



Brian Nelson, CEO and Chairman of the Board for HCC, Inc. applies the company decal to the Manufacturing Express, representing Mendota, as the bus continues its journey across the country. (Photo contributed)

## AEM Manufacturing Express stops at HCC, Inc.

Event showcases ag manufacturing innovations, HCC’s impact on local economy

MENDOTA – HCC, Inc., a leading manufacturer of agricultural harvesting equipment components, hosted a stop of the AEM (Association of Equipment Manufacturers) Manufacturing Express on Oct. 3 at its facility in Mendota. This event was part of a national tour celebrating the critical role of equipment manufacturing across the U.S., highlighting HCC’s long-standing contributions to the agriculture sector and local community.

The AEM Manufacturing Express tour stop at HCC, Inc. included a view of its facility, a presentation on the company’s innovative agricultural products, and insights from HCC’s leadership. Attendees learned about the company’s steel

fabrication operations and its position as a leader in the manufacturing of combine reels, sieves, and chaffers. The event also emphasized HCC’s positive impact on local job creation and economic development.

Brian Nelson, CEO of HCC, Inc., and Mark Lambole, Director of Business Development, welcomed representatives of AEM.

AEM has been on the road this summer and fall for an unprecedented initiative to tell the story of the U.S. equipment manufacturing industry and celebrate the 2.3 million men and women who help build, power, and feed the world.

The “AEM Manufacturing Express” launched on July 1, at Weiler, Inc. in Knoxville, Iowa and is

traveling across the country through October when it will wrap up with a finale event at Komatsu in Milwaukee, Wis., on Oct. 18. The tour will visit more than 20 states, with stops planned at more than 80 equipment manufacturers in communities across the Midwest, Southeast, and Mid-Atlantic.

The full route is available on the tour’s official website: [www.manufacturing-express.org](http://www.manufacturing-express.org).

“The ‘AEM Manufacturing Express’ is hitting the road to celebrate the equipment manufacturing industry and highlight its vital role in building a modern and resilient infrastructure, putting food on people’s tables, and powering vital public services and utilities,” said AEM

President Megan Tanel. “Behind every piece of equipment is a story, and we are excited to tell the stories of the 2.3 million men and women of our industry and highlight how their grit, determination, and can-do spirit have been pivotal to the American way of life.”

The centerpiece of the “AEM Manufacturing Express” tour is an interactive game designed to showcase the cutting-edge technology and innovations that power modern equipment and test players’ knowledge about the innovative technologies, processes, people, and products revolutionizing equipment manufacturing across America.

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## City establishes Mendota Public Arts Commission

Trick-or-Treat hours set by Council

By KIP CHEEK  
Staff writer

MENDOTA - The Mendota City Council set Trick-or-Treat hours and created an Arts Commission at its Oct. 7 regular meeting.

Halloween will be here on Thursday, Oct. 31 and the council voted to allow children to Trick-or-Treat in the downtown area from 3-5 p.m. and throughout Mendota from 5-7 p.m.

### ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Leo Hochstatter presented a request from the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce in regard to its “A Mendota Christmas” festivities. The council agreed to the Chamber’s request to close Illinois Avenue from Washington Street to Jefferson Street beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 and extending until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The Chamber will have holiday-themed activities throughout the day, including a special appearance by Santa Claus.

Alderman Jay Miller’s report included a request by Diaz Events Company for a Class H-2 liquor license, which was approved by the council. Also, Miller called a meeting for a Landlord Registration Ordinance review to be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 in the Council Chambers.

Alderman Vicki Johnson presented an ordinance establishing a Public Arts Commission for the council’s consideration. The Mendota Public Arts Group has recommended the creation of a



Public Arts Commission and program that would foster an environment for established and emerging artists to thrive in Mendota, promote life-long participation and learning in the arts and integrate art into the urban environment.

Further, the City Council received recommendations for:

- The establishment of a Public Arts Commission to use artistic subjectivism to approve or guide a project and use its network of artists/craftsmen/fabricators/funding sources to connect people in order to help projects move forward;
- The preservation and commemoration of local and multicultural traditions and histories;
- The integration of art into every feasible public works project - to promote functional and streetscape art;
- The creation of a program that represents our community in all its diversity in terms of race, geography, gender, class, sexual orientation, belief-system, etc.;

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## Illinois State Board of Education member Benson honored with NASBE Distinguished Service Award

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) congratulates Board member Dr. Christine Benson on receiving the 2024 Distinguished Service Award from National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). This prestigious honor, awarded to three state board members annually, represents NASBE’s highest accolade for exemplary contributions to public education and leadership on state boards. She is a former teacher and administrator at Mendota High School who resides in Ottawa.

The award acknowledges Dr. Benson’s exceptional contributions to education and her tireless advocacy for Illinois students, spanning over 35 years as an educator, administrator, and state leader. She is currently serving her second term on the ISBE Board, where she holds the position

of secretary, and she is a past Board chair and past chair of the Finance Committee.

“Dr. Benson has been a steadfast advocate for students throughout her career,” said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tony Sanders. “Her commitment to ensuring that every student has access to high-quality education has been instrumental in how we support learning and how we advocate for the resources schools and educators need. This recognition from NASBE is a testament to her leadership and vision.”

“Chris’ leadership in these areas and others is extremely valuable for influencing locally elected officials,” said ISBE Board Chair Dr. Steven Isoye. “Her dedication to ‘getting it right’ for the children of our state has always been a top priority.”

A champion for Career and Technical Education (CTE), Dr. Benson has been

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Benson

## As the U.S. Farm Bill stalls, harvest in full swing in Illinois

By KEVIN BESSLER  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – With no end in sight for negotiations on a new federal farm bill, harvest season is in full swing in Illinois.

The comprehensive package of legislation that sets agriculture policy for the country is supposed to be updated every five years, but lawmakers can’t come to an agreement. An extension of the 2018 Farm Bill expired Sept. 30 and it is likely another extension is in the works.

Illinois U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said the House has moved what he called a “very good” Farm Bill out of committee. He told WGEM TV in Quincy that the farm bill will address a



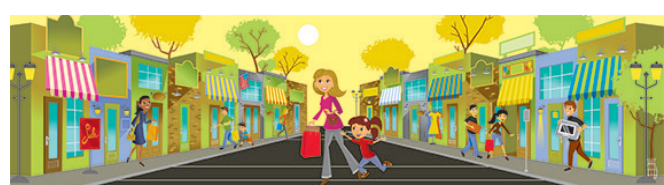
controversial California initiative that establishes space requirements for livestock.

