 different counties participating in this program. To learn more about the “Be Alarmed!” program visit www.ifsa.org/alarms.

According to the NFPA, smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent). Meanwhile, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Our September principal award winners were celebrated this past week with a pizza lunch. The students invited to the lunch were Callie Kittilson, Aylin Hernandez, Amelia Rosales, Harper Ganz, Teague Zinke, Dian Zendeli, Emma Springstein, Mia Topolewski, Maylen Vazquez, Gabe Wujek, Bryson Ontiveros, Leo Figueroa, Analeisa Arteaga, Asher Yarbrough, Daniel Bautista and Hadley Kaufman. The students enjoyed their lunch. A picture of our September winners will appear in an upcoming issue of The Mendota Reporter.

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The first graders were unable to attend their field trip to Boggio's Orchard due to rain and wet conditions. The field trip is rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 22 and Wednesday, Oct. 23. Notes will be sent home with students.

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Trojan spirit was in our school on Friday, Sept. 27. The school was a sea of purple and gold spirit wear to support the Mendota High School Trojans. Thank you to our students and staff for participating in this school spirit day.

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Thank you to Mr. Zinke from Mendota High School for planning an assembly for our kindergarten and first grade students in the spirit of Mendota High School's Homecoming week. Mr. Zinke and about 13 MHS student-athletes talked to our students about their extracurricular activities and the exciting things they get to experience with Homecoming week. We also learned and did a Mendota Trojan cheer together. We had students color pictures for the athletes and we provided them with a bag of treats. Thank you so much to the school staff and students who participated in this assembly. The high school students were like "celebrities" to our Blackstone students. I think it's something they will always remember!

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The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Sasha Harzheim, Kinzie Higdon, Yulissa Escatel, Joel Castro, Henry Schoepf, Gabe Dykstra, Ava Porter and Hadley Scheppers. The winners were Emma Springstein, Mia Topolewski, Daniel Bautista and Hadley Kaufman. Congratulations to all of you!

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Thank you again to all of our families and community members who supported our Perfect Pastries fundraiser. Funds received from this sale will support us buying prizes for our future Paw Pride reward assemblies.



Lilacs bloom in September?

Jane Faber has lived in Mendota for 63 years, and in the same house for 62 years. For the last 55 of those, she has had lilac trees along the fence in her back yard. "I never thought I'd see my lilacs bloom during this time of the year. Usually they bloom in May. I looked out my window and thought I saw them. I picked up the binoculars and looked again. I counted over 40 blossoms." Has anyone else had lilacs bloom in September? (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

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Carus Summer Science Camp director Dan Fitzpatrick, far right, and Angelique Depenbrock, far left, with this year’s camp participants. (Photo contributed)

Young scientists engaged in Carus Summer Science Camp

PERU – Carus Summer Science Camp concluded on July 12 with a graduation ceremony at Saint Bede Academy. This year marked the 22nd year that Carus has offered the free camp to local students entering the sixth grade. Since its inception in 2001, over 625 students have graduated from the camp.

Dan Fitzpatrick, a science teacher at Saint Bede Academy, once again directed the camp with the help of Angelique Depenbrock, a science teacher at LaSalle-Peru Township High School. Ken Pisarczyk, a valued retiree of Carus, also contributed his time and expertise as a volunteer.

Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) through engaging demonstrations, hands-on experiments, and educational games. This year’s camp included a water treatment plant tour led by Carus volunteers Tim Postula and Tina Garcia, providing students with a practical look at the role of science in water treatment.

New to this year’s camp was a Hegeler-Carus Mansion tour led by the Hegeler-Carus Foundation. This tour allowed students to explore the rich history and scientific legacy associated with Carus, deepening their understanding of local heritage and scientific advancements in our local community.

On graduation day, students participated in the highly anticipated competitive rocket launches, a tradition that continues to excite and inspire year after year.

“At Carus, we are delighted to offer local students a dynamic and engaging learning experience in STEM as they prepare to enter the sixth grade,” says Lyndsay Bliss, vice president of human resources and communications at Carus. “We are incredibly grateful to Dan, Angelique, and Ken for their dedication and passion in making this camp a success. Their commitment helps ignite a love for science in these young minds.”

Are you a graduate of the Carus Summer Science Camp from the past? Did you pursue a career in science, technology, engineering, or math? Share your story with Carus by visiting carusllc.com/campsurvey.

The Intricate Riddle of Life: Mary Shelley

MENDOTA – Debrah Miller returns to the Graves-Hume Public Library at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 in Mendota as the mother of science fiction, Mary Shelley.

Shelley was the daughter of social revolutionaries William Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft, wife of romantic poet Percy Shelley, and mother of Frankenstein and his mother.

But beneath the sweeping romantic tale of love unbound by societal convention and a life of travel, is the truth of the life of Mary Shelley; abandoned, disowned, and betrayed, wounded by the deaths of husband and children, she was besieged by creditors and so-called friends.

Library programs are open to all, and no library card is required.

Please call 815-538-5142 to register.

“Simply Patsy” coming to Princeton’s Grace Theater Oct. 12

PRINCETON - Grace Theater will host “Simply Patsy,” a tribute to country music singer Patsy Cline’s life and music, on Saturday, Oct. 12, with two shows starting at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Grace Theater, home of Festival 56, is located at 316 S. Main St., Princeton.

Since 2009, Mary Pfeifer has given tribute to the iconic Patsy Cline, telling stories about her path to stardom and singing songs from her 100+ recordings.

Dressed in fringe and boots, Pfeifer gives her audience an insight into Patsy’s journey, mixing in a little humor and some of her own personal story. Over 30 selections of Patsy’s songs are shared with the audience, along with some background trivia about them. Backing her up is the talented Pearl Handle Band, who come primarily from the Charleston/ Paris, Ill., area.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at festival56.com, by calling 815-879-5656, or at the door.

Participating business Coal Creek Brewing Company will be brewing a special release beer, “After Midnight,” a raspberry blackberry pilsner in collaboration with Festival 56, and Cupcake Creations Unlimited will be donating a black walnut cake for each performance, inspired by Patsy’s mother to welcome her home from her tours.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Keith S. Althaus

MENDOTA – Keith Stuart Althaus, 81, of Mendota, was called to his eternal home on Sept. 28, 2024. A visitation will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, at Horner-Merritt Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Mendota. A funeral service will follow at the funeral home at 11 a.m.

He was born Dec. 6, 1942, in Mendota.

Keith was the loving father of Carmen Black and Dawn McInnis, beloved brother of Deb Drypolcher, and cherished grandfather of Josiah Black, Makayla Cooper, Ryan McInnis, and Aaron McInnis. He also leaves behind his ex-wife Barb Worton, sons-in-law David Black and Tom McInnis, and brother-in-law Bernie Engels. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and other extended family.

Keith was predeceased by his parents, Stuart and Etta Mae Althaus, his sisters Vicki Engles and Kaye Lindberg, and brothers-in-law Craig Lindberg and Peter Drypolcher.

An adventurous spirit, Keith was a man who wore many hats throughout his life. He served his country in the US Air Force in Great Falls, Mont. Keith had several different jobs including a heavy equipment operator to a firefighter. He also worked in farming, trucking, trail guiding, and a train wreck clean-up crew. His zest for life was evident in his work, which spanned construction-pipeline, farming, and trucking. Even in his retirement, Keith's adventurous spirit never waned.

Keith was a generous soul, always ready to lend a hand or share what he had with others. His faith was the guiding light of his life, reflecting his generous heart. He resided in Mendota, where he was a familiar and beloved figure.

Visit www.horner-merritt.com for online guest book.



Christopher H. Faletto

MENDOTA – Christopher H. Faletto, 71, of Mendota, passed away Sept. 27, 2024, at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center with his wife by his side.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2 at Wasmer Funeral Home. Services will be at 7 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Chris was born Jan. 8, 1953, in Peru, to Phillip and Beverly (Baker) Faletto. He spent his childhood in the LaSalle Peru area, graduating from L-P High School in 1971. Chris married the love of his life, Catherine Schmidt Walter on July 22, 2016, in Ottawa.

Chris will be forever missed by his loving partner of 21 years (and his kidney donor), Cathy of Mendota, daughters, Dana Faletto of Chicago, Liana (Sam Parks) Faletto of Chicago, Joanie (Myles Emmons) Faletto of Chicago; brother, Jon (Cheri) Faletto of Ft. Myers Beach, Fla.; sister, Lisa (Kevin Davis) Faletto of Valparaiso, Ind.; stepsons, Jacob (Elizabeth) Walter of Chandler, Ariz., Cory (Jenae) Walter of Germany; grandson, James Roland Walter; Godson and nephew, Steven (Kelsey) Faletto, and niece Rachel Faletto. Chris will be missed by his bonus family, Cathy's dad, Bill (Judy) Schmidt; siblings, Karen (Joe) Happ and Bob Schmidt, and their families, and lifelong best friend, Ken Funfsinn (you know a story was good if "Kenny was involved"). His furry sidekick, Pokie the Dog, will remember his human daddy forever.

He is preceded in death by his parents, nephew Dominic Davis, and grandson Ayden Walter.

Chris attended Illinois State University on a football scholarship from '71-75 with a B.S. in Industrial Technology — and Chris definitely had BSing down to a science. He could banter with the best, and loved to entertain anyone who would listen to his many wild stories (up to the listener to determine how embellished his stories were). He had a rapier wit and highly developed sense of the ridiculous. Chris's musical knowledge was extensive. His favorite place was anywhere with his wife and daughters, especially on his boat — whether that be on the Illinois River or off the coast of Ft. Myers, Fla.

Chris was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and every Thursday morning coffee club at Hy-Vee.

He owned and operated Faletto Hardwood Floors in Chicagoland for over 40 years and claimed to have done nearly every floor in Chicago in those 40 years.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue IVAR, or to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



EDUCATION BRIEFS

N. Salinas attending Holy Cross

WORCESTER, Mass. – The College of the Holy Cross is excited to welcome Natalia Salinas of Mendota as a member of the College's Class of 2028.

At 835 students, the Class of 2028 includes students from 507 different high schools, 41 U.S. states and territories, 13 different countries, and 33 different languages spoken. This incoming class represents one of the most diverse and academically accomplished classes in the College's history.

Admission to the Class of 2028 was more competitive than ever with a 10% increase in the number of applications submitted, and the lowest-ever proportion of applicants admitted - 17.6%.

The new Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics. They arrived on campus and moved into the residence halls on Aug. 21, where they were welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes began on Aug. 27.

"Welcome, Class of 2028!" College President Vincent D. Rougeau told the class during Mass of the Holy Spirit. "You chose Holy Cross, where classes are small and the community is vibrant and ready for your contributions. Here, you will be encouraged to speak up and engage. When, how, and with whom are up to you. You will have your certainties challenged and perspectives broadened. And trust me, you will thrive."

Kish College names scholarship recipients

MALTA – The Kishwaukee College Foundation is pleased to announce the student scholarship recipients for the Fall 2024 semester. The Foundation awarded 333 scholarship awards totaling \$267,574.

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

Kishwaukee College students received the following awards:

Edward W. Deeke Endowment — Lian Pedersen of Amboy
Emma Anderson Scholarship — Mahala Gonzalez of Paw Paw

Jeanne M. Henderson Memorial Endowment — Miguel Villegas of Amboy

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

The Kishwaukee College Foundation scholarship application period for the Spring 2025 semester is open through Tuesday, Oct. 15. For more information on Foundation scholarships, contact the Kishwaukee College Foundation at 815-825-9803 or visit kish.edu/kcfscholarships.

Sherril Walburn

MENDOTA – Sherril Walburn, 85, of Mendota, passed away on Sept. 29, 2024, in Peoria.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at the Horner-Merritt Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Mendota. Following the visitation, a graveside service will take place at 12:15 p.m. at Restland Cemetery in Mendota.

She was born on April 12, 1939, in Portland, Ore.

She was united in marriage with Dee Walburn on June 20, 1971, in Mendota.

Sherril is survived by five children, Brian (Charlene) Dewey of Stickney, Kevin Dewey of Bend, Ore., Mark Dewey of Bend, Ore., Jeffrey Dewey of Sterling and Joel (Janet) Dewey of Bloomington; two brothers, James and Bill Michel; grandchildren, Patrick (Caitlin) Dewey, Zachary Dewey, Rachel (Trevor) Richmond, Shaun (Kim) Dewey, Robert (Dawn) Dewey, Megan (Robert) Hanks and Christopher (Sierra Pelton) Dewey; and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dee; her parents, Robert and Dorothy Michel; and siblings, Patrick Michel and Jeanette Loomis.

A long-time resident of Mendota, Sherril was a dedicated and hardworking individual who spent her career as a factory worker at Del Monte until her retirement.

Visit www.horner-merritt.com for online guestbook.



SRCCF Disco Ball rescheduled

LaSALLE – The Starved Rock Country Community Foundation Disco Ball scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5 is being rescheduled as a "Mardi Gras Celebration" on Saturday, March 1 at Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club in LaSalle.

"Unfortunately, we will not be hosting our event scheduled for this Saturday. However, we

are moving it to March 2025 and rebranding it with a Mardi Gras theme," said SRCCF President Fran Brolley.

Tickets purchased for the Oct. 5 event will be honored at the March 1 celebration. For information, contact SRCCF Director of Operation Janice Corrigan at (815) 252-2906, ext. 2 or janice@srccf.org.

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Fall Play

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“I really enjoy this performance. I think it gives a lot of people, the actors and actresses, opportunities to play different characters and not be the same character throughout the entire performance,” Kain said. “For some of the bigger roles, it offers a lot, lot, lot of lines to really go over and really get in depth with the character to see the growth they go through in this two-hour journey.”

“The very last scene of this play is a very emotional moment because it really allows the main two characters and a few other characters to kind of reflect what’s happened through the entire play. By the end of the last monologue, everyone is sad. Then we finish and we’re like, yay, we did it. The vibe just shifts in two seconds.”

With a serious play, it would have been easy for the cast and crew to be melancholy backstage.

Instead, the MHS student actors and production members have been anything but as they have made sure to share smiles, laughs, and congratulations after a great scene.

“I think everyone is having a lot of fun. It’s not just a play, it’s history. The names are not the same, but this actually happened,” said Jillian Younger, who has been in plays since she was 7 years old. “I think it’s really cool that we get to tell this story. I think people are really starting to understand that this is true and there were girls who went through this.”

“Also, there are people that are going through similar things today. It’s not with radium, but it could be anything else. We actually had Madeline Piller, who helped with the Radium Girls statue, the memorial, come and talk to us. I think it gave everyone a deep, profound understanding that it’s not about us, it’s about the girls and telling their story, and also for the family members of those people.”