“It is a law that was put in place by vote in the state of California that basically would force our producers here, in the state of Illinois, to be compliant in their pro-

duction of hogs, in this case, by their standards instead of leaving that to the individual state,” Bost said.

Meanwhile, Mark Schlusser, Illinois state statisti-

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# Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Monday, Oct. 2 was Open House for our students and their families. It was exciting to see families attend and the students enjoyed taking their families on a tour and visiting with the staff at Blackstone. It was awesome to see the student work displayed for all to see as well. Thank you to the teachers who did an amazing job to prepare for this event and thank you to the families that took the time to visit your child's school!

The Scholastic Book Fair was held this past week. There were a variety of books and resources available for students and their families to purchase. Thank you to our parent volunteers who worked at the Book Fair. We

couldn't have it open without parent volunteers! Thank you also to the many parents who purchased books off of teachers' wish lists for books to use in their classrooms. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Our fall fundraiser kicked off on Friday, Oct. 4. Club's Choice offers a great program that has been very successful at Mendota Elementary in the past. This year we'll once again be selling great-tasting pizzas, the very popular garlic cheese bread, cheesecakes, breakfast items, holiday gift items, and much more. The sale runs through Oct. 16. We appreciate your support to help our schools. Blackstone is raising money to

bring an exciting science assembly to our school this fall.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Amelia Albright, Keiton Blanton, Alani Gonzalez, Emilio Magallanes, Gus Eich, Matais Chapa, Nash Albers and Kaitlyn Castaneda. The winners were Nayeli Lopez, Zerrick Madonna, Ryann Leavy and Roman Watson. Congratulations to all of you!

We have a kindness program at Blackstone where we teach and practice showing kindness to others. Each month, the teachers submit the name of a student who has shown

kindness to others and they win the KIND KID of the month from their classroom. The winners for the month of September were Callie Kittilson, Sansa Post, Isaiah Porter, Aylin Hernandez, Kade Watson, Jayda Fielder, Bryson Ontiveros, Everly Bonnell, Victoria Lechuga, Hannah Reinhold, Ava Porter and William Colin. We are proud of all of our kind students at Blackstone!

District #289 has Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15 and Thursday, Oct. 17. Parents were able to sign up for a time at the open house. If parents did not attend the open house, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time.

OGLESBY – The Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, and Putnam County Master Naturalists welcomed 19 new volunteers to their ranks on Sept. 17.

Colleen Soon, Melissa Araujo, Joanne Fitzgerald, Janell Satler, Katee Johnson, Joann Bowman, Jenny Eckhardt, Jeff Nieman, Cyndi Nieman, Amy Murphy, John Murphy, Joe Jakupcak, Zak Kaufman, Tom Dwyer, Chris Woeltje, Bonnie Claudnic, Bettyann Harrison, Amy Williams, and Brian Johnson successfully completed 6 weeks of training to better share their passion about the environment with their communities.

Experts from University of Illinois and environmental partners led 40 hours of classroom instruction and fieldwork to cover the prairie state's natural history and environmental issues. Some of the new volunteers' favorite topics included plants of Illinois, prairie wildflowers, wetlands, ornithology, and streams.

Nineteen new volunteers proudly show their certificates after completing training to become Master Naturalist volunteers to better share their passion about the environment with their communities. (Photo contributed)

we've been able to offer an in-person training since 2019," said Emily Hansen, Illinois Extension Agriculture Educator. "I'm so happy that we have such a great new group of volunteers. I learned just as much from them as I did from our classes, and I look forward to seeing what the new class will contribute

The Illinois Extension Master Naturalist program is designed for adults who want to have a positive impact on their community by serving as an environmental steward and naturalist.

Now that they have completed their training, the new volunteers will

work toward completing 60 hours of service over the next year with partner organizations such as Starved Rock State Park, Dayton Bluffs Preserve, and Dixon Waterfowl Refuge.

Local Master Gardener/ Master Naturalist coordinator, Bettyann Harrison expressed, "We are very

fortunate to have these new volunteers in our local service area. Not only are they enthusiastic and excited to improve our local natural areas, each brings with them a strong history of learning in nature and dedication to educating others while preserving our natural environment. I very much look forward to

new programs and projects that will be made possible with this graduating class."

To learn more about the Master Naturalist program or if you're interested in signing up for the next training, visit extension.illinois.edu/blmp/master-naturalists

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# LOCAL AND AREA



The Illinois Valley Community Hospital Auxiliary has donated \$3,000 to the OSF Foundation for the Family Birthing Center at OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. Front row, left to right, are Annabel Tomas, Director of the Family Birthing Center; Rose Riva, IVCH Auxiliary Member; and Heather Bomstad, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer. Back row, Cherie Reynolds, I-80 Director of Development with the OSF Foundation and Dawn Trompeter, President of OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. (Photo contributed)

## IVCH aux. donates \$3,000 to OSF fdn.

OTTAWA – The Illinois Valley Community Hospital Auxiliary has donated \$3,000 to the OSF Foundation, earmarked for the needs of the Family Birthing Center at OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. This donation underscores the community’s dedication to ensuring excellent maternal and newborn care in the region.

The IVCHAuxiliary has a long history of supporting the community through nursing scholarships and purchasing essential equipment via fundraising and volunteer efforts. Following the recent reorganization of healthcare in the Illinois Valley, the group

decided to dissolve and distribute the remaining funds.

“I deeply appreciate the generous donation to support the Family Birthing Center,” said Cherie Reynolds, I-80 Director of Development with the OSF Healthcare Foundation. “Such generosity enables us to fulfill our mission of serving with the greatest care and love.”

The Foundation is committed to raising funds to invest in the future of healthcare in LaSalle County and the surrounding communities. To learn more, visit [osfhealthcare.org/saint-elizabeth](http://osfhealthcare.org/saint-elizabeth) or contact Cherie Reynolds at (815) 431-5538.

## Kish College Foundation announces creation of Albert and Frances Besserman Endowment

MALTA – A new endowment fund has been established with the Kishwaukee College Foundation thanks to two former employees, Albert and Frances Besserman.

The fund will provide scholarships for students pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. The fund will also provide financial support for the Kishwaukee College Library.

“Our interest is in providing financial support to students in need of scholarships, especially students pursuing a career in math or teaching math. Starting a career in mathematics is one of the best things that happened to me, and the opportunity to pass it along is meaningful,” Albert said.

“We would also like part of it to support Kish students through Library Services and any program enhancements or funding they need to enhance their services,” Frances said.

Currently retired in North Carolina, Albert and Frances were longtime employees at Kishwaukee College. The couple met while attending Illinois State Normal University (now Illinois State University), where they earned bachelor’s degrees. Starting in 1968, Albert was one of the first instructors hired at Kishwaukee College and taught mathematics until retiring in 1997. During his tenure, Albert served as the mathematics department chair for six years and was named Kish’s Outstanding Educator of the Year twice. Frances started at Kish in 1973 as a part-time Library staff member. After completing her master’s degree in library science, Frances worked as a Reference Librarian, later becoming the Director of the Learning Resources Center. During her time at Kish, Frances assisted with renovations to enlarge and improve the Library and retired in 1998. “The Bessermans have a



long legacy of contributions to Kishwaukee College. The Foundation is honored to continue to work with them as they provide generous, continued financial support for our students and our community,” said Courtney Walz, Kishwaukee College Foundation Director.

Albert and Frances credit their son, Mark, for bringing the idea of creating a Foundation endowment to their

attention.

“The College had a huge influence on their whole lives. I remember how important the College and the community were and thought it would be a great opportunity to give back and show their support,” Mark said.

To learn more about the Kishwaukee College Foundation, visit [kish.edu/foundation](http://kish.edu/foundation).

## OSF HealthCare announces expansion of OSF Medical Group

PERU – OSF HealthCare is proud to announce the expansion of its OSF Medical Group—Orthopedic Services to Peru. This strategic expansion will bring advanced orthopedic care closer to Illinois Valley residents, ensuring they have access to high-quality medical services within the community.

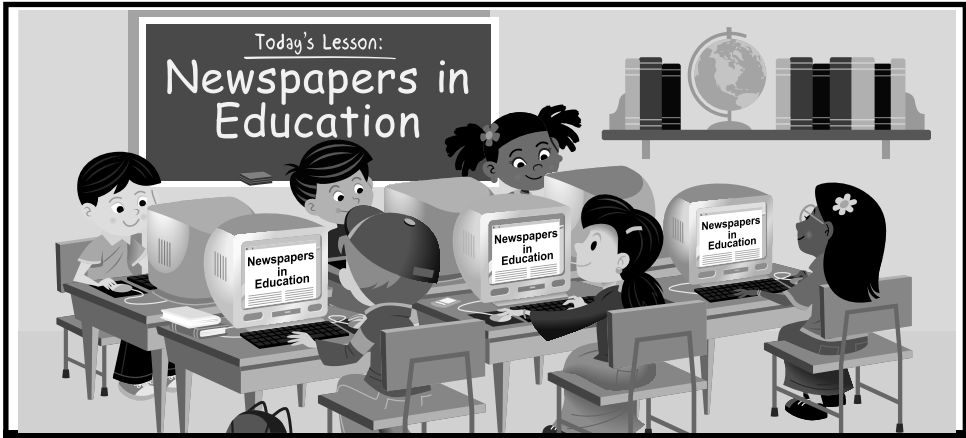
The new Peru orthopedic office is located at 920 West St., Medical Office Building A, Suite 221. It has X-ray services conveniently located adjacent to the clinic. The office will be staffed by highly skilled orthopedic surgeons Connor Kasik, DO, Robert Mitchell, DO, and providers Debra Pyzaska, PA, and Shannon Whitley, APRN. In addition, starting this fall, another OrthoMidwest sports medicine surgeon, Tiger

Onsen, MD, will join the local team.

“We are excited to bring orthopedic services back to the Illinois Valley,” said Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center and OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. “This office addition reflects our commitment to providing exceptional healthcare services to more communities and ensuring that patients receive the specialized care they need without having to travel long distances.”

For more information about the expanded Orthopedic Services or to schedule an appointment in Peru, Ottawa, Mendota, or Streator, visit [osfhealthcare.org/orthopedics](http://osfhealthcare.org/orthopedics) or call (815) 431-5746.

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## Kenneth A. Arjes

MENDOTA – Kenneth Andrew Arjes, 75, of Mendota, passed away Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at his home. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, at the Horner-Merritt Funeral Home in Mendota. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the funeral home with Chaplain Jay LaRette officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery in Mendota.

He was born on Aug. 18, 1949, in Mendota, to Jake and Shirley (Locke) Arjes. He married Connie Davis on Aug. 29, 1969, at the Compton United Methodist Church.

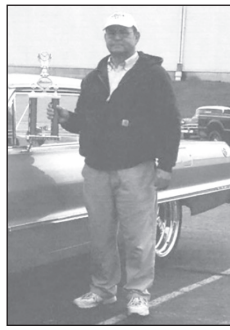
Ken is survived by his wife, Connie (Davis) Arjes; three children, Ken (Kim Montez) Arjes Jr. of DePue, Michelle (Matt Hazelwood) Shaver of Mendota, and Aaron Arjes of Wisconsin; four brothers, Denny (Connie) Arjes of Oregon, Kevin (Cindy) Arjes of Marseilles, John Vanderpool of Arizona, and Hank (Missy) Vanderpool of Spring Valley; nine granddaughters, Kendra (Cole) Johns, Kayli (Robert) McMillen, Karlee Arjes, Kelsey (Adam Umek) Sweger, Tatyanna Carreon, Faith Baratta, Hope Baratta, Talia White, and Tasian Arjes; one grandson, Chandler (Sofia Forney) Arjes; four step-grandchildren, Mercedes Ruiz, Anthony Tyson, Hunter Tyson, and Ivy Tyson; one step-great-granddaughter, Cali McMillen; one great-grandson, Declan; and his beloved dog, Chippy.

In addition to his parents, Ken is preceded in death by his step-mother, Peg Arjes, and step-father, Ray Vanderpool; two sisters, Sharon Murdock and Pam Wallace; and one brother, Gary Arjes.