“Many of them never got answers to what happened to their family members. It’s telling the story, so it doesn’t happen again in the future.”

The cast and crew consist of Abe Botts, Sophie Pappas, Daisy Mendez-Santana, Nic-ki Reyes, Norah Olson, Sami Nelson, Grace Schlesinger, Hunter Goellner, Brianna Russell, Meghan Dewey, Allyssah Arteaga, Korinne Miars, James Whitmore, Quin Holland, Dessia Komitas, Jillian Younger, Gage Richey, Spencer Kain, Gracie Botts, Miranda Wheeler, Shelby Bentley, Cailynn Rodrick, Hayden Senders, B.J. Bresley.

Younger is the director and Jennifer Masini is the stage manager of “Radium Girls.”

Fire

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In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in the United States. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters and other public safety educators provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

State flag redesign contest open in Illinois until Oct. 18

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced that the Illinois Flag Commission has begun accepting public submissions for a new state flag design.

The commission will accept design ideas for consideration from the public — online or via mail — until Oct. 18. The commission also plans to work with schools and local libraries to inform Illinoisans about the process and encourage residents to take part.

The commission was created in 2023 after Senate Bill 1818, sponsored by State Senator Doris Turner (48th District—Springfield) and State Representative Kam Buckner (26th District—Chicago) was signed into law.

“I’m excited to see the creativity of Illinois residents and how they display their passion for our great state,” said Giannoulias whose office is responsible for chairing the commission. “The symbols that represent and unify our state are important and this presents an excellent opportunity to engage Illinoisans and showcase their pride.”

“History is living, breathing and ever-evolving,” said Turner. “We need to ensure government is evolving with the times so people are engaged and a part of what



Current flag for the State of Illinois.

is going on across the state. To start the conversation, I led the initiative to create the Illinois Flag Commission, which is tasked with deciding whether the current state flag should be replaced with a redesigned state flag. We need a flag that truly represents Illinois — a state with a strong workforce, an agriculture champion and so much more.”

“Our flag embodies the rich tapestry of Illinois—from the mighty Mississippi to the shores of Lake Michigan. It reflects our history, our people, and the spirit of our state,” said Buckner. “A new design presents a unique opportunity to honor our heritage while showcasing the evolving story of Illinois.”

The commission will select 10 designs based on how they reflect the identity

of Illinois and will host an online public survey for residents to vote on their favorites or to keep the current flag. Voting will begin Jan. 1 and last around two months.

Some general guidance for submissions includes:

- Design elements can include natural features of the state, history and culture of the state.
- No limit on flag shape or ratio but designs may be edited by the commission.
- No limit on colors but recommended less than three colors for clarity of design.
- Participants can visit www.ilsos.gov and upload online or submit their design via mail addressed to Illinois Flag Commission, Howlett Building, Room 476, 501 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62756
- Participants are re-

quired to provide their first and last name, address, email address and phone number. They are also required to explain their relationship to Illinois and provide a description of their flag entry (each category limited to 500 characters).

- To upload an image, the file will need to be 5 MB or less and in PNG, GIF, or JPG format.
- There should be no watermarks or frames around the image.
- By submitting a design to the Commission, the designer is authorizing the Commission and the State of Illinois to take ownership of the design
- Persons under 18 may submit designs if submitted in coordination with a parent/guardian, teacher or adult mentor.
- Designs cannot be copied from other designs or use existing logos or copyrighted materials; however, the design can include elements or reproductions of the State Seal or any prior Illinois State flag.
- Designs cannot be AI generated.
- Submissions are limited to three per person.
- Submissions from outside the United States, i.e. military bases, need to be made by regular mail.

After public feedback, the commission will re-

port its findings to the Illinois General Assembly, whose members will vote on whether to adopt a new flag or retain the current flag design.

The bill allows for the commission to evaluate if a new state flag would better represent the state’s diversity of urban, suburban and rural communities and inspire renewed state pride among Illinoisans.

The commission chaired by David Joens, Director of the Illinois State Archives, on behalf of the Secretary of State. Its members also include:

- Three members appointed by the governor
- Four members each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Minority Leader and the House Minority Leader.
- A representative from the State Superintendent of Education and one from the Board of the Illinois State Museum will also be commission members.

Illinois has joined other states in seeking a new state flag design. Minnesota unveiled its new flag in December 2023, using a similar method to the one adopted by Illinois. Both Michigan and Maine are also considering an official change in their state flags.

City Burn Ordinance

MENDOTA – It is unlawful to burn any materials other than small and dried quantities of branches, leaves, weeds or grass at any time. The burning of any material such as rubber, tires, leather, tar paper, old batteries or any material that emits an offensive odor when burned is unlawful within the city limits of Mendota.

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‘Make sure you visit your grandmother’

Last night (Monday), was a birthday dinner for my grandmother who is turning 83 on Oct. 5.

Unfortunately, I didn’t find out about the dinner at a restaurant in Durand until Friday afternoon, which was three months after I was booked to referee a basketball game at Bureau Valley Junior High School and a week after I wrote four interviews and a photo shoot in my planner.

Never the Last Chance

By Brandon LaChance



Still, when my mother sent me the text telling me about the family gathering for my favorite person on the planet, I tried to maneuver and manipulate my plans, to no avail.

When I told my lovely girlfriend, Kristen (I asked permission to use her name in columns and Edge of Your Seat Podcast episodes because she is the one) about the dinner, she choked up a little bit because she lost her grandmother last week.

Holding back tears, she looked at me and said, ‘I know it’s last minute and you’re busy, but make sure you visit your grandmother.’

Being there for her during the last week, and every day since we met Jan. 18, 2023, I immediately knew where she was coming from and agreed with her. I still couldn’t go to Durand, but a personal gathering with my grandparents is in the works for later this week or next week.

This may sound immoral or simply wrong (it is), but when I was younger, way younger, I always thought, ‘When elderly pass away, we should be grateful they’re not in pain anymore and there isn’t any reason to be sad because they lived a long life.’

What an idiot I was.

Yes, it’s awesome they’re not in pain anymore and they’re in Heaven living their best afterlife and watching us down here, probably laughing as we do the dumb things we do. That part was right in my young thought process.

But not being sad, was definitely dumb. Our grandparents are usually the nicest, sweetest, kindest, most forgiving people we will ever have in our lives. When we get in an argument with our parents or our siblings, who is the one we usually sit with, eat a freshly baked chocolate chip cookie, and vent all of our qualms with? Grandma or grandpa.

Who are the first ones in the bleachers for your basketball game or band concert? Grandma or grandpa.

Who sends you birthday cards, even when you’re in your 30s and 40s, in the 2000s, 2010s, and 2020s when everything is digital, stamp prices rise every couple of months (exaggeration)? Grandma and grandpa.

When you get in trouble or do something that makes others never talk to you or interact with you again, who opens their door with a smile on their face or calls you to get your side of the story or see if you’re OK? Grandma or grandpa.

I could continue the list of what grandparents mean to grandchildren across our universe and other universes, but you get the point.

They are a huge part of our lives from the time we’re born until they’re unfortunately taken from us.

My grandmother is still with us and I’m currently tearing up thinking about the void I’ll have in my life when she is no longer here. My grandfather, too.

Our planners get overbooked with career or personal endeavors, but the one thing we can’t do is forget the people who mean the most to us and not spend valuable time with them.

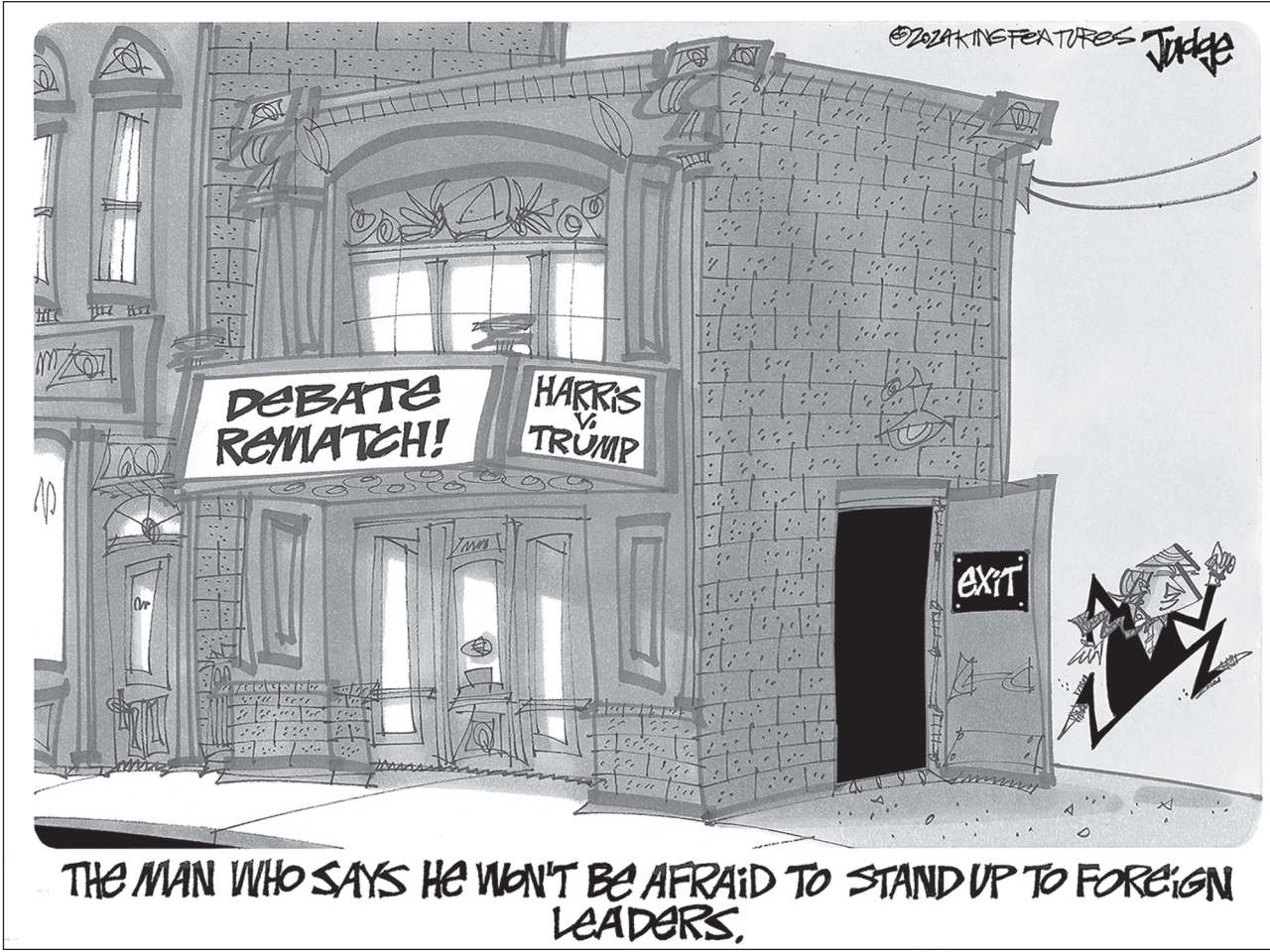
I made sure I held Kristen’s hand, hugged her, and gave her my shoulder anytime she has needed it in the last week and will do the same moving forward.

It doesn’t matter how old someone is, if they mean something to you and the love is unconditional like a grandparent/grandchild bond is, it’s hard to lose them and we should be sad.

‘Make sure you visit your grandmother’ before you can’t anymore.

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Donnelley comes to Mendota – 1992

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Oct. 1, 1997.)

By Jessica Nashold

On Sept. 30, 1992, The Mendota Reporter carried the news that R.R. Donnelley & Sons had signed an agreement to purchase Combined Communications Services. The option to purchase had first been announced in July 1991.

James Ratcliffe, vice president of marketing for Donnelley, said the sale would be closed “in a month or so.” Edward E. Lane, president of Donnelley’s Magazine Group, saw the acquisition as “an opportunity to diversify. Combined Communication Services, like its predecessor, Wayside Press, had specialized in trade publications. Conco Press, which had preceded Wayside, was publisher of a variety of organization magazines.

The sale will include printing presses in Mendota, pre-press facilities in Oregon, Ill., and a closed plant in Columbia, Mo.

The Mendota plant, located on West Washington Street, had been built by the Western Advent Publishing Co. It was known as the Hope Press, because its principal production was *Our Hope*, an Adventist magazine. During extensive remodeling by Wayside, the original plant had been completely encased by a larger structure, then dismantled and brought out piece by piece through the front door. This was followed by further additions.

Combined Communication Services had employed 450 full- and part-time people, 350 of them in Mendota. Robert Sanderson, CCS president, was slated to become vice president of sales and marketing for Donnelley.

Ernie Engstrom, principal at Northbrook and Sister Kathleen Gallagher, principal at Holy Cross, addressed the subject of disciplining middle school students.

Northbrook students were asked to sign a contract agreeing to procedures. Students involved in fights would be

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required to attend a class on “conflict resolution.” Parental involvement was key to the success of this approach. Principal Engstrom was hopeful.

If you ask parents to help out in any manner, they’ll do it.

He added that at Northbrook, problems were not related to drugs, alcohol or illegal weapons. The problems were in the areas of vandalism and tobacco-related offenses. In this regard –

There is more problem with chewing than with smoking.

Sister Kathleen and Sister Leonette, a teacher with many years in education, expressed concern because of changes in family structure. They felt parents needed to exert a bigger influence on their children.

The biggest problem students in middle school have is their age.

Making decisions and forming relationships are crucial. At Holy Cross, offenses were dealt with on a case-by-case basis, with emphasis on courtesy. Sister Kathleen’s view –

Common courtesy is a good foundation for self-management.

A youth group at St. John’s Lutheran Church took part in a United Way Labor of Love project. They adopted a house, raised \$700, and with some help from the National Bank of Mendota, made extensive repairs.

The Mendota Spikers volleyball team, coached by Mary Stephenitch, took the championship in the Illinois Valley Tournament held in Streator on Sept. 26, 1992. The team had won 14 straight matches and was 17-4 overall.

Bill Myers, the Starved Rock Story-

teller, was presented in an Oct. 4, 1992, program at the Civic Center, sponsored by the American Legion Post 540. There was no charge for the performance, attended by 60.

Kris Neal, Civic Center director, expressed the hope that family entertainment at the center would be expanded.