He attended Mendota High School with the class of 1967. He was employed by the City of Mendota from 1983 and was Superintendent of Streets and Parks for 16 years prior to his retirement in 2008. He enjoyed golf and cherished his 1963 Chevy Super Sport Car. He was a Chicago Bears fan and was able to watch the game on Sunday, Sept. 29, when they beat the Los Angeles Rams.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Arjes, Ken Arjes Jr., Aaron Arjes, Chandler Arjes, Matt Hazelwood, and Mark Davis with honorary pallbearers Denny Arjes, John Vanderpool, Hank Vanderpool, Zach Vanderpool, Kyle Davis, Anthony Tyson, Hunter Tyson, and Adam Umek.

Contributions in Ken's memory may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services or a charity of the donor's choice. Please visit [www.horner-merritt.com](http://www.horner-merritt.com)



## Where do you want to go today? IVCC's Continuing Education programs can map your next adventure

OGLESBY – IVCC's Continuing Education Center delivers the world from A-Z, and on an affordable budget. Flipping through the 24-page course catalog, you can explore curling (on ice) or the latest technology tools (Chat GPT) or the earliest survival tools (the atlatl) or basic yoga.

Each year, some 3,000 participants ranging in age from 5 to 95 sign up for dozens of short courses in leisure activities, youth summer camps and personal or professional enrichment. The summer camps alone draw 400 children.

Along the way, many participants forge lifelong ties to IVCC. Like retired pharmacist William Arkins, who graces the 2024 fall catalog cover and has revisited his alma mater many times since graduating from LPO Junior College more than 70 years ago. He still embraces the adventure and believes he owes much to a lifetime's philosophy that's kept him moving.

Continuing Education Center Community Program Coordinator Kim Koehler says college continuing education programs trace their roots to turn-of-the-20th-Century Chautauqua assemblies and the mid-1970s Road Scholar program. Founding Father Benjamin Franklin founded a club whose members shared a curiosity and a thirst for learning, she said.

"These programs fill a niche, especially in small rural communities," said Continuing Education and Business Services Director Jennifer Scheri. "Colleges can offer opportunities beyond traditional education programs, and continuing education programs are 'a part of a trusted institution where you know you will get a good experience.'"

Scheri said course assortment and schedule-friendly delivery options appeal to new and returning participants. Participants usually sign up for multiple courses, drawn by fresh topics or the



IVCC's Continuing Education Center lives up to its name by offering courses for all ages and interests. The fall catalog that just arrived in mailboxes and inboxes offers more than 100 options for leisure activities and personal and professional enrichment, and next spring will bring more fresh activities and the popular youth summer camps. (Photo contributed)

satisfaction of completing a sequence or advancing their skills.

A typical IVCC catalog features more than 100 programs and introduces about 50 new topics. "If you cannot find a topic in the classroom, you can probably find it online," Koehler said. The team helps participants find programs to match their interests and needs, she added.

Bus trips are always popular, and passengers have traveled to theaters, wildlife preserves, historic sites and themed cultural activities. Overnight trips, once a yearly staple, disappeared during COVID but are expected to return soon, Koehler added.

"We aim to create an experience, something people might not find on their own," Koehler said. Thus, every travel destination has some new lesson or insight to reveal and summer camp lessons are freed from typical classroom settings and pressures.

Each catalog medley

emerges from a complex strategy that involves scrutinizing what has been popular, what other colleges are doing and what loyal followers and new students want to see. "We want to be a leader," Scheri said. "We try to be mindful about what's coming in the future and try to introduce new opportunities."

Some topics are timeless; others are relevant for a time and disappear as technology and interests evolve. Some courses, like sewing and fiber art, reappear periodically. "You might think everybody that wanted to learn something has, but that's not always true," Koehler said. Medical coding, computers and technology, regional history and environmental issues are among the current hot topics.

Curriculum is also driven by the availability of college or community resources (lab space, computer labs, equipment) and instructors. The program enlists active or retired professionals, hobbyists who

share a passion, and retired and active teachers – some of whom have been with the program for 25-30 years.

COVID decimated the schedule and unraveled months of planning, but Scheri's team was undaunted, pivoting online or using "touchless" innovations such as curbside art kits, to continue offering some courses. "People seeking recertification in food sanitation or OSHA still needed to do that," Scheri said.

Four years later, the program is rebuilding and finding new markets. Recently, more than 100 new students joined within a two-week period in August. "That's huge!" Scheri said.

The fall edition catalog dropped into mailboxes and inboxes in early August. Spring editions will arrive in January and the popular children's summer camp catalog is released each spring. For more information, visit [ivcc.edu/](http://ivcc.edu/) enroll or call to speak to an enrollment specialist, 815-224-0427.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

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Elected officials will join manufacturing workers and their friends and families along the route as the “AEM Manufacturing Express” celebrates the industry’s many contributions to small towns and big cities across the country. Each stop will feature the interactive game, thought leadership, giveaways, food, and entertainment to tell the story of equipment manufacturing in America, while also highlighting the policies that will strengthen the industry. “Hitting the road during a critical election year, the ‘AEM Manufacturing Express’ provides us with the opportunity to engage manufacturing workers in the political process, connect with elected officials and candidates, and keep our industry front and center,” said Kip Eideberg, AEM’s Senior Vice President of Government and Industry Relations. “Harnessing the voices and stories of our member companies, we will leverage our fiercely bipartisan approach to advocacy to advance policies that will strengthen the economy and move our industry forward.”

## Benson

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instrumental in advancing equitable state funding for CTE pathways, securing a \$10 million increase in funding for these vital programs in fiscal year 2025. Her advocacy extends to the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan, where she played a key role in securing professional development funding for educators statewide. Dr. Benson has served as a music teacher, school administrator, and superintendent in several Illinois school districts during her distinguished career. Her leadership has shaped numerous educational initiatives, including the state’s strategic education plan and Vision 20/20, which emphasized equity in funding and a stronger role for educators in policymaking. Dr. Benson was appointed to the ISBE Board by Governor JB Pritzker in 2019 and reappointed in 2021. Her term is set to end in January 2025.

## Farm

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cian with the United States Department of Agriculture, said about a quarter of the soybean crop in Illinois has been harvested. “Soybeans harvested reached 24%, compared to the 5-year average of 11%,” said Schleusener. “Soybeans condition was rated 1% very poor, 4% poor, 23% fair, 57% good, and 15% excellent.” Corn harvested reached 21%, compared to the 5-year average of 16%. A familiar site is apparent this time of year in Illinois as combines are out in the fields. Zach Hinthorn with Country Financial said motorists should be aware of slower moving vehicles on the roads. “Combines are bigger than they have ever been, and it seems like every year people forget that large equipment is on the roads during harvest time,” said Hinthorn. Illinois is the No. 1 producer of soybeans in the country and the No. 2 producer of corn.