A representative of architects Gerding, Richards & Schoenbachler, appeared before the city council to request approved of 30-foot setbacks on Sixth Avenue and Sixth Street, needed to an addition to the Lutheran Home. This would involve a variance of 20 feet on the Sixth Street side and 15 feet on the Sixth Avenue side. The matter was to be referred to the Plan Commission.

Alderman Rod Campbell suggested that before taking a proposal to the Plan Commission, some provision for surface water run-off be indicated.

The amount of interest from the Kanteen Fund, available for youth programs in 1992, was only \$3,500, down from previous levels because of lower yields on capital from the sale of the Kanteen building. Management was provided by representatives of Woman’s Club, Junior Woman’s Club, Jaycees, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions. It was mentioned that donations to the capital fund from other sources would be welcomed.

Northbrook Elementary Parents Organization (NEPO) sponsored a test-a-thon, which resulted in funding for an outdoor playhouse for kindergarteners.

The Mendota Golf Club Auxiliary held election of officers at the last meeting of its 1992 season on Sept. 29. Co-presidents elected were Jane Scheidenhelm and June Martens. Co-secretaries named were Emily Wulf and Marie Rollins. Serving alone in 1993 would be Susan Ginocchio, vice president; Dorothy Copper, treasurer; and Joann Reeder, corresponding secretary.

Thank you, Caitlin Clark

By Rich Lowry

I called a long-time friend the other day, a fellow sports fan, to catch up, and we spent the first 20 minutes talking about women’s professional basketball.

Neither of us had ever exhibited the slightest interest in the WNBA, but both of us, simultaneously, unbeknownst to the other, had become Caitlin Clark fans.

There are transformational players who change the competitive balance in a league or change how the game is played, but it’s rare to come across players who lift an entire league on their shoulders.

There was much knowing chatter when Clark entered the WNBA that she was in for a rude awakening after her historic college career, that she wouldn’t look so special against the best women players in the world. And, yes, there was a period of adjustment, but as the WNBA regular season ends and the playoffs begin, we can say the Clark doubters have been proved categorically wrong.

Infamously, Geno Auriemma, the storied coach of the University of Connecticut women’s team, said back in June, “The delusional fanbase that follows her disrespected the WNBA players by saying she’s going to go in that league and tear it apart.”

Delusional? Clark has had the best rookie season in WNBA history and turned everything she’s touched to ratings or attendance gold.

For all the jealousy and even hostility she’s elicited from other WNBA players, Clark is doing them all a favor. The WNBA could have had an unlimited advertising and marketing budget and not produced anything like the results of simply putting “C squared” on the court.

With Clark, the everyday is extraordinary. For the final game of the season against the Fever, the unremarkable Washington Mystics moved the event to the NBA arena and drew 20,711, the most for a game in WNBA history. The Mystics usually play in an arena with a capacity of 4,200.

The Indiana Fever averaged 17,000 attendees per home game and 15,000 on the road; both are more than any other

team by a healthy margin. When the team shows up in an opposing arena, often a lion’s share of the fans are rooting for Clark, not the home team.

The Ion network, which broadcasts WNBA games, saw its ratings increase 133% from a year ago, to 670,000 per game. It benefited from broadcasting seven games with more than a million viewers, all involving the Indian Fever. Notably, viewership among men ages 25-54 increased 181%.

Clark finished the season tied for seventh most points per game and led the league in assists per game. She set rookie records for total points in a season, assists per game and three-pointers made. She’s the only rookie ever with a triple-double -- and she did it twice.

She scored the second most three-pointers ever in a season, falling just short of the all-time record.

WNBA legend Sheryl Swoopes, who has never sounded overly enamored with Clark, recently said that the Fever star wasn’t yet “dominating” the league. Perhaps, but Clark’s numbers match or eclipse those that Swoopes amassed in her MVP seasons. Swoopes, for instance, averaged 18.5 points, 3.3 assists and 4.9 rebounds per game in 2002. Clark averaged 19.5 points, 8.4 assists and 5.7 rebounds per game this year -- and, again, she’s a rookie.

Clark is a fierce competitor on the court and a modest voice off it, constantly expressing -- and showing -- deep gratitude for her rock-star-like following. She’s a role model in every way for her young fans, and her older ones can marvel at her skills while appreciating her class.

The Fever are making their first playoff appearance since 2016, after starting the season with a woeful 1-8. They might be bounced quickly, but, after an incredible post-Olympic-break surge, who knows?

Regardless, for sports fans along for the thrilling ride and WNBA players and executives benefiting from the boost to their business, the universal sentiment should be, “Thank you, Caitlin Clark.”

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.
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SOCIAL NEWS

Local DAR chapter hears about how to clean gravestones

MENDOTA – The Fort du Rocher Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Sept. 14 at the Mendota Museum & Historical Society.

Vice Regent Bev Richardson presided over the meeting. She welcomed program speaker, Sally Corrigan. Her program was on how to properly clean gravestones. The number one rule is do no harm. One should not do rubbings, use shaving cream or stiff brushes that will harm the stone. When trying to read the inscription, a strong flashlight held at different angles can help show dents and letters.

Corrigan took a class online. In her class, she learned about the different kinds of stones and their meanings. Stones are much like museums, preserving a part of our history. First, the stone must be solid to avoid damage. She sprays the stone with clear water, lets it set, followed by a D2 Biological Solution, which kills the algae. Next, she uses a natural soft bristle brush to lightly scrub stone. One can use shims or cuticle sticks to clean indentations, then rinse thoroughly. This should not be done more than once every 10 years. An interlocking gravel should be used when resetting stones.

Richardson announced



she and Ruth Meinhardt attended DAR Days. Positions were explained and members were strongly urged to enter their volunteer hours. Hours are behind past years' numbers. Volunteering is not limited to DAR projects, can include church, community, sending notes to vets, emergency personnel, etc.

Richardson reminded members to start collecting 2025 calendars for women's prison, but without spirals. The October service project will be making treat bags for the residents. It was agreed to have the chapter buy the supplies to make sure there is enough. Diane McCully will make the cards to be included. Members were reminded that dues are due on or before Nov. 1.

Meinhardt stated there are currently 41 members. She will be setting up a time for a workshop for persons wish-

ing to do supplemental memberships. She announced that this is the fifth anniversary of the local chapter.

McCully noted that she and Amanda Simpson had done the display for Constitution Week in the library.

Simpson has contacted the schools and they are getting started on the Good Citizen Award contest. Alice Giberson reported on the American Spirit, several especially enjoyed the article on the Ghost Army.

Janet Koch gave the American Indian Minute on Eloise Cobel, 1945-2011. She challenged the mismanagement of the trust fund for Native Americans. She and her husband were active in agriculture and the environment. Posthumously, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Giberson reported she had a collection of flags and displayed her 13 star flag, which she flies on certain holidays. She gave tips on flag care.

McCully's patriot minute was on Mary Gaston McClure. Her sons melt-

ed pewter dishes to make bullets. She resisted when the British tried to burn the family Bible and was struck by the flat of a sword. The British then burned down her home. When The British took her sons captive, she sent her daughter to Sumpter's Camp, who came and routed the Redcoats. One of her sons was killed in a battle and another was crippled for life.

Richardson told about the Women in Trucking Association. Currently about 7.8% of over road truckers are women.

Lonnie Shaefer read the National Defender. The article was about Constitution Day, which had been pushed by DAR until finally it was made a federal holiday.

Leslie Althaus reported on the recent article on Lake Kakusha. It was built as a flood control project. The last flood through downtown Mendota was in 1978. The lake has been a success.

Richardson reminded members to look for a flag that needs replacing in the community. A grant is available.

New business: At DAR days, the local chapter received the following national certificates of award:

- Spread the Sparkle challenge for adding four or more members
- Membership having zero drops or resignations
- Blue Ribbon Award for Chapter achievement
- Awards to both Kasha Bonnell and Audre Sautter for Outstanding Use of Technology

The District II fall meeting is Oct. 18 at the Mendota Civic Center. Members are encouraged to get in their reservations. Deadline is Oct. 11.

The next meeting will

be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Veterans' Home in LaSalle. The program is about the service project making goodie bags for the veterans. The Fort du Rocher web page may be viewed at <http://www.fortdurocherchaptersndar.com>. Any woman over 18 years of age whose lineage traces back to a Revolutionary War patriot, who wishes to learn more about Daughters of the American Revolution is invited to attend the next meeting or go online to www.dar.org

After the meeting, members enjoyed birthday cake for the chapter's fifth anniversary.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Community Calendar

OCTOBER 2024

SEPT. 30

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library

10 AM

1401 W Main St, Mendota

For more info call (815) 538-5142

FREE

For all ages! Grab a pumpkin @ the Library and decorate it however you like. Bring it back to the Library once finished so we can display it for the contest. While supplies last. Pickup begins 9/30; ends 10/5. Drop off begins 10/7, ends 10/12. Judging begins 10/14, ends 10/24.

OCT. 2024

SENIOR LUNCHESES

Sponsored by M.A.S.S.

11:30 AM

Monday - Friday

Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center

For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673

Meal Cost - \$4.00

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OCT. 1, 2024 - SEPT. 30, 2025

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OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Wii BOWLING

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10:30 AM

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OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

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12 PM (Noon)

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All are welcome!

OCT. 2

WAFFLE WEDNESDAY

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9 AM to 10:30 AM

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OCT. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

BEGINNING CROCHET CLASS (CANCELLED THIS MONTH DUE TO ILLNESS)

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1 PM - 2 PM

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OCT. 2

SMALL FRIES

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4 PM

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OCT. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 & 28

EXERCISE CLASS

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8 AM

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OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

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OCT. 3 & 17

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9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

NEEDLE CRAFT CLUB

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1 PM

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OCT. 3

LEGO CLUB

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OCT. 4, 11, 18 & 25

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10 AM

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OCT. 4

COMMUNITY BINGO

Sponsored by M.A.S.S.

1 PM

Feik Lounge – Mendota Civic Center

For more info call (815) 538-7700 or 539-9673

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OCT. 7 & 8

AARP DRIVERS SAFETY COURSE

Sponsored by M.A.S.S.

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Feik Lounge – Mendota Civic Center

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OCT. 7, 14, 21 & 28

TOPS CLUB

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10 AM

Mendota Civic Center

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Anyone welcome.

OCT. 7, 14, 21 & 28

DOMINOES

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1 PM

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OCT. 7

GUY TALK WITH THE EXPERT WITH PA-C BRENNAN REEDER

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6 PM

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OCT. 8

"NEW EVENT"

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION

Sponsored by M.A.S.S.

11 AM - 12 PM

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Join us for Birthday Cake and Coffee

OCT. 8 & 22

BLOOD PRESSURE / BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS

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11 AM - 12 PM

Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center

For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673

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OCT. 10

SHAKE, RATTLE & READ

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library

6 PM

1401 W Main St, Mendota

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Ages: Birth - 2 years old

Theme: Space. Please call to register at 815-538-5142.

OCT. 12

BLUEGRASS MUSIC JAM

Sponsored by Northern IL Bluegrass Association (NIBA) & Ophir Community Building (OCB)

6 - 10 PM

Ophir Community Building, Triumph, IL

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OCT. 12

THE INTRICATE RIDDLE OF LIFE: MARY SHELLEY

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11 AM

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FREE

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OCT. 15

CAREGIVER COUNSELING / ALTERNATIVES

Sponsored by M.A.S.S.

10 AM - 12 PM

Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center

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A staff member from Alternatives for the Older Adult is available to find caregiver resources or to just talk to caregivers of any age.

OCT. 15

3RD TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

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Choose 1 PM OR 6 PM

FREE

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Reading: 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley. Pick up a book to read at the Library for discussion. Always looking for new readers!

OCT. 16

CHAPTER CREW

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4 PM

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FREE

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OCT. 16

SHAKE, RATTLE & READ

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Choose 11 AM OR 6 PM

1401 W Main St, Mendota

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Ages: Birth - 2 years old

Theme: "Spooky Time" Wear your costume! Please call to register at 815-538-5142.

OCT. 23

MOVIES WITH M.A.S.S. - "1948 ABBOTT & COSTELLO MEET FRANKENSTEIN"

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3 PM

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Free. Snacks (popcorn and beverages) provided by M.A.S.S.

OCT. 25

SPOOKY OCTOBER POTLUCK

Sponsored by M.A.S.S.

12 PM

Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center

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Spooky pasta and eyeballs will be served. A sign-up sheet will be available. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

OCT. 28

TWEENS

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6 PM

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Ages: 5th - 8th Grades. Create your very own spooky doll head planter. Pizza by Mendota Rosati's served at 6:30 pm. Please call to register at 815-538-5142.

SEPT. 14

MASS COOKOUT AT SULLIVANS

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11 AM - 2 PM

Sullivans

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Hamburger, hot dogs, brats, pork chop sandwiches, chips and a drink.

OCT. 30

HALLOWEEN PARTY

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6 PM

FREE

1401 W Main St, Mendota

For more info call (815) 538-5142

Ages 3-10. Games, crafts and prizes! Spooky fun! Dress-up in your Halloween costumes! Limited space; must register.

OCT. 31

BUSINESS TRICK OR TREATING

3 PM - 5 PM

Mendota

OCT. 31

CITY-WIDE TRICK OR TREATING

5 PM - 7 PM

Mendota

Willard Mott, IVCC Ag Instructor, shows students the soybean variety trials at the annual Fall Field Day. (Photo contributed)

IVCC Field Day showcases research done at local plots and by U of I researchers

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College in partnership with the University of Illinois Extension hosted its annual Fall Field Day on Sept. 6. IVCC Ag + Extension's Fall Field Day gives both students and the community a chance to learn about the latest research updates and topics in agriculture. The Field Day attracted over 40 participants to the Agricultural Education Center to hear presentations from University of Illinois researchers and local industry professionals.

"The presentations were all well-received by our students and attendees," said Willard Mott, IVCC Ag Instructor and Program Co-Coordinator. "Afterwards many students talked about all the new things they learned."

This year's event showcased research being conducted both at the IVCC Research and Demonstration plots and throughout the state by University of Illinois researchers. Willard Mott and Jennifer Timmers, IVCC Ag Instructors and Program

Co-Coordinators, kicked off the event with an overview of IVCC's Ag Program and its growth over the years. Nick Seiter, Extension Entomologist, spoke about his soybean pest trials happening at IVCC and some of the common insect pests he is seeing in fields this year. Kevin Rothzen, Channel Seed Technical Agronomist, spoke about the corn and soybean variety trials happening at IVCC and what corn and soybean trait packages are currently being developed. Emily Hansen, Extension Agriculture Educator, spoke about soil health and the soil microbial community. Finally, Chance Riggins, University of Illinois Crop Sciences Professor, spoke about industrial hemp research and the hemp certificate programs available at the University of Illinois.

"We were happy to help put on such a nice event for our community and students," said Emily Hansen. "We look forward to continuing to build a strong partnership between the University of Illinois Extension and IVCC."

Extension offices are located in Princeton, Ottawa, Henry, and in Oglesby on the IVCC campus. The Mission of University of Illinois Extension is to provide practical education you can trust to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. Visit our website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp>. If you have questions or need more information, please call University of Illinois Extension—Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit Office at 815-224-0896.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Illinois Wesleyan University announces newly-created Doris R. Billhorn Endowed Nursing Student Scholarship

Scholarship named after LaMoille woman

BLOOMINGTON — Illinois Wesleyan University is pleased to announce the creation of the Doris R. Billhorn Endowed Nursing Student Scholarship. Doris's son, John Billhorn, founder and managing partner of Billhorn Law Firm in Chicago, established the endowed scholarship.

A 1983 Illinois Wesleyan graduate, John, who grew up in La Moille in Bureau County, established the scholarship in honor of his mother, aligning the criteria to assist students from the La Moille area who are studying in the field of nursing, where Doris built her career.

The scholarship is aimed at being awarded annually to an Illinois Wesleyan School of Nursing & Health Sciences student from the local area high schools in Bureau, LaSalle, Putnam and Lee counties.

After pausing her educational pursuits for family obligations, Doris returned to high school and earned her GED at age 37, and then went on to earn her Associate's Nursing degree from Illinois Valley Community College in 1976. Doris ultimately earned her Master's in Geriatric Nursing from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville in 1992. Doris went on to successfully lead numerous nursing departments in Nashville, and later in Chicago, in Director of Nursing positions.

Coincidentally, the Doris R. Billhorn Endowed Nursing Scholarship at Illinois Wesleyan will be the second student scholarship established in Doris's name. Doris also established a student scholarship in the Nursing School at Vanderbilt in 2016. Doris passed away in 2020.

Doris left a significant medical/nursing footprint on her immediate family, with seven family members having achieved degrees in the medical/nursing field. Denise (Barkman) Billhorn, (Registered Nurse, ADN), Madi Walker (Certified Nursing Assistant), Madison (Billhorn) O'Sadnick (Radiology Technician), Melanie (Billhorn) Spangler (Registered Nurse, ADN), Tori (Adkins) Sadnick, (Licensed Practical Nurse), Mari Billhorn (Certified Nursing Assistant), and Julia (Schultz) Tyrone, Bachelor of Science Nursing, have all furthered Doris's legacy in nursing.

Also, Illinois Wesleyan is proud to announce the inaugural student recipient of the Doris R. Billhorn Endowed Nursing Student Scholarship is Kaia Robbins '26, an Illinois Wesleyan nursing major and Princeton High School graduate.

(Illinois Wesleyan, established in 1850, is a nationally recognized, exclusively undergraduate, independent, private university. Illinois Wesleyan enrolls approximately 1,600 students at our vibrant residential campus in Bloomington, Ill.)

IVCC College and Career Night brings college choices up close and personal

OGLESBY – More than 30 colleges and universities will be represented at Illinois Valley Community College's 51st annual College and Career Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the gym.

High school and college students, parents and community members who are exploring college options can speak to representatives of different colleges and universities, including IVCC, about programs and transfer options.

The event brings an array of colleges and information together in one convenient location for an evening and helps students and their families personalize their college experiences before they land on campus, said Director of Enrollment Services Tom Quigley. "We want to help students and their families widen their exposure to higher education and career options, both in-state and out-of-state. And regardless of where your educational pathway may take you, IVCC can always fit somewhere in your journey."

The event draws prospective students who can expect to learn about application and admissions requirements, transfer information, fees, tuition, scholarship and financial aid information, college services, student support and campus life, and information about majors.

Participating colleges include: Carl Sandburg College; Southern Illinois University Carbondale; Keiser University; Dominican University; Missouri University of Science and Technology; St. Ambrose University; Bradley University; University of Alabama; North Central College; Illinois College; Marian University of Wisconsin; Indiana Tech;



IVCC's College and Career Night brings dozens of colleges and universities to the Illinois Valley so students, parents and community members can investigate college prospects, university programs and transfer options and get an idea of what the future holds. They'll also be able to chat with IVCC faculty and coordinators and meet students like Jonny Szewczuk, Brandon Lomeli and Matthew Mickelson, who'll be hard to miss from behind a one-of-a-kind display table showcasing the computer networking administration and cybersecurity programs. (Photo contributed)

Northern Illinois University; Aurora University; University of Nebraska Omaha; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Knox College; Quincy University; Eastern Illinois University; Western Illinois University; Western Michigan University; Lorain College; University of Chicago; Illinois Wesleyan University; Ripon College; University of Illinois Springfield; Drake University; Methodist College-Carle Health; Loyola University Chicago, and Eureka College.

IVCC departments will also be represented. They include Workforce Development; Nursing; Criminal Justice; Truck Driver Training;

Financial Aid and Veterans Services; Computer Aided Design; Dental Assisting/ Dental Hygiene; Electronics/ Electricity; Natural Sciences and Business; Agriculture; Counseling; Manufacturing/ CNC; Business and Accounting; Dual Credit and

Enrollment; Admissions, and Early Childhood Education.

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SPORTS

Trojans have perfect week on soccer field

Mendota had an easy time in disposing of Princeton, 9-0, in varsity boys' soccer action on Sept. 24 at the MHS field. Johan Cortez and Cesar Casas paced the victory with two goals apiece. One goal each was scored by Mauricio Martinez, Isaac Diaz, David Casas, Mauricio Salinas and Aaden Castle.

Assisting with the goals were Cesar Casas (three), Martinez (two), Diaz (one), David Casas (one) and Cortez (one).

The Trojans blasted Sterling, 8-0, on Sept. 26 at Sterling.

Diaz had the hat trick for Mendota, scoring three of the team's goals. David Casas and Sebastian Carlos each got a pair of shots past the Sterling goalie, while Cesar Casas had the other goal.

Picking up assists were Cortez with two, and Martinez, David Casas, Cesar Casas, Luis Ramirez and Sam Matura with one apiece.

Mateo Goy was between the pipes and recorded seven goalie saves.

Mendota made its long trip to Monmouth worthwhile with a 3-2 triumph over Monmouth-Roseville on Sept. 28.

The Trojans (15-1-1) got a pair of goals from Diaz and one from Carlos, along with an assist.

Football team hosting Pink Night

MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojan and Princeton Tiger football teams are coming together at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 to not only play football, but to raise money in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Pink Night game is a collaboration of the Princeton High School

Booster Club and the Mendota High School Booster Club.

OSF HealthCare will be present with education material, the booster clubs will collect donations, and shirts will be on sale, among other pink items.

All proceeds will jointly be donated to one local charity (TBD).

MHS JV golfers win Princeton Invite

Mendota beat out two conference opponents in a golf triangular on Sept. 24 at the Mendota Golf Club. The Trojans had a score of 169, while Mercer County shot a 172 and Monmouth-Roseville had a 199.

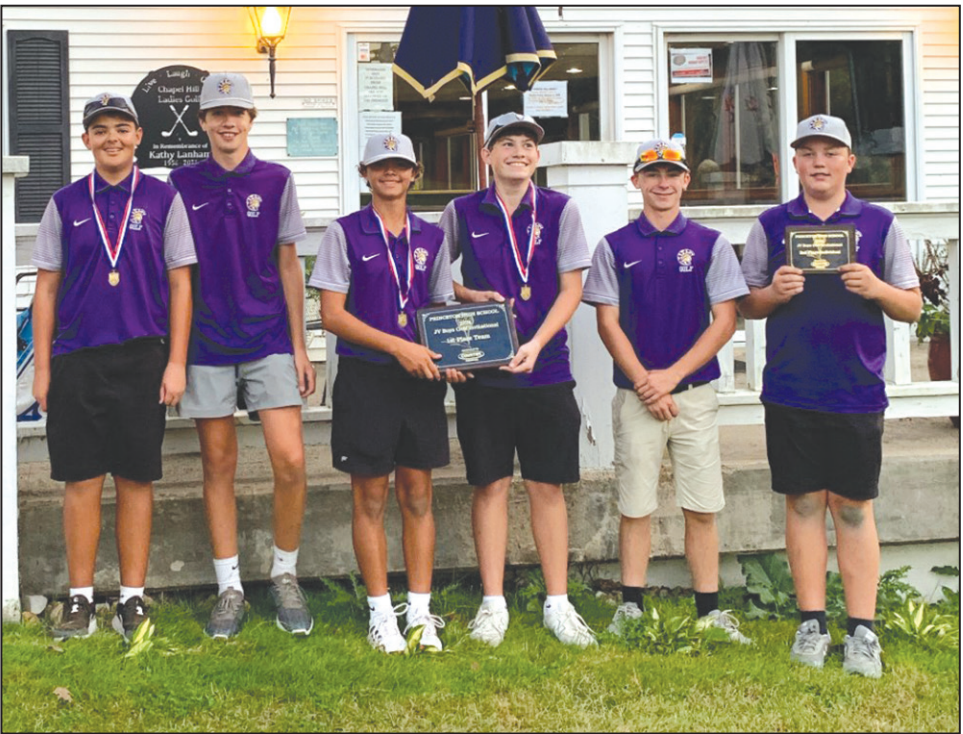
Brody Hartt checked in with the low score for the Trojans with a 37. That tied Evan Blaser of Mercer County for meet medalist. Grady Jones was second for Mendota with a 42, Jonas Fitzgerald carded a 43 and Dane Doyle fired a 47. Evan McPheeters and Alex Holland both had 48s for Mendota.

The junior varsity competition went to Mendota over Mercer County, 194-203.

Esten Otero led the way with a 47, followed by Maddox Rosales with a 48 and Kooper Novak with a 49. Also competing for the Trojans were Nick Sheridan (50), Collin Coss (53) and Ashtyn Stamberger (55).

Mendota's junior varsity team took third place in the eight-team Pirate Invite on Sept. 25 at Ottawa. Ottawa won the championship with a 319, followed by Morris at 338 and Mendota at 362. Also participating were Streator (363), Sycamore (364), LaSalle-Peru (408), Sandwich (482) and Rochelle (503).

Rosales turned in the low round for the Trojans with



The Mendota junior varsity golf team won the championship of the Princeton JV Invitational on Sept. 26. Left to right, are Maddox Rosales, Ashtyn Stamberger, Esten Otero, Kooper Novak, Nick Sheridan and Collin Coss. (Photo contributed)

an 89. Sheridan and Holland were next with 90s, while Otero (93), Stamberger (97) and Coss (98) completed the Mendota lineup.

Logan Cottingham of Ottawa was the meet medalist with a 76.

The junior varsity squad was back in action at the Princeton JV Invitational on Sept. 26 and the Trojans came away with the championship of the six-team field. Mendota totaled a 361, which was one shot less

than Mercer County. Princeton (364), Sherrard (457), Sterling Newman (557) and Kewanee also competed.

Mendota had four of the top 10 golfers, led by Coss with an 85. Novak tied for fifth place with a 91, followed by Rosales (9th, 92) and Otero (10th, 93). Sheridan (99) and Stamberger (100) were also in the Trojan lineup.

Mendota's varsity squad hosted Ottawa on Sept. 26 and the Pirates prevailed,

155-171.

On the lineup card for the Trojans were Jones (40), Hartt (42), McPheeters (43), Fitzgerald (46), Holland (48) and Doyle (49).

The Mendota Ryder Cup was played on Sept. 28 at the Mendota Golf Club.

The Trojan team of Fitzgerald/Novak earned a ninth-place medal.

Mendota finished fourth in the team standings with a 246 score, while Ottawa took first with a 219.



Carlos Toribio, left, and Emily Banks, right, were first in for the Mendota cross country teams during a home meet on Sept. 25 at Lake Mendota Park. (Reporter photos)

MHS harriers host first home meet

□ C. Toribio finishes in 6th place for boys

MENDOTA – Cross country teams from Spring Valley, Princeton, and Amboy joined host school Mendota for a race Sept. 25 at Lake Mendota.

Henry Nichols of Amboy won the 2.96-mile race in a time of 17:45, followed by Princeton's Augustus Swanson (17:49). Amboy's Atticus Homer rounded out the top three with a time of 19:37.

Mendota's top finish belonged to Carlos Toribio (6th, 19:52). Other Trojans competing were Hector Gonzalez (12th, 21:22), Ryder Woods (14th, 21:57), Aidan Fisher (19th, 24:16),

Spencer Kain (22nd, 24:51), Travis Mumm (24th, 25:59), and Gage Richey (26th, 29:13).

In team scoring, Amboy's 21 points led the way, with Hall tallying 50 and Mendota 55.

In the girls' race, Princeton harriers took the top five finishes led by Ruby Acker (21:07), Payton Frueh (21:24) and Alexandria Waca (23:41).

Mendota was represented by Emily Banks (30:08) and Payton Stavropoulos (32:51).

Princeton won the meet as it was the only team fielding a full girls' squad.

Northbrook soccer

Sept. 16 vs. Ottawa Shepherd "A" game
Northbrook 3, Shepherd 0
Goals: Arian Chavez 1, Emmanuel Guzman 1, Axel Ruiz 1
Assists: Isaac Espinoza 1, Joshua Granados 1
Saves: Holden Coss 3, Armando Valdes 2

"B" game
Northbrook 2, Shepherd 0
Goals: Camilo Ramirez 1, Lumen Setchell 1
Assists: Santos Salinas 1
Saves: Isaac Espinoza 1

Sept. 17 vs. Morris Shabbona "A" game
Northbrook 8, Shabbona 0
Goals: Arian Chavez 3, Jose Chavez 2, Illan Garcia 1, Joshua Granados 1, Elizandro Orozco 1
Assists: Arian Chavez 4, Sergio Correa 1, Lumen Setchell 1
Saves: Holden Coss 1

"B" game
Northbrook 1, Shabbona 0
Goals: Emiliano Galindo-Garcia 1
Assists: Armando Valdes 1
Saves: Mario Membreno 1

Late Sherrard TD sends Trojans to 5th straight loss

□ Tigers seal win with 55 seconds left

MENDOTA - Three minutes on the clock and 52 yards on the field was all that stood between Mendota and its first football win of the season. One more defensive stand and the Trojans would be celebrating a Homecoming game victory.

But Sherrard foiled those plans when it scored the game-winning touchdown with under a minute to play to steal a 28-21 victory over the Trojans on Sept. 27 at the MHS field.