## Revived IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame to induct 9 in the Class of 2024

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College Foundation has selected nine individuals for induction in the IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame Class of 2024 – the first new class of inductees since 2016. Inductees include Ray D’Alessio, IVCC Class of 1989; Robert Eschbach, IVCC Class of 1972; Kim “Howard” Johnson, IVCC Class of 1975, Jason Kotecki, IVCC Class of 1996; Dr. Holly Novak, IVCC Class of 1974; Dr. Kim Novak, IVCC Class of 1972; John Ossola, LPO Class of 1960, Richard “Rick” Sipovic, IVCC Class of 1972, and William Uebel, LPO Class of 1949. The induction ceremony will be Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre. The ceremony is open to the public. A dessert reception will follow the ceremony in the Ralph Scriba Conference Center, CTC 124/125. The event will be live streamed on IVCC’s YouTube page, and a video will be available after the event on IVCC’s Hall of Fame webpage. Live stream link: [https://www.youtube.com/live/CY4\\_TMleSAw](https://www.youtube.com/live/CY4_TMleSAw) Video link: <https://www.ivcc.edu/halloffame> Alessio is an award-winning broadcaster. He was the starting placekicker for IVCC and Eastern Illinois University and kicked the decisive field goal that secured IVCC a spot in the 1987 Midwest Bowl Championship. Eschbach was a visionary mayor for the City of Ottawa for 20 years and instrumental in securing IVCC’s first full-service satellite center in Ottawa. He is a founding board member of the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation and was an IVCC debate champion. Johnson is a biographer of the comedy phenomenon known as Monty Python, and a nationally recognized authority, author and teacher on improv theater and sketch comedy. Kotecki, a native of Peru, is a successful entrepreneur; founder of Escape Adulthood, a published author, cartoonist, artist, and keynote speaker. Dr. Holly Novak is a renowned cardiac surgeon who developed the first cardiac catheterization lab and open-heart surgery program at Bloomington’s OSF Saint Joseph Medical Center and is IVCC’s Distinguished Alumnus 2022. Dr. Kim Novak was one of the youngest and one of the first women in the University of Illinois School of Veterinary Medicine. She was also the first woman veterinarian in a multicounty area. She is an IVCC Foundation Board Director. Ossola was an LPO basketball player who played in the 1959 National Tournament and later became IVCC Eagles No. 1 superfan for almost 20 years. He was a Korean War veteran. Sipovic was the voice of Illinois Valley sports, as a WLPO sports broadcaster until he retired after 40 years and as a public address announcer for IVCC football/basketball. He was a 2005 media inductee into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Uebel was a favorite LPO/IVCC sociology instructor and a member of the full-time faculty when IVCC was established. He was social science division chairman for more than 40 years and a U.S. Army veteran and reservist. For a list of past Hall of Fame inductees, visit IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame page at <https://www.ivcc.edu/alumni/ivcc-lpo.php> For more information, contact Susan Monroe, Alumni & Donor Relations Coordinator at [susan\\_monroe@ivcc.edu](mailto:susan_monroe@ivcc.edu) or call (815) 224-0549.

## Council

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- The development of a strong public collection of artworks representing diverse communities, artistic styles and disciplines;
- The establishment of a dedicated revenue a stream for public art.

The council members, who had previously reviewed the proposed ordinance, agreed to the creation of a Public Arts Commission. The Commission shall consist of six members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council. The full ordinance is available for viewing at the Mendota

City Building on Washington Street. **LEAF VAC PROGRAM STARTS OCT. 14** The city’s leaf vacuum program will begin on Monday, Oct. 14 and will continue for approximately six weeks, dependent upon the weather. The schedule for leaf pickup will be Monday for the First Ward, Tuesday for the Second Ward, Wednesday for the Third Ward and Thursday for the Fourth Ward. Friday will be used as a catch-up day. Residents wishing to have leaves picked up from their property must place them at the curb (not in the street) and the piles should not contain

sticks or tree limbs. **APRIL ELECTION** Election packets are available at the Mendota City Building on Washington Street for the April 2025 election. Positions up for vote in the city are Boelk (mayor), Emily McConville (city clerk), Rob Letterly (treasurer), Leo Hochstatter (First Ward), Jim Fitzpatrick (Second Ward), Kyle Kim (Third Ward) and Vicki Johnson (Fourth Ward). Petitions can be turned in starting Tuesday, Nov. 12. The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21.

## MHS sets Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences for October 16 & 17

MENDOTA – Mendota High School Fall Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences have been set. Teachers are available to meet with parents and students on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 4-7 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 17 from 4-7 p.m., when students’ report cards will be distributed. Participants are asked to report to the gymnasium foyer. The purpose of the Parent/Teacher/Student Conference is to improve upon the home and school connection. MHS offers online information through Parent Connect concerning grades, attendance and discipline. However, there is no electronic communication that can replace the effectiveness of face-to-face meeting. Faculty and administration will be available to discuss student academic progress. Teachers will be located in the main gym. Parents are encouraged to bring their students with them to the conference. Financial aid related information and training on Teacher Ease will also be available both days in English and Spanish. For more information, contact the MHS principal’s office at 815-539-7446.

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Letters

Illinois can be leader in renewable energy

**Dear Editor:**

As a new resident of Mendota, I recently toured a local wind turbine by Leeward Renewable Energy. The site visit was organized by Reimagine Mendota and the group consisted of over 20 Mendota residents.

Over the last 10 years, I've seen wind turbines pop up everywhere. As I learn more about renewable energy, I am encouraged that Illinois is taking advantage of this additional energy source. I understand this will not solve all our energy needs and concerns, but I do believe in its potential.

I am also hopeful for the possibility of jobs being created to support these clean power sources. It's important to grow our investment in clean energy now, so it pays big dividends in the future.

Locally, it would be nice if we could use some of the power that is being generated by the wind turbines; this would benefit our tax base and our schools.

I hope our leaders continue to look forward. Illinois has an opportunity to get ahead and be a leader for the rest of the country.