With the loss, Mendota's records dipped to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in Three Rivers Conference Mississippi Division play, while Sherrard went to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the league.

After trailing 20-14 at halftime, the Trojans forged in front with the only scoring in the third quarter when Braiden Freeman hauled in a 22-yard touchdown strike from Aden Tillman to complete an eight-play, 62-yard drive on Mendota's opening possession of the second half. Angil Serrano sent the extra-point kick through the uprights to give Mendota a 21-20 lead.

The Trojans had an excellent opportunity to add to their lead when a Sherrard punt into a stiff wind ended up hitting the back

Next for the Trojans

Opponent: Friday, Oct. 4 at Kewanee. Kick-off at 7 p.m.

Last year: Kewanee easily handled the Trojans, 41-0. Mendota managed only 106 yards of offense and gave up 381 to the Boilers, who led 28-0 at halftime.

Last week: Kewanee throttle Hall, 42-17, to improve to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

of one of the Tiger linemen and landing near the line of scrimmage, which was the Sherrard 26-yard line. Mendota thought it had tacked on another score when Tillman scampered into the end zone, but a holding penalty nullified the TD and the Trojans ended up turning the ball over on downs.

After another Mendota defensive stop and a subsequent Sherrard punt, the Trojans began their first drive of the fourth quarter at their own 4-yard line. During the series, Mendota faced two fourth down situations - converting the first on a

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Mendota's Laylie Denault sails a kill past the block attempt of Bureau Valley's Madison Wetzell on Sept. 26 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Spikers fall short against 3 opponents

Indian Creek posted a 25-21, 25-23 win over Mendota in varsity volleyball action on Sept. 23 at Shabbona.

Laylie Denault had seven kills and six digs, while Ella Martin collected 13 assists.

Kewanee defeated the Spikers, 25-13, 25-20 in a Three Rivers Conference match on Sept. 24 at the MHS gym.

The Boilers jumped out to an 11-0 lead in the second set and closed to within two points (20-18) before Kewanee closed out the match.

Denault hammered nine kills, while Ella Coss and Elaina Reddin had four kills apiece. Martin paced the squad with eight assists and Ava Eddy provided 12 digs.

Mendota hosted Bureau Valley on Sept. 26 and the Storm emerged with a 25-16, 25-19 decision.

The first set was tied 3-3 and then the visitors went on a 9-0 scoring binge to seal the set.

Denault led the net attack with seven kills and Martin came away with nine assists. Zariah Escatel paced the Spikers with four points and six digs.

Mendota is 3-12 overall and 1-4 in Three Rivers Conference action.

SPORTS

Football

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fourth-and-3 from its own 33 and then having to punt the ball back to the Tigers on a fourth-and-6 from its own 42. The net result of the punt into the wind was just 10 yards from the original line of scrimmage, so Sherrard went back on offense at its own 48 with 3:04 left to play.

While Mendota still had the football, medical personnel wheeled a stretcher to the Sherrard sideline and subsequently left in an ambulance with an unknown injury to a Tiger player. That player turned out to be starting quarterback Carter Brown, who up until that point had two rushing touchdowns, one passing TD and was responsible for 217 of his team's yards.

In came running back Garrett Woodward to go under center to try to lead his team to the game-winning drive, and that he did. Woodward completed a 20-yard pass to Emery Partlow that placed the ball at the Trojan 16, and from there Woodward darted outside the Trojan defense and dove into the end zone for a score with 55 seconds left. Woodward passed to Lane Luxmore for the two-pointer and a 28-21 Sherrard lead.

Freeman ran the ensuing kick back 28 yards to the Trojan 46, then facing a fourth down, Freeman ran 13 yards to the Tiger 38 with 26 seconds left. Mendota could only advance as far as the 27-yard line when it ran out of time.

The final statistics were nearly even, with the Trojans gaining 297 yards to 305 for Sherrard. Tillman rushed for

54 yards and passed for 137, while Freeman had three receptions for 62 yards. Brown ended up leading the Tigers with 130 yards rushing and 87 yards passing.

The game didn't start out so well for Brown. On Sherrard's initial possession, Brown was intercepted by Freeman, who picked the ball off his shoe tops and and returned the ball 6 yards to the Tiger 33. From there, it took the Trojans four plays to get in the end zone, capped off by a 26-yard pass from Tillman to Rhett Watson. Serrano's kick was good.

Four touchdowns were scored in the second quarter - three of them by Sherrard. Brown ran in from 34 yards out with 8:28 left in the half, then after Mendota fumbled the ball back to the Tigers, Brown zigzagged his way 41 yards to the end zone, followed by a Brown two-point conversion run to make it 14-7.

The Trojans responded with a five-play, 75-yard scoring drive. A swing pass from Tillman to Jayden Lesley picked up 39 yards to the Sherrard 35. Four plays later, Tillman hooked up with Freeman for a 34-yard TD aerial and Serrano added the PAT kick to tie the game.

The Tigers regained the lead going into halftime on an 8-yard touchdown pass from Brown to Luxmore with 14 seconds left before intermission. Mendota looked like it might carry a tie into the locker room when William Musanovic swiped a Brown pass in the end zone, but the Trojans were penalized for 12 men on the field to wipe out the pilfer.



Mendota quarterback Aden Tillman gets a block from Wyatt Ossman as he tries to get outside of the Sherrard defense on Sept. 27 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

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SHERRARD 28, MENDOTA 21

Sherrard	0	20	0	8	-	28
Mendota	7	7	7	0	-	21

SCORING SUMMARY

ME - Watson 26 pass from Tillman (Serrano kick), 6:51 1Q
SH - Brown 34 run (kick failed), 8:28 2Q
SH - Brown 41 run (Brown run), 7:17 2Q
ME - Freeman 34 pass from Tillman (Serrano kick), 4:10 2Q
SH - Luxmore 8 pass from Brown (pass failed), 0:14 2Q
ME - Freeman 22 pass from Tillman (Serrano kick), 7:33 3Q
SH - Woodward 16 run (Luxmore pass from Woodward), 0:55 4Q

	SH	ME
First Downs	15	12
Rushes-Yards	35-194	35-152
Passing Yards	111	145
Passes	7-12-1	8-17-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Punts-Avg	4-23	2-32
Penalties-Yards	2-30	3-20

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing – MENDOTA: Tillman 10-54, Freeman 6-43, Ossman 13-39, Furar 5-12, Lesley 1-4; SHERRARD: Brown 16-130, Woodward 15-49, Luxmore 4-15.

Passing – MENDOTA: Tillman 7-15-0-137, Watson 1-1-0-8, Freeman 0-1-0-0; SHERRARD: Brown 5-10-1-87, Woodward 2-2-0-24.

Receiving – MENDOTA: Freeman 3-62, Lesley 2-39, Watson 2-36, Tillman 1-8; SHERRARD: Curry 1-49, Woodward 3-30, Partlow 1-20, Luxmore 1-8, Zimmerman 1-4.



Jauch honored

MHS football coach Keegan Hill, left, presents a plaque to 1956 MHS graduate Ray Jauch for his recent induction into the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame.



Mendota's Rhett Watson stands Sherrard quarterback Carter Brown up in his tracks during Three Rivers Conference football action on Sept. 27 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Three Rivers Mississippi Division Football Standings		
	TR	OA
Monmouth-R.	3-0	5-0
Princeton	2-1	4-1
Sherrard	2-1	2-3
Hall	1-2	1-4
Kewanee	1-2	2-3
Mendota	0-3	0-5

Friday, Sept. 27
Sherrard 28, Mendota 21
Monmouth-R. 31, Princeton 3
Kewanee 42, Hall 17

Friday, Oct. 4
Mendota at Kewanee
Hall at Princeton
Sherrard at Monmouth-R.



Northbrook Cross Country 8th Graders

Northbrook School recognized the eighth graders on its cross country team on Sept. 17. Left to right, are Aisaac Arteaga, Aliya Delao, Averie Hazelwood and Lumen Setchell. Not pictured: Coaches Heather Friedlein and Hanna Gallagher. (Photo contributed)

BOWLING

**Wednesday Night
Men's League**
Standings as of Sept. 18
– 1. O'Donnell Excavating 9-3; 2. First State Bank 8-4;
3. Mendota Monument 7-5;
4. Black Bros. 6-6; 5. Novak Farms 4-8; 6. JJ&L Carpentry 2-10

High team game (scratch)
– Mendota Monument 1016,
First State Bank 979, Black Bros. 939

High team game (hdcp)
– Mendota Monument 1229,
Black Bros. 1220, First State Bank 1204

High team series (scratch)
– Mendota Monument 2964,
O'Donnell Excavating 2674,
First State Bank 2607

High team series (hdcp)
– Mendota Monument 3603,
Black Bros. 3409, O'Donnell Excavating 3384

High individual game (scratch) – Nate Bradford 266, Dave Manning 256, Luke Ross 237

High individual game (hdcp) – Dave Manning 315, Jake Lohmeier 297, Nate Bradford 283

High individual series (scratch) – Luke Ross 683, Drake O'Donnell 672, Chris Eller 661

High individual series (hdcp) – Dave Manning 833, Chris Eller 772, Kasen Novak 750

**Monday Night
Mixed League**
Standings as of Sept. 23 – 1. CM Farm 10-5; 2. Split Happens 9-6; 3. Leagal Beagles 8-7; 4. Bad Kats 8-7; 5. Ramer Inc. 6-9; 6. The

Struggle is Real 4-11
High team game (scratch)
– Ramer Inc. 729, Splits Happens 687, Leagal Beagles 630

High team game (hdcp)
Ramer Inc. 981, The Struggle is Real 953, Leagal Beagles 942

High team series (scratch)
– Ramer Inc. 2078, Split Happens 1977, Leagal Beagles 1776

High team series (hdcp) – Ramer Inc. 2834, CM Farm 2758, Leagal Beagles 2712

Men's high game (scratch)
– Brendan Ramer 232, Bob Thomas 201, Aaron Holocker 199

Men's high game (hdcp)
– Brendan Ramer 308, Aaron Holocker 268, Carl Reistad 254

Men's high series (scratch) – Matt Ramer 559, Brendan Ramer 544, Bob Thomas 543

Men's high series (hdcp)
– Brendan Ramer 772, Carl Reistad 729, Aaron Holocker 721

Women's high game (scratch) – Emily Thomas 196, Dria Kuntz 184, Stephanie Ramer & Hannah Westphal 183

Women's high game (hdcp) – Stephanie Ramer 274, Kim Smith 259, Dria Kuntz 258

Women's high series (scratch) – Emily Thomas 516, Dria Kuntz 509, Hannah Westphal 489

Women's high series (hdcp) – Stephanie Ramer 739, Dria Kuntz 731, Kim Smith 725

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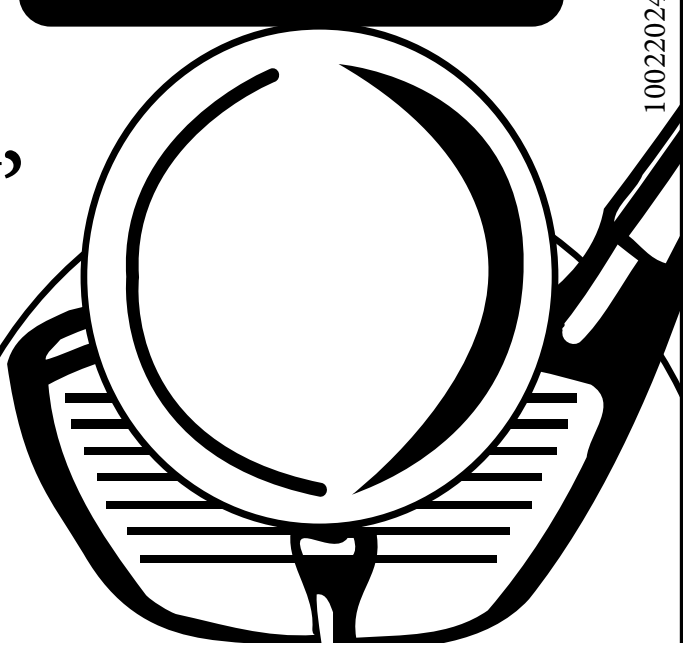
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RELIGION

Trust God and do good

One of the most life-changing things I've learned since I've been teaching the Word of God is that God is always right! No matter what I think, how I feel, or what my circumstances look like, His wisdom and His way of doing things are always the answers to my problems.

Psalm 37:3 contains some of the greatest instruction there is for having a great life. It says, "Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed" (AMPC).

All of us go through difficult times and experience pain and disappointment. In John 16:33, the Lord even tells us that "in this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33 NIV). However, I believe Psalm 37:3 provides us with God's prescription for every problem we face: Trust God and do good.

God's Word is medicine that brings healing and restoration to our souls. Our doctor is Jesus, we are His patients, and we can take His medicine—"Trust God" and "Do good"—as much as we need to. And refills are endless!

But there are side effects. When you trust God,

you will experience peace, joy, stability, confidence, and overall better health. When you do good, you'll have extreme happiness and rewards in heaven!

Trusting God also brings freedom. Many times, things happen that we simply don't understand. But that's okay—we don't have to figure everything out. We can trust God that He knows and will take care of everything.

Maybe someone has really hurt you, and what's happening doesn't seem fair at all. The Bible says that God will be your Vindicator (Psalm 135:14). As you place your trust



in Him, you open the door for Him to work in your situation and deal with the people who have mistreated you.

Your faith and trust also allow God to take the wrong things that have happened and ultimately work out them out for your benefit (Romans 8:28).

The Bible teaches us that it's not the things that happen to us that determine the quality of our lives—it's how we choose to respond to them that really makes all of the difference. And trusting God is the key to making right choices that bring us the life He has planned for us.

We can choose to trust God. The truth is, God is the only One we can completely trust to take care of us and do what's best for us at all times, in every situation.

Maybe you're thinking, Well, I trusted God, and He didn't take care of me. I understand how you feel, because I've gone through hard things and didn't get what I wanted, when I thought I should get it, in the way I thought it should come.

However, what I failed to understand was that doing what we want and getting our way all the time isn't what will make us happy. Being selfish and self-centered is actually a miserable way to live! God is faithful, and He promises to take care of us as we place our trust in Him. However, an important part of trusting Him is trusting in His will and timing.

It's good for us to tell God what we want, but we also need to realize that He is smarter than we are! I've learned to pray, "God, if what I want is not what You want for me, then please don't give it to me! I want to do Your will in this situation, and I'm trusting You to give me what You want for me."

That's why it's so important to study and meditate on God's Word. As we do, it renews our minds so we think the way He thinks. It also turns our will in God's direction so we want what He wants for us.

Remember, trust requires unanswered questions. It requires us to fully lean on God, believing and trusting that He has our best interest in mind. The Lord has asked me this many times, and I believe He is also asking you: "Do you trust Me?"

The second part of the prescription is just as important—do good. One of the most powerful things you can do when you're hurting is to reach out and help someone else. You not only sow seeds for your own breakthrough, but helping others releases tremendous joy. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "...the joy of the Lord is your strength" (NIV).

I know it's not always easy to trust God and do good. But it's the best option because it's the only thing that will really work. I know it works because I was a mess, and learning how to trust God and obey His Word has literally changed my life.

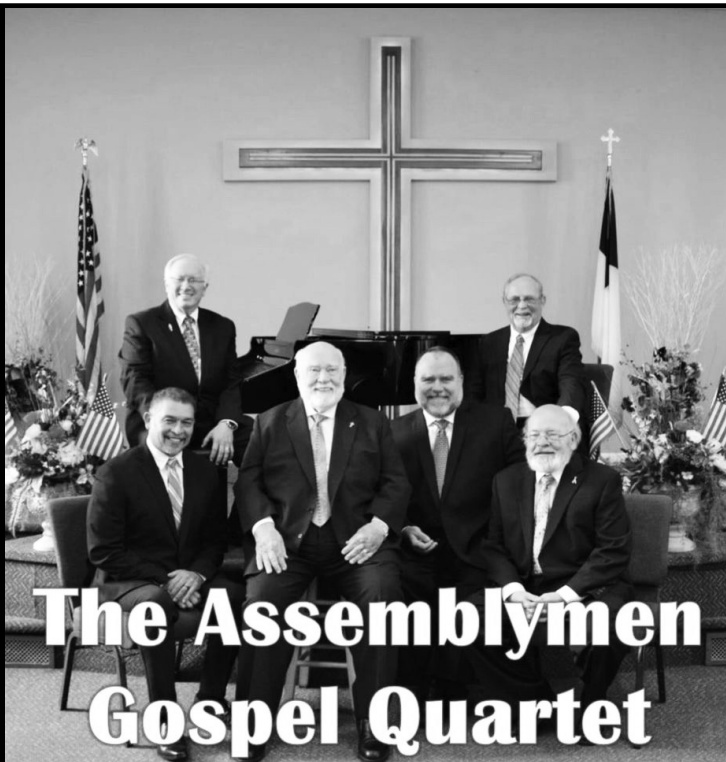
Life in God is a journey, and we partner with Him by putting our trust in Him (1 Corinthians 1:9). When we're dealing with a difficult situation, He may also show us something we need to do that will help solve our problem.

I want to encourage you to trust God completely in every area of your life. Remember that He is always on your side and He is fighting for you as you go through the challenges in your life. He loves you and has your best interest at heart at all times.

No matter what you need or what your circumstances are, you can live with peace, joy, stability, confidence, and overall better health if you will trust God and do good.

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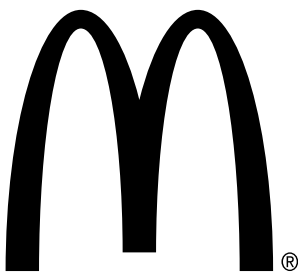


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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

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

2. In Matthew 8, which prophet's
words did Jesus claim to be
fulfilling, as He was healing people?
Iddo, Esaias, Gad, Medad

3. Who wrote, "Neither shall any
priest drink wine, when they enter
into the inner court"? Ezekiel,
Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea

4. From Genesis 19, in addition
to fire, what did God rain down
upon Sodom and Gomorrah? Hail,
Lightning, Brimstone, Mud

5. Whose grave was marked by
a pillar erected by her husband,
Jacob? Abigail, Lillith, Puah, Rachel

6. From Judges 16, who slept
through a haircut? Manoah,
Samson, Adam, Uriah

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Esaias, 3)
Ezekiel, 4) Brimstone, 5) Rachel, 6)
Samson

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Illinois fall trout season opens Oct. 19 in locations statewide

SPRINGFIELD - The 2024 Illinois fall trout season will open Saturday, Oct. 19 at 60 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

The early catch-and-release season is scheduled to open Oct. 5 this year. No trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the regular fall season opens at 5 a.m. Oct. 19. The daily catch limit is five trout.

All anglers, including those who participate in the early catch-and-release season, must have an Illinois fishing license and inland trout stamp, which are available at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores, and other retail outlets. Check the IDNR website for locations. Fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased online with

a credit card.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

The fall trout season offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Online resources are available for taking kids fishing.

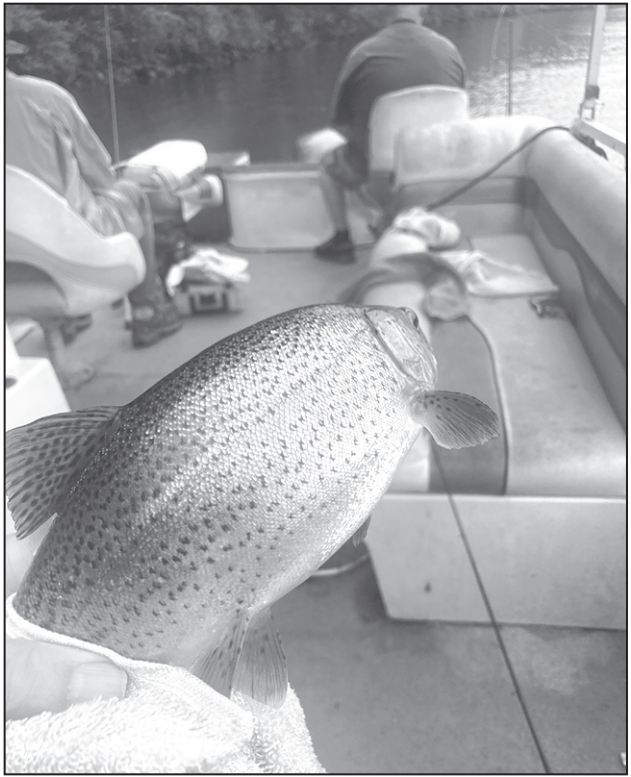
IDNR reinstated its catchable trout program in 1994, funded in part by those who use the program through the sale of inland trout stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of

water where trout fishing is permitted during the fall season. An additional 80,000 trout are stocked for the spring season, which begins each April. For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, visit <https://www.ifishillinois.org>.

Among the 2024 Illinois fall trout locations are:

- Bureau County – Hennepin Canal Parkway
- LaSalle County – Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle
- Ogle County – Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park **
- Whiteside County – Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls, Coloma Park District

(* Denotes sites open for catch-and-release early fall season fishing)



Deer hunting dates set in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has set dates for the deer archery season, and also the youth, firearm and muzzleloader-only deer hunting and late winter deer seasons in the state.

The deer archery season opened on Oct. 1 and will continue through Jan. 19, 2025. Archery season will be closed during the firearm seasons.

The youth firearm season is Oct. 12, 13, 14.

The first firearm deer season is Nov. 22, 23, 24. The second firearm deer season is Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8.

The muzzleloader-only deer season is Dec. 13, 14, 15. Hunters may also use a muzzleloader permit with a muzzleloading rifle during the second firearm season, Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8.

The 2024 Deer Firearm and Muzzleloader lottery drawings are now closed. County-specific permits remaining after the lottery drawings will be available for sale over the counter at license vendors beginning Tuesday, Oct. 15, on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits will be sold until quotas are exhausted, or until the close of the firearm/



muzzleloader deer seasons, whichever occurs first.

The later winter deer hunting season dates are Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 17-19, 2025. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

The bag limit is one deer per legally authorized either-sex, antlered-only or antlerless-only permit. All either-sex permits and antlered-only permits are subject to the following restriction: No hunter, regardless of the quantity or type of permits in his/her possession, may harvest more than two antlered deer during a year, including the Youth, Archery, Muzzleloader and Firearm seasons. For purposes of this bag limit, deer seasons are considered to be in the same year if their opening dates fall within the same 12-month period that begins July 1. A hunter in possession of an

either-sex permit after having harvested two antlered deer during a year may only use the permit to harvest an

antlerless deer. Subject to this restriction, an either-sex permit holder is allowed to take a deer with or without antlers and an antlered-only permit holder is allowed to take only a deer having at least one antler of a length of three or more inches. An antlerless only permit holder is allowed to take only a deer without antlers or a deer having antlers less than three inches long.



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Tips to teach youth about experiences of a fishing trip

A fishing trip is much more than just going to catch fish. The excitement of getting the boat ready, packing a lunch, going over the checklist, picking out lures for the tackle box, buying worms, etc., is all part of the fun. The fishing experience teaches a child about patience, makes them aware of the sights and sounds of the outdoors, and provides a great sense of accomplishment from baiting a hook to catching that first fish. We all need to take the time to bring our children outside and teach them about taking ownership in caring for the natural environment. Help our Illinois youth get excited about fishing—if you can pass on your knowledge, you will be continuing a great tradition of exploring Illinois lakes and rivers.

Here are some ways to teach young people of all ages to fish and have a successful fishing experience:

Fishing License

Anyone under the age of 16 in Illinois does not need a license to fish.

Note: The adult accompanying a child fishing does not need a fishing license if he/she does not participate in fishing at all. Usually the adult casts, sets the hook, and/or helps the child reel in, in which case, that adult would need a valid Illinois fishing license.

Safety

Many fishing related accidents can be avoided with some forethought. Act on the side of caution, watch over children diligently, and teach by example. Young children should always fish with an adult. When in a boat or canoe, ALWAYS wear a life jacket.

Conservation

Always teach and practice the Anglers' Code of Ethics. Our lakes and rivers belong to everyone and we all must do our part to preserve them for future generations.

Where To Go?

Morning trips are best as the fish usually bite better and it is not too hot. A good place to teach a beginner is from a dock. This provides enough room to show kids how to put their worm on a hook, teach them proper casting, and observe other anglers. Sunfish often hang out around docks, making this a great way to view swimming fish and observe how fish are attracted to a lure.

Child-Sized Equipment

Small hands can handle a kid-sized rod and reel much easier. For young children, toddler to preschool aged, a beginner fishing rod and reel combination can be found in the sporting good area of most department stores at a low price. Do not, however, choose the prepackaged rod sets with comic heroes on them for school-aged children. Instead, choose an ultra-light rod and reel.

The Best Bait

Getting kids excited about fishing usually means actually catching a fish. Fortunately, most kids are happy with any size and kind of catch.

The best luck will usually be with earthworms. Many a fishing adventure begins with digging for your own worms in the garden or collecting them after a good rain, however, a container of worms are easily purchased from the local tackle shop or marina.

If the sunfish are really biting, you can use corn, pieces of a hot dog or even marshmallows.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I saw a commercial for “FBI: International,” and it looks like Jesse Lee Soffer is on there now. I was hoping he would return to “Chicago P.D.” Is there any chance of this now? -- **D.D.**



Soffer

A: Yes, it's true. Jesse Lee Soffer has joined the cast of “FBI: International” in time for the show's fourth season. He played Detective Jay Halstead for 10 seasons on another Dick-Wolf-produced series, “Chicago P.D.,” before choosing to exit. The door has been left open for his character to return, but the chance of this seems less likely now. He did tell Variety that “Halstead's always going to be in my blood,” but I'm sure that after a decade, he was ready for a change, even if it's on another crime procedural show.

Soffer takes the place of departing cast member Luke Kleintank, who left “International” after three years. Also new this season is actor Jay Hayden as Agent Tyler

Booth. If he looks familiar, that's because he starred in the long-running ABC series “Station 19.”

All three “FBI” shows will premiere their new seasons on Tuesday, Oct. 15, with “FBI” at 8 p.m. ET, “FBI: Most Wanted” at 9 p.m. ET, and “FBI: International” at 10 p.m. ET. You can also stream them on Paramount+ the next day.

Q: Wasn't there a spin-off series for “When Calls the Heart,” or was it just a one-time miniseries? Will there be any more of it? -- **D.I.**

A: Yes, there was and still is a spin-off series of “When Calls the Heart,” titled “When Hope Calls.” The last episode was almost three years ago, so it's not surprising that the show's fans have been left wondering if it was all just a figment of their imaginations.

Fortunately, “When Hope Calls” will begin filming again soon, aiming for a premiere date on January 2025 on the Great American Family channel. “The cast is getting something of an overhaul, with three new additions,” according to TVLine. Set in the early

1900s at an orphanage, the show initially focused on two sisters, who were played by Morgan Kohan (“Sullivan's Crossing”) and Jocelyn Hudon (“Chicago Fire”).

Hudon is reportedly not part of the cast for season two, but joining Kohan are three new additions to the show: Cindy Busby (“Cedar Cove”), Christopher Russell (“UnREAL”), and Nick Bateman (“A Christmas Miracle for Daisy”).

Q: Is it true that Zendaya is thinking about retiring from acting? Also, is Zendaya her real name, and what is her last name? -- **M.M.**

A: Born Zendaya Maree Stoermer Coleman, the young actress simply goes by her first name now. As for her returning from show business, that rumor started after a post-“Dune” screening Q&A session, when she said she wasn't sure she can “handle all of that” -- meaning the pressures that come with fame. She explained that she loves acting and being on set, but at heart, she is an introvert and would like to be seen as a “person” instead of a celebrity. She has no plans to retire, however.

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- As the qualification season for the Oscars approaches, two new films that were screened at the Toronto International Film Festival were not well-received.



Edgar-Jones

“On Swift Horses” stars Jacob Elordi, Daisy Edgar-Jones and Will Poulter. Set in the 1950s, it's about a love triangle between a woman (Edgar-Jones) who marries a man (Poulter), but is fascinated by his brother's lifestyle. Meanwhile, the brother (Elordi) is having an affair with a casino worker named Henry (Diego Calva). In time, she begins to explore her own sexuality.

One critic felt that “the combined charisma of the performers sometimes makes the film feel more involving than it is.” Another offered, “All these plot developments interweave throughout, but this disjointed movie can't decide which thread to follow or who to focus on. Elordi cements his sex-symbol status. Edgar-Jones has a tough time

getting a handle on it. Poulter is a poor, lost soul.”

As for “Joker: Folie à Deux,” one critic wrote: “Joaquin Phoenix and Lady Gaga star in a cracked jukebox musical that doesn't let Joker be Joker enough. Gaga never gets the chance to do what she did in “A Star Is Born” [and] seize the audience with her rapture!”

Ryan Reynolds amassed \$1.317 billion grosses for “Deadpool & Wolverine,” which landed at No. 21 on the all-time top-grossing film list, behind “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” at \$1.334 billion and “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows -- Part 2” at \$1.342 billion.