Carmen Ceresa,  
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Sohn's Fire Prevention Week fire – 1953

*(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Oct. 7, 1998.)*

By Jessica Nashold

Among devastating downtown fires in Mendota was one which swept Sohn's men's clothing store on Main Street in early evening on Oct. 5, 1953. Ironically, it was the second day of Fire Prevention Week. In the afternoon, Carl Galloway and Bill Elsesser of the Mendota Fire Department had been distributing Fire Prevention Week posters in all the stores, including Sohn's.

It was Kenneth Faber who first noted smoke coming from the building and got Vets Cab Service to turn in the alarm at 7 p.m. Two trucks responded promptly and in 55 minutes the flames were controlled. Subsequently, it was seen that at trap door was open between the first and second floor, leading to further damage of the stock stored there.

Stock damage was estimated to be \$50,000, partially insured. The building was owned by Allen Erlenborn of Aurora, a descendent of the builders.

The Sohns had conducted the store since 1941 after taking it over from Adolph Karger. Improvements had been made, but these were destroyed along with the merchandise.

**The merchandise was in a charred and sodden condition when interested citizens came to view the scene the following morning.**

Repairs were made and the building adjacent on the south to the present Leo's Studio, remained in use until bulldozed to clear parking space for the First State Bank.

The American Legion presented a minstrel type show in the MHS auditorium. The final performance was Oct. 8, 1953. "On Stage America" was staged by the Empire Production Co. of Kansas City. Director was Ruth Kissinger. Proceeds were for the Legion building fund.

Interlocuter was John Dennis, a Mendota High faculty member. Some of the cast members were Earl Dickey (Aunt Jemima), Bill Schmidt (Rochester), Ken Yohn (Sapphire), Flip Yost (Madame Queen), Amos Edwards (Brother Crawford), Skeets Gallagher (Kingfish) and

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Carlos Parsons (Ball & Chain).

Singing was accompanied by Mrs. Marvin Smith at the piano and there were musical interludes by Bill Brady on trumpet.

On the same evening, winners in an American Legion baby contest were announced.

One Sunday in October 1953, Boy Scouts of Region 7, which included Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, took part in a pilgrimage to the W.D. Boyce Memorial in Ottawa. Thirty-five from Mendota attended.

Scouts from greater distances spent Saturday night at Camp Ki-Shau-Wau.

The line of march from Ottawa High School to the cemetery was led by the Council Color Guard followed by Eagle Scouts, members of the Order of the Arrow, Cubs by packs, Scouts by troop and Explorers, as well as their leaders and other Scouters.

It was recalled that when the monument was dedicated in 1941, it had been unveiled by grandchildren of Boyce, William D. Boyce III and Ann Bishop. The dedication had been witnessed by a crowd of 3,500.

**Nearly every prominent person in the Scouting word was there.**

The Hi-Light mentioned arrival of a gift from the MHS Class of 1952. It was a Rand McNally custom-made globe for the library. It was equipped with a light from within, making it easier to located places on the globe.

Although missing seven seniors from the previous year, the MHS band acquired 21 new members. Director Earnest Schlick emphasized marching skills.

In 1953, the band was blessed with three baton twirling majorettes – Joyce Heinzeroth, Peggy Booth and Margie Boyle.

**The girls march with the band**

and practice, practice, practice.

A refreshment stand was installed at the northeast corner of the football field. It was dubbed the Dog House in honor of its principal function, dispensing hot dogs.

The Hi-Light's Inquiring Reporter put a question to students regarding the quality of the announcing at games. Tom Driver thought the speaker system had been improved, and –

**I think the speaking will improve with practice.**

In agreement that there was room for improvement were Curt Truckenbrod, Joyce Bauer, Deanna Childers and Carol Walter.

MHS was served by nine school buses in 1953. Each driver covered 75 miles a day. One third of the school enrollment lived in the country. When interviewed, drivers said their worst troubles were muddy roads, snowbanks, heavy rains and many bridges. Their pet peeves were students habitually arriving late, moving about in seats, singing and loud talking. They were also annoyed by drivers who passed the bus while it was stopped to discharge a passenger.

The Trojans were especially pleased to beat the Ottawa Pirates, having been trounced by them in their previous encounter. The score was 20-13. Coach was Ted Lewis. Trojan scoring included two touchdowns by Jim Brown, one touchdown by Dick McMahon and two points-after by Walt Klinge.

Although during the first half the Pirate substitutes "ran on and off the field without remaining for a single play," a word to the referees at halftime apparently took care of the problem.

Uncle Dick's Sports Review in The Mendota Reporter on Oct. 8, 1953, carried a report on a Chicago Bear victory over Green Bay at Wrigley Field on Oct. 4. George Halas used three quarterbacks that afternoon. Also –

**Papa Bear engineered his ends and backs in maneuvers that paid off in victory.**

The quarterbacks were Tommy O'Connell, Blanda and Romanik. Packers head coach in 1953 was Gene Ronzanni.

The Secret Service is a national embarrassment

By Rich Lowry

If this is what the Secret Service has become, it's a wonder that something worse than Butler, Pennsylvania, hasn't already happened. That event was terrible enough, with one rally-goer killed and Donald Trump coming within an inch of losing his life. If Trump hadn't turned his head at the right moment, Butler would have become one of the most notorious locations in American history and we'd be living in a different world.

At the time, the Secret Service's failure seemed unfathomable, and none of the revelations since -- set out in a report by the Senate Homeland Security Committee -- make it any better. Barney Fife was better organized and more accountable.

The Secret Service is given responsibility for avoiding a calamity that would traumatize the nation and derange its politics for years, perhaps decades, to come. Its competence is a matter of the utmost national consequence. Yet, the agency was bumbling and slow-reacting, a disaster waiting to happen. Surely, this sort of ineptitude wouldn't be tolerated by Taylor Swift's security detail.

The Secret Service, which we expect to be run with a vigor and precision befitting its mission, instead operates as though it's a typical bureaucratic outfit housed within, say, the Health Resources and Services Administration. The Senate report relates "multiple foreseeable and preventable planning and operational failures," as an armed man was permitted to climb atop the roof of the American Glass Research building within 200 yards of where Trump was speaking and get off eight shots.