Looking ahead, Reynolds has two new projects in his future. He'll lead the road action-comedy film “Animal Friends,” co-starring Jason Momoa, Vince Vaughn, Aubrey Plaza and Dan Levy (due on Aug. 15, 2025). Reynolds will also star in the action-adventure film “Mayday,” opposite Kenneth Branagh and Maria Bakalova, for Apple TV+.

Not quite as lucky is Kevin Costner, who ambitiously dreamed of a four-part west-

ern franchise called “Horizon: An American Saga,” but was disappointed by the \$36.1 million that “Chapter 1” grossed against its \$50 million price tag. “Chapter 2” was due in theaters in mid-August, but Warner Bros. pulled it, fearing it wouldn't do well.

Costner was then able to show “Chapter 1” and “Chapter 2” at the Venice Film Festival to raise awareness. The results that “Chapter 2” will soon be available on Max, the streaming platform owned by Warner Bros. “Chapter 3” began filming in May and should wrap next year.

“Dune: Part Two” grossed \$711.8 million, and its producer/writer/director, Denis Villeneuve, has agreed to make another “Dune” film but emphasized: “...for me, it was really a diptych. It was really a pair of movies that will be the adaption of the first book. ... If I do a third one, which is in the writing process, it's not like a trilogy. ... if I go back there, it's to do something that feels different and has its own identity.”

Villeneuve has been working on the “Dune” movies since 2018, so he must have Arrakis-phobia by now!

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* There's a surgical procedure called selective amygdalohippocampectomy that removes half of the brain's amygdala -- and with it, much of the patient's sense of fear.

* Obituary writers have their own awards, which are called The Grimmys.

* Londoners in the 1600s were advised to keep “fart jars” -- consisting of trapped fart odors -- on hand to combat bubonic plague. The idea was that the potent smell would somehow purify the air!

* During World War II, the term “security blanket” was slang for measures meant to keep military information secret, or covered up.

* Future Martians might marvel at the Valles Marineris (a.k.a. Mariner Valley) the same way Earthlings marvel at the Grand Canyon. The huge rift is more than eight times the length of the Grand Canyon, and four times as deep.

* The Eiffel Tower leans slightly toward the shade on sunny days.

* Forbes estimates that Barbie's Dream House would be worth around \$16 million if it were real. The three-story house has seven rooms, an elevator, a garage and a pool.

* In 1897, Indiana state legislators tried to pass a bill that would have legally redefined the value of pi as 3.2.

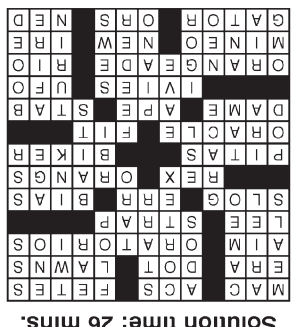
* A game show in Japan featured one item in a room that was replaced with a look-alike item made of chocolate or other candy. Contestants would try to find it by biting into various objects.

* The ancient Greeks believed that pearls were the hardened tears of joy from Aphrodite, the goddess of love.

* Elton John has pianos named after Aretha Franklin, Nina Simone and Diana Krall.

* There's a five-story, blood-red waterfall in Antarctica.

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1. MOVIES: Which animated film was the first to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture?
2. SCIENCE: What is a common name for the Aurora Borealis?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the third U.S. president?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Maldives (islands) located?
5. MUSIC: Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
6. TELEVISION: What is Dorothy's job on “The Golden Girls”?
7. MATH: Which number doesn't have a Roman numeral equivalent?
8. LITERATURE: In the Harry Potter series of novels,

what was Lord Voldemort's name before he changed it?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which dog breed doesn't “bark”?

10. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who wrote the poetic line about fall, “Nature's first green is gold”?

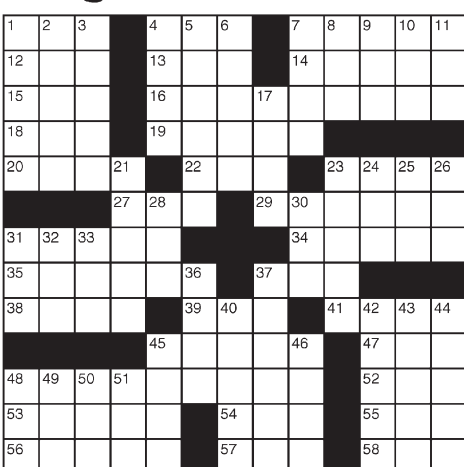
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1. “Beauty and the Beast.”
 2. Northern Lights.
 3. Thomas Jefferson.
 4. Indian Ocean.
 5. Aretha Franklin.
 6. Substitute teacher.
 7. Zero.
 8. Tom Marvolo Riddle.
 9. Basenji.
 10. Robert Frost, “Nothing Gold Can Stay.”
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- 18 Author Harper
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- 20 Trudge
- 22 Mess up
- 23 Prejudice
- 27 Mardi Gras VIP
- 29 Borneo beasts
- 31 Pocket breads
- 34 Harley rider
- 35 Delphi figure
- 37 In shape
- 38 Title for Helen Mirren
- 39 Gorilla
- 41 Wild guess
- 45 Cornell and Yale, e.g.
- 47 E.T.'s craft
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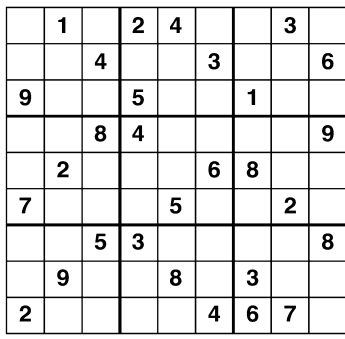
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- 5 Brain layer
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- 7 Dud
- 8 Hearing thing
- 9 Prefix with night
- 10 Rock producer Brian
- 11 Snake's warning
- 17 Tropical tuber
- 21 Preprandial prayer
- 23 Entices
- 24 Pen filler
- 25 Get older
- 26 Old map letters
- 28 Immigrant's subj.
- 30 Hitter's stat
- 31 Group of seals
- 32 Nest egg acronym
- 33 Highland hat
- 36 Roof overhang
- 37 Birdseed holder
- 40 Steinway product
- 42 Shroud city
- 43 Blazing
- 44 Greeted a bully
- 45 Borodin's “Prince —”
- 46 Gives a darn?
- 48 Texter's “Heavens!”
- 49 Estuary
- 50 Busy insect
- 51 Opposite of paleo-

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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Couch Theater

“Blink Twice” (R) -- Zoe Kravitz, who recently portrayed the alluring Catwoman in “The Batman” (2022), has decided to make her directorial debut after a decades-long career in acting, and it's safe to say that we didn't know how badly we needed Kravitz as a director until now. In the age of Netflix films and Marvel blockbusters, this psychological thriller is a palette-cleanser that makes you wonder why more directors aren't making films this original, thought-provoking and refreshing. Naomi Ackie (“I Wanna Dance with Somebody”) excels as timid cocktail waitress Frida, who gets whisked away with her best friend, Jess, to a billionaire's private island. Once there, Frida and Jess are showered with anything they could possibly want, but as the days start to blur together and their recreational activities catch up to them, the girls wonder if they're caught in a trap. Remember, girls, blink twice

if you're in danger! Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

“Ezra” (R) -- Max (Bobby Cannavale) is a stand-up comedian yet to hit it big, who lives with his father, Stan (Robert De Niro). Besides his comedy, the light of Max's life is his autistic son, Ezra, even though Max often disagrees with his co-parent, Jenna (Rose Byrne), on how to help Ezra get accustomed to the outside world. After Ezra's actions accidentally cause a scare, his doctor transfers him to a special-needs school and gives him medication, much to Max's dismay. So, Max haphazardly decides to “kidnap” his son and embark on a road trip that will hopefully bring Ezra out of his own world into the real one. Tony Goldwyn (“Scandal”), who also co-stars in the film, directed this heartwarming drama out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

“Hold Your Breath” (R) -- Premiering Oct. 3, this psychological thriller takes place

in 1930s Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl that ravaged American farmlands. A young mother named Margaret, played by the ever-expressive Sarah Paulson (“Mr. & Mrs. Smith”), works tirelessly to protect her family against the dust storms. One night, Margaret's oldest daughter, Rose, reads the harrowing tale of The Grey Man -- a spirit who travels in the dust that makes you do terrible things if you breathe him in. Although Margaret dismisses the story at first, certain signs of a sinister presence appear throughout her rural community, eventually trickling down to her family. So, Margaret must brace herself to hold her breath and fight if she's to weather the storm. Annaleigh Ashford (“American Crime Story”) and Ebon Moss-Bachrach (“The Bear”) co-star in this selection from the Toronto International Film Festival. (Hulu)

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There are several ways to participate in 4-H. Youth may join 4-H community clubs, coordinated by local adult volunteers who receive special training. Each club decides how often it meets, the location of its meetings and the activities held during the meeting. Members may select from over 100 different project areas to study while they build leadership, teamwork, cooperation, decision-making and communication skills. Youth may instead choose to focus on a specific project area and join a club specifically related to that one project. Robotics, photography, gardening, visual arts, and nutrition, are just a few of the popular topics for special interest clubs.

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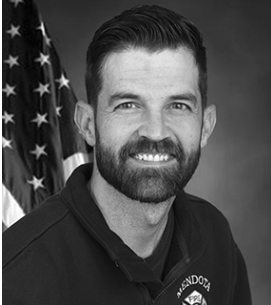
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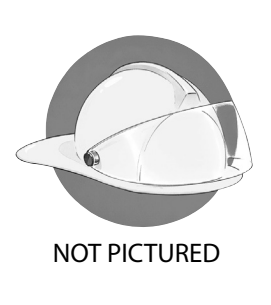
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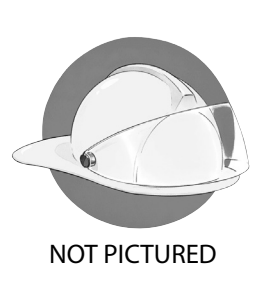
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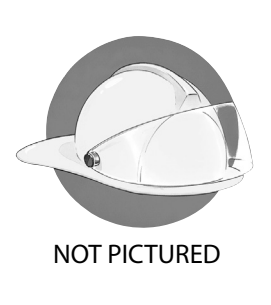
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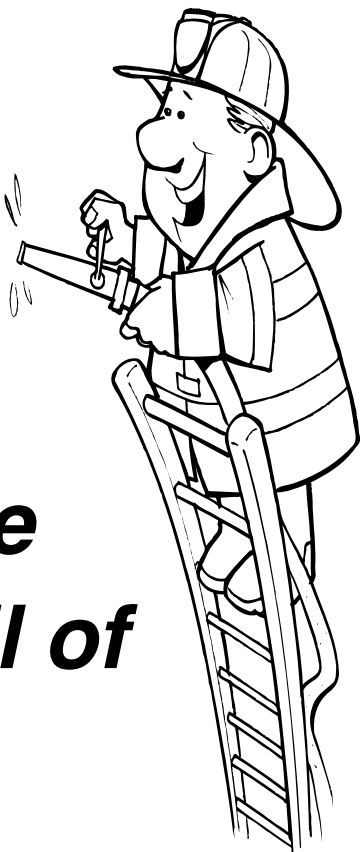


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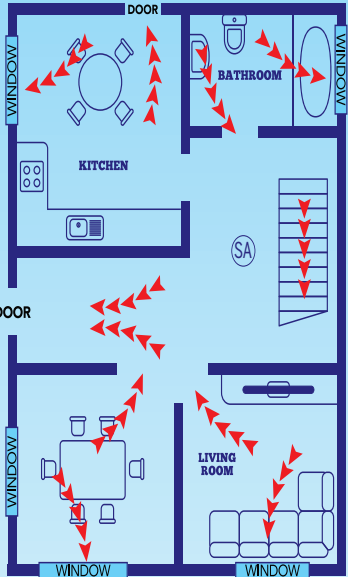
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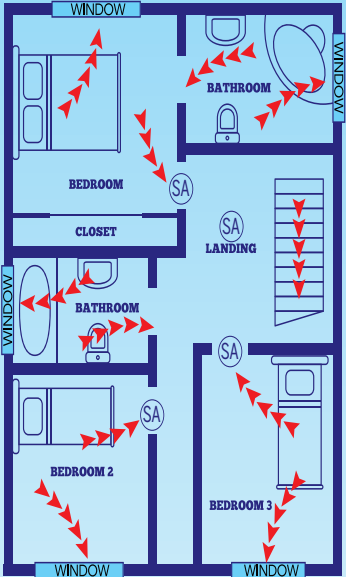
- ☐ Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- ☐ Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- ☐ All windows and doors open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- ☐ Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- ☐ Pick an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- ☐ The house or building number can be seen from the street.
- ☐ Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- ☐ Everyone in the home should know the fire department's emergency number and how to call once they are safely outside.
- ☐ Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

Sample Escape Plan



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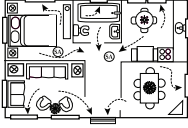
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- Mark all of the **smoke alarms** with (SA). Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family **meeting place** outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, **practice** your plan at least **twice a year**!