The story of how it happened is muddled by finger-pointing and confusion over who was in charge. Secret Service advance agents didn't know who was responsible for final decisions and didn't know who determined the security perimeter for the event. State and local law enforcement were responsible for the AGR building because it was outside the perimeter. But advance agents didn't share planning documents with them, and didn't ask for the operational plans of state and local law enforcement. Someone from Butler Emergency Services warned during a walkthrough that local law enforce-

ment didn't have the manpower to lock down the building.

Advance agents did suggest putting large trucks or other heavy equipment between the stage and buildings to block lines of sight, but nothing came of the idea. The local officers and Secret Service agents operated on separate radio channels, and the only communications connection between the Secret Service and police communication centers was via cell phone. Some agents' radios had technical problems or didn't work, while the counter unmanned aerial system was inoperative at the time the shooter Thomas Matthew Crooks flew a drone over the rally site in the afternoon.

Crooks fired his shots at 6:11 p.m. At 5:44 p.m., the Secret Service security room got word that local police had spotted a suspicious person with a rangefinder near the AGR building. This should have been a five-alarm event, yet key Secret Service personnel weren't told that local police had observed Crooks and lost track of him.

Three minutes before Crooks fired, a local law enforcement officer sent a radio alert that someone was on the AGR roof, with the Secret Service security room getting word a minute after that.

When a Secret Service counter-sniper saw local police running with their guns drawn toward the AGR building, it didn't occur to him to tell Trump's detail to get him off the stage. He said the police running meant only an "elevated" threat level.

The explanation of one top Secret Service officer -- "I can't put out fires that I don't know exist" -- should never be acceptable. It could have been worse, but that's not the standard.

Given the contents of the Senate report, it's not shocking that the Secret Service allowed another would-be assassin to get close to Trump just two months later. An agency that should fade into the background because the quality of its work can always be taken for granted is instead a national embarrassment.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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# INSURANCE AWARENESS

## Ready for open enrollment? 4 tips for choosing the right Medicare Plan

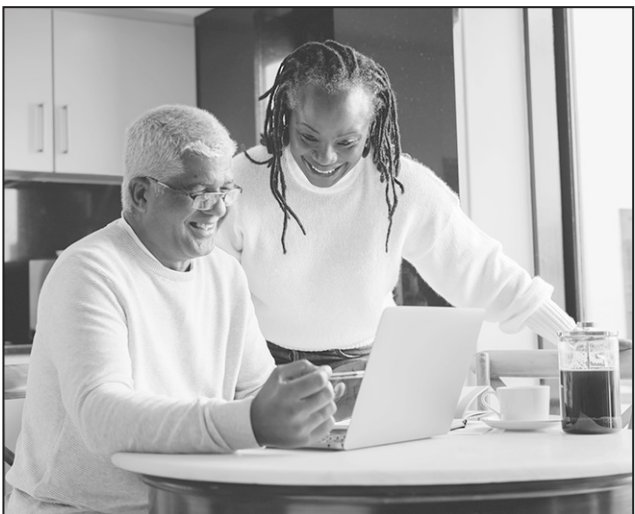
(StatePoint) With so many Medicare options available, selecting a plan can seem daunting. This year you may be wondering how news of Medicare drug price negotiations, economic uncertainties and other factors may impact your coverage in 2025.

Medicare is the government health insurance program for Americans 65 and older and others who qualify, providing hospital coverage (Part A) and physician visits (Part B) to beneficiaries. Additionally, there are a variety of options that coordinate with original Medicare, such as Medicare Supplement plans and Prescription Drug Plans, or replace original Medicare with Medicare Advantage (MA) plans combined with

Prescription Drug Plans.

During this year's Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP), which takes place between Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2024, here's what a leading provider that serves millions of Medicare customers nationwide, wants you to know:

1. Check for plan changes: If your current plan is working for you, you can likely keep it. However, it's a good idea to review your plan every AEP, especially if you've experienced major life, health or financial changes. Any changes to your current plan will be outlined in your Medicare plan's Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) letter, which you can expect to receive in September.
2. Research your coverage: There are a few key



things to watch for when shopping for a plan. One of them is whether your favorite providers and specialists will be in-network. You should also review each plan's

prescribing over the course of the year ahead. Finally, carefully consider your total spend for your prescription drug plan coverage (i.e., premiums plus pharmacy costs) since the maximum out-of-pocket costs for drugs you utilize will be capped at \$2,000 in 2025.

3. Look for value: No matter what the economic outlook is, it's wise to select a plan that provides great value. To that end, you may want to consider an MA plan, which offers quality and affordability. MA plans cover everything original Medicare does, plus more; most also include dental, vision and hearing benefits, prescription drug coverage, and other extras like over-the-counter drugs, transportation to doctor's visits and pharmacies, healthy grocery purchases, and fitness services. MA plans are often available with \$0 premiums, but you'll also want to check on what your annual out-of-pocket costs could be based on your health status.
4. Understand your plan: Before enrolling in a particular plan, make sure you understand its ins and outs. Call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24/7; TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. Or, visit the Medicare Plan Finder website at [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare). For local assistance, refer to the State Health Insurance Assistance Program at [www.shiptacenter.org](https://www.shiptacenter.org). You can also contact individual Medicare plans.

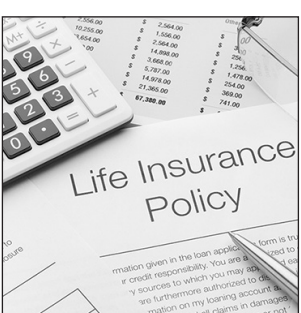
## Different types of insurance products

Financial security is vitally important for adults and their families. Recognition of that reality is evident in the efforts individuals make to secure their financial futures, which include investing in education, retirement planning and saving.

Insurance is another way individuals protect their financial security and the safety of their families. Insurance products run the gamut from auto insurance policies to annuities. It can benefit anyone to refresh their memories about the significance of various insurance products that can help them protect their financial freedom and manage unforeseen life events that much more easily.

**Annuities**

The Office of the Insurance Commissioner of Washington State notes that annuities are a type of contract between a consumer and an insurance company. When individuals purchase an annuity, they may pay a large, single premium or make a number of payments over a designated period of time. In exchange for those payments, annuity holders



guarantee a future income. Money in an annuity grows on a tax-deferred basis. When an annuity reaches maturity, money can be withdrawn in a lump sum or withdrawals can be arranged on a fixed payment system, which is why annuities are often characterized as means to ensuring income later in life. Insurance companies typically offer various types of annuities, so individuals can speak with an agent to determine which vehicle is best for them.

**Life insurance**

It's easy for young adults to overlook the importance of life insurance. After all, few individuals in their twenties or thirties think about providing for their families upon their passing. But life insurance

is vital to securing the long-term financial security of your family, even for those individuals who have yet to start a family of their own. In addition, monthly premiums on life insurance policies tend to be lower the earlier a policy is opened, which provides another benefit to looking into life insurance at a young age.

**Travel insurance**

The utility of travel insurance took center stage during the pandemic, when millions of individuals across the globe were forced to cancel or postpone travel plans due to travel restrictions at home and abroad. Before purchasing travel insurance, it's vital to read policies carefully, as individuals want to be sure the policy they're purchasing will protect them if they are forced to cancel a trip. Policies differ, so some might offer protection against variables like a pandemic, while others may not. The main reason to purchase travel insurance is to secure protection against financial loss if you're forced to cancel, delay or interrupt a trip. Confirm what a policy does and does not offer with

an insurance agency representative. The knowledge that a travel investment is protected should plans change can make it all the more enjoyable to plan vacations.

**Natural disaster insurance**

Homeowners and even renters are urged to carefully read their existing homeowners' or renters' insurance policies to confirm what level of coverage, if any, their policy provides against natural disasters. Some policies specifically note certain coverage is not provided. For example, residents in coastal areas may have policies indicating flood protection is not part of their coverage. However, many companies will offer separate coverage against natural disasters. Such supplemental coverage is worth investigating as the effects of climate change become more and more apparent in the coming years.

Insurance is a safety net no one should go without. Various insurance products are worth investigating for individuals who want to secure their financial futures.



## Auto insurance 101 for new grads: Simple steps to get started

(BPT) - Graduation is an exciting time, but it also means new responsibilities. If you've been on your parents' auto insurance and now need your own, don't worry! These simple steps will help you get the coverage you need.

Simple steps for shopping for auto insurance:

1. Review your current coverage
2. Decide on your coverage
3. Check state requirements
4. Get quotes
5. Review and choose
6. Set up your policy

Talk to your parents and their insurance agent to understand what coverage you currently have. This will give you a good starting point. Knowing what coverage you've had under your parents' policy helps you understand what protections you might need going forward.

Learn about the different types of coverage:

- \* Liability: Covers damage you cause to others.
- \* Collision: Covers damage to your car from accidents.
- \* Comprehensive: Covers non-accident damage (like theft or weather).

Understanding the different types of coverage ensures you choose the right protection for your situation.

Every state has different auto insurance laws. Look up the minimum requirements for your state or ask an agent to explain them.

Contact multiple insurance companies to get quotes. Compare prices and coverage options to find the best deal.

Shopping around is essential. Different companies offer various rates and discounts, so take the time to compare.

Make sure to ask about discounts. You might get a lower rate for:

- \* Good driving record
- \* Completing driver education courses
- \* Bundling with other insurance policies

Many insurers offer discounts for safe driving, good grades or combining policies. Be sure to ask about these potential savings.

Look over the quotes and coverage options. Choose the policy that best fits your needs and budget. Select a policy that provides adequate coverage without stretching your budget too thin.

Once you've chosen a policy, work with the insurance company to set it up. Make sure you understand the terms and conditions.

Setting up your policy correctly is crucial. Ensure you understand all the details to avoid surprises later on. Always have the right auto insurance to protect yourself.

## 6 reasons why renters insurance is essential for college students

(BPT) - For young people, college is full of new experiences: It's often the first time living away from home, giving a taste of independence with the first step into adulthood and new responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is keeping their belongings safe and secure. It's something they probably haven't had to think about before.

When you consider everything a college student brings to school - a laptop, backpack, gaming console, bike or skateboard, mini-fridge, earbuds, smartphone, expensive sneakers-of-the-moment and other expensive clothes and accessories, even a TV and other technology, it adds up to a hefty price tag if any or all of it needs to be replaced.

That's why insurance specifically designed for college

students is worth a look. It provides peace of mind for students at a low cost that might surprise their parents.

Here are six reasons why renters insurance is a good idea for college students.

- Theft is out there. According to Clery Act Reports, an average of 24,000 crime and safety incidents are reported every year on college campuses nationwide. Even if dorms provide a layer of security, there is always the possibility your student will get back to their dorm room after a long day of classes only to realize their bike lock was cut, and their bike was stolen. Or return to their study table in the library to find their laptop has walked out the door.
- College life needs liability insurance ... Imagine life in a typical college dorm room - kids throwing the

football around and hitting the sprinkler head, hanging clothes from it, or some other accident causing it to discharge. That water can damage belongings, electronics and even the dorm room itself.

- ... but liability isn't only for college shenanigans. Insurance with liability coverage can also protect students from other events in which they may be found liable for damage to the property of others.
- Renters insurance is surprisingly affordable. Some renters insurance starts with an affordable \$100 deductible. This means that if the worst happens, you won't have a high deductible to pay before your coverage kicks in. With homeowners' deductibles typically ranging into the thousands, this is an affordable choice.

- It's not confined to the dorm room, campus or even the country. With some renters insurance, your student gets worldwide property coverage. Studying abroad? Covered. Home for the weekend? Covered. Traveling for a school project? Covered.
- It can teach your student a valuable lesson about adult life. Many parents take out renters insurance for their kids who are away at college. But the policy is affordable, the deductible is low, you can choose monthly or annual plans, and there is no credit score requirement. Why not have your student take out the policy on their own? Sit down and have a conversation about the importance of insurance now, while they're in college, and into the future. These good habits will last a lifetime.

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# SOCIAL NEWS

## Music jam sessions to fill Ophir Community Building starting Oct. 12

TRIUMPH—The 2024-25 season of open microphone Bluegrass and Gospel music jam sessions will commence on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. The jams will be held in Triumph on the second Saturday of each month from October through May. The Northern Illinois Bluegrass Association (NIBA) in conjunction with the Ophir Community Building (OCB) Board of Managers are the providers of their 23rd season of entertainment.

Everyone is invited to come to jam or just listen to the music. No alcohol or smoking is allowed. Admission is free and refreshments are served. Donations are accepted for the refreshments and all proceeds are used for maintenance and repair of the Ophir Community