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By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and Section 5 of the Timeshare Lien and Security Interest Act establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, LaSalle County, Illinois, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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

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corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 06, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0119 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2 **JUAN I. ALVAREZ and MARCELA ALVAREZ**, 4546 JOLIET AVE, LYONS, IL 60534, according to the Deed dated January 23, 2000 and recorded under File No. 2000-10646, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 28, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0103, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 **JENNIFER BRISTER and BRETT GAHAGAN**, 3624 DAWN DR, NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 76180, according to the Deed dated July 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-14392, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 04, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 **JENNIFER BRISTER and BRETT GAHAGAN**, 8750 PARK LANE APT 158, DALLAS, TX 75231, according to the Deed dated July 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-14392, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 04, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 **ALVIN BRITO and MARILYN M BRITO**, 14146 INTERSTATE 35 S TRLR 228, VON ORMY, TX 78073, according to the Deed dated March 15, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-11473, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 06, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0026 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 1 **ALVIN BRITO and MARILYN M BRITO**, 1710 BRIARWOOD LN, IRVING, TX 75061, according to the Deed dated March 15, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-11473, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 06, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0026 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 1 **MICHAEL A BROOME**, 1091 LOST NATION RD, DIXON, IL 61021, according to the Deed dated August 24, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-17322, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 10, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0398, Use Period Number(s) 9, Phase 6 **CANDACE P BROWN and ALDO D BROWN**, 2215 W 79TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated October 09, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-28369, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 26, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit No. 0145, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 2 **G E R A R D O CABRALES**, 11255 S EWING AVE APT B, CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Deed dated July 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-14738, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 04, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2 **CARLOS CALDERON and JILL CALDERON**, 1145 S UNION ST, AURORA, IL 60505, according to the Deed dated February 14, 1999 and recorded under File No. 2002-31136, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 19, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0001, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1 **MARY ANN CHABES and RICHARD CHABES**, 3919 MISSOURI ST, HOBART, IN 46342, according to the Deed dated August 19, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-19252, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 06, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0058 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 1 **DANNY DIAZ and JEAN ELAM**, 9958 S. 86TH CT, PALOS HILLS, IL 60465, according to the Deed dated October 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013-00119, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 03, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 2 **DANNY DIAZ and JEAN ELAM**, 8765 S. DUFFY AVE, HOMETOWN, IL 60456, according to the Deed dated October 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013-00119, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 03, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 2 **SCOT P DOBBINS and JANELLE RAWSON-DOBBINS**, 2811 SUNRISE TER, MAHOMET, IL 61853, according to the Deed dated August 16, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-21725, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 06, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0078 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 1 **RANDALL DOVE**, 8134 MONTEIRA RANCH DR APT 3614, FORT WORTH, TX 76177, according to the Deed dated December 05, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-31436, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 23, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0137 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 2 **DANIEL R ELIZALDE SR and LAURA A ELIZALDE**, 12713

S ESCANABA AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60633, according to the Deed dated February 19, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-05220, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 04, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0131 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 2 **RICHARD W ENGELBRECHT JR and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and DEANNE ENGELBRECHT**, 5400 W WAR MEMORIAL DR, PEORIA, IL 61615, according to the Deed dated February 19, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-05106, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 03, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4 **RICHARD W ENGELBRECHT JR and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and DEANNE ENGELBRECHT**, 1188 OAKWOOD CIR, COAL VALLEY, IL 61240, according to the Deed dated February 19, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-05106, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 03, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 4 **DINAH FELTON**, 7042 S PRAIRIE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60637, according to the Deed dated March 25, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2008-06074, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 26, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0379, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 3 **DELIA R. FORD**, 1025 E 167TH PL, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Deed dated May 01, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015-11702, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0385, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 3 **SANDRA FOSTER and BRENT FOSTER**, 3305 N ISABELL AVE, PEORIA, IL 61604, according to the Deed dated July 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-14130, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 28, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0050, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 **SANDRA FOSTER and BRENT FOSTER**, 2710 W KANSAS, PEORIA, IL 61604, according to the Deed dated July 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-14130, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 28, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0142, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 **TYLER H HOUSER, KATHRYNE M HOUSER and MATTHEW R STEPHENS**, 215 W 2ND ST, ARTHUR, IL 61911, according to the Deed dated June 04, 2000 and recorded under File No. 2000-20858, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 11, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0142, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 **TYLER H HOUSER, KATHRYNE M HOUSER and MATTHEW R STEPHENS**, 2552 N 1200E RD, PIPER CITY, IL 60959, according to the Deed dated June 04, 2000 and recorded under

File No. 2013-02490, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 05, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0064, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1 **ROSEMARIE A GASSNER and JOSEPH GRIMM**, 2552 DUNRAVEN AVE, NAPERVILLE, IL 60540, according to the Deed dated January 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-02490, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 05, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0064, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1 **BEVERLY GRAY and WAYNE GRAY and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees**, 124 PEACH ST, PARK FOREST, IL 60466, according to the Deed dated April 23, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-08759, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 13, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0205 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 4 **WARRENS A HOLLEY and DELORES A CHRISTIAN**, 1609 LORELEI DR APT 306, ZION, IL 60099, according to the Deed dated June 24, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-24836, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0001, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 1 **WARRENS A HOLLEY and DELORES A CHRISTIAN**, 8057 RIVARD AVE, WARREN, MI 48089, according to the Deed dated June 24, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-24836, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0001, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 1 **TYLER H HOUSER, KATHRYNE M HOUSER and MATTHEW R STEPHENS**, 215 W 2ND ST, ARTHUR, IL 61911, according to the Deed dated June 04, 2000 and recorded under File No. 2000-20858, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 11, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 1 **BOBBY A LIGHTFOOT and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, DEANNA M LIGHTFOOT and LESLIE R LIGHTFOOT**, 4804 E POWERS BLVD, DECATUR, IL 62521, according to the Deed dated July 08, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2010-07440, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0368, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 3 **BOBBY A LIGHTFOOT and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, DEANNA M LIGHTFOOT and LESLIE R LIGHTFOOT**, 316 S PARKSIDE RD, NORMAL, IL 61761, according to the Deed dated July 08, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2010-07440, in the Office of the Re-

File No. 2000-20858, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 11, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0142, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 **ERIKA I. HUGO and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees**, 901 HINMAN AVE APT 2G, EVANSTON, IL 60202, according to the Deed dated October 17, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-38644, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 06, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0072, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1 **DANIEL S. KLEIN and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and DEBORAH J. KLEIN**, 272 N GLADE AVE APT 2, ELMHURST, IL 60126, according to the Deed dated August 01, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-24854, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0084, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2 **DANIEL S. KLEIN and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and DEBORAH J. KLEIN**, 5945 N LAKEWOOD AVE APT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60660, according to the Deed dated August 01, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-24854, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0084, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2 **BRIAN R LARSON and BEVERLY A LARSON**, 914 N 14TH ST, PEKIN, IL 61554, according to the Deed dated May 03, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-17270, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 23, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 1 **BRIAN R LARSON and BEVERLY A LARSON**, 603 W 3RD ST, DELAVAN, IL 61734, according to the Deed dated May 03, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-17270, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 23, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 1 **BOBBY A LIGHTFOOT and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, DEANNA M LIGHTFOOT and LESLIE R LIGHTFOOT**, 4804 E POWERS BLVD, DECATUR, IL 62521, according to the Deed dated July 08, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2010-07440, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0368, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 3 **BOBBY A LIGHTFOOT and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, DEANNA M LIGHTFOOT and LESLIE R LIGHTFOOT**, 316 S PARKSIDE RD, NORMAL, IL 61761, according to the Deed dated July 08, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2010-07440, in the Office of the Re-

corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 30, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0368, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 3 **NANCY A LIZOTTE and JONATHAN SMAGACZ**, 8800 W 91ST PL, HICKORY HILLS, IL 60457, according to the Deed dated April 09, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-13284, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 25, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0205 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 4 **MARY A. MALHOTRA and SHAUN MALHOTRA**, 1723 W ALBION AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60626, according to the Deed dated January 17, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011-09447, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 27, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 6 **CHRISTOPHER R MARTINEZ**, 134 ROSEBUD LN APT 23201, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78221, according to the Deed dated November 11, 2021 and recorded under File No. 2021-17445, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 09, 2021, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0120, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 **CONCEICAO MESQUITA and SUNITA MESQUITA**, 7151 W CHURCH ST, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053, according to the Deed dated August 31, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-21134, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 19, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 2 **PHILLIP MILLER and AMY MILLER**, 400 S CHURCH ST, GEORGETOWN, IL 61846, according to the Deed dated September 30, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-30124, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 19, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0164 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1 **EMMANUEL NORWOOD and SAMNEISHA NORWOOD**, 256 WALSH CIR, YORKVILLE, IL 60560, according to the Deed dated April 17, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-09825, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 08, 2013, are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0105, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 **EMMANUEL NORWOOD and SAMNEISHA NORWOOD**, 256 WALSH CIR, YORKVILLE, IL 60560, according to the Deed dated April 17, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-09825, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 08, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0393, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 6 **LAWRENCE J. OTT and AURELIA D. OTT and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees**, 602 E CHERRY AVE APT 292, CHERRY, IL 61317, according to the Deed dated June 08, 2000 and recorded under File No. 2000-18454, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 14, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0035, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 1 **MICHELLE A. OWENS**, 2636 W 89TH PL, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805, according to the Deed dated September 26, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-30868, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 12, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0112, Use Period Number(s) 8, Phase 2 **KOKEITH PERRY and TRACY WILLIAMS-PERRY**, 421 COLUMBINE LN, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Deed dated April 14, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-13833, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 09, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0120, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 **NARIANA RAMIREZ and ROBERTO CASTILLO**, 3708 S WOOD ST # 2, CHICAGO, IL 60609, according to the Deed dated February 01, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-03066, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0210 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 4 **NARIANA RAMIREZ and ROBERTO CASTILLO**, 4819 S KEELER AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60632, according to the Deed dated February 01, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-03066, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0210 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 4 **SUSAN E RIEDY**, 507 E TAYLOR ST APT 1206, DEKALB, IL 60115, according to the Deed dated June 24, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-20309, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 13, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0075 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 1 **ANN E RIES and any**

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on February 19, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0020 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1 SUSAN C UNSER and LEE S UNSER, 8314 LAVERGNE AVE, BURBANK, IL 60459, according to the Deed dated December 10, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2007- 00346, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 05, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0053 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1 CARLOS VALDEZ, 3458 SCHWARTZ AVE, FORT WORTH, TX 76106, according to the Deed dated March 04, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015- 05393, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 25, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0059, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 ELVA VARGAS and VICTOR VARGAS BARRON, 2370 KLOCK CT, MONTGOMERY, IL 60538, according to the Deed dated December 13, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014- 00079, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 02, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0050, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 1 BETTY L. VEASY, 2808 ATWOOD DR, MCKINNEY, TX 75072, according to the Deed dated March 06, 2004 and recorded under File No. 2007- 14482, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 18, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1 LUBIN L VELA and SYLVIA LOPEZ, 809 E BOYCE AVE, FORT WORTH, TX 76115, according to the Deed dated July 03, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 16344, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 25, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0145, Use Period Number(s) 9, Phase 2 LUBIN L VELA and SYLVIA LOPEZ, 6012 CHIPPEWA DR, DALLAS, TX 75212, according to the Deed dated July 03, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 16344, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 25, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0145, Use Period Number(s) 9, Phase 2 RUTA VERDERBER, 4010 MADISON AVE, BROOKFIELD, IL 60513, according to the Deed dated September 16, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012- 21550, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 05, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0031 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1 TIMOTHY WERNER, 72 COX RD, WILLIAMSTOWN, NY 13493,

according to the Deed dated June 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2020- 18379, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 30, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 7 GREGORY WHITE, 3656 W 84TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60652, according to the Deed dated February 27, 2000 and recorded under File No. 2000- 08038, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 31, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0114 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 JOHN WHITE, 5005 E MINOOKA RD, MINOOKA, IL 60447, according to the Deed dated October 01, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011- 21591, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 20, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0126 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 8, Phase 2 LISA WILLIAMS and CHARLES BREAD, 3320 LINKWOOD, THE COLONY, TX 75056, according to the Deed dated May 30, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015- 12841, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 08, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0111, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 LUNYE WILLIAMS, 10548 S CORLISS AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Deed dated March 07, 2011 and recorded under File No. 2011- 07549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 29, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0126, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 2 NORMA WILLIAMS, 223 BROOKWOOD LN E, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Deed dated January 06, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007- 02679, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 02, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0044 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1 MARY C. YU, 2828 WOODSIDE ST APT 3104, DALLAS, TX 75204, according to the Deed dated November 01, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003- 39688, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 18, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0040, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1 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 announced at the public auction. Managing entity lien holder: Holiday Inn Club Vacations Incorporated, A Delaware Corporation By: Julie Sabon-Van Dyke, Assistant Secretary No. 1001 (October 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY - IN PROBATE NO. 2024PR000148 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gerald W. Borchelt, Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of Gerald W. Borchelt. Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued to Matthew Smith, 416 E. Benton Street, Morris, Illinois, 60450 whose Attorney is Frank J. Black, Black & Black Lawyers, 201 Liberty Street, Suite 211, Morris, Illinois 60450. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 West Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or, if mailing or delivery of a notice is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. MATTHEW SMITH INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR FRANK J. BLACK BLACK & BLACK LAWYERS 201 LIBERTY STREET SUITE 211 P.O. BOX 148 MORRIS, IL 60450 815-942-0594 No. 0902 (Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 2024)

NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 5, 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 Iron Family Supplements located at 605 Betty Street Earlville, IL. 60518. Dated: September 5, 2024. Chad Cantlin Applicant. No. 0905 (Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
No: 2024-JA-30
TO: Ivan Perez-Garcia, Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the 19th day of September, 2024 a petition to terminate your parental rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of

Anthony Perez-Garcia, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 210 at Ottawa on the 30th day of October, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Termination Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child. You are entitled to have an attorney represent you at all stages of these proceedings. If you are financially unable to afford a private attorney, the court will appoint an attorney for you. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judgment entered. Dated: September 19, 2024 Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 0908 (Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
No: 2024-JA-30
TO: Ada Perez-Garcia, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the 19th day of September, 2024 a petition to terminate your parental rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Anthony Perez-Garcia, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 210 at Ottawa on the 30th day of October, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Termination Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child. You are entitled to have an attorney represent you at all stages of these proceedings. If you are financially unable to afford a private attorney, the court will appoint an attorney for you. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judgment entered. Dated: September 19, 2024 Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 0908 (Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9, 2024)

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the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judgment entered. Dated: September 19, 2024 Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 0909 (Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
No: 2024-JD-90
TO: Kevin Robertson, Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the 24th day of September, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Alexander J. Milton, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 110 at Ottawa, Illinois on the 22nd day of October, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered. Dated: September 24, 2024 Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 1002 (Oct. 2, 2024)

NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 26, 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 Thread Revival located at 322 E. Main Street Streator, IL. 61364. Dated: September 26, 2024 Rhonda Hensley Applicant. No. 1003 (October 2, 9 and 16, 2024)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
No: 2024-JA-71
TO: Emanual Young, Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the

19th day of August, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by David A. Greer, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Jayden Finnell, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 18th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child. You are entitled to have an attorney represent you at all stages of these proceedings. If you are financially unable to afford a private attorney, the court will appoint an attorney for you. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judgment entered. Dated: September 30, 2024 Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 1005 (October 2, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
No: 2024-JA-71
TO: Lauren Finnell, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the 19th day of August, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by David A. Greer, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Jayden Finnell, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 18th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to the child. You are entitled to have an attorney represent you at all stages of these proceedings. If you are financially unable to afford a private attorney, the court will appoint an attorney for you. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition

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Dated: September 30, 2024
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk
No. 1006
(October 2, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
No: 2024-JA-72
TO: Emanuel Young, Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:
Take notice that on the 19th day of August, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by David A. Greer, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Darius Mayhew, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 18th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child.
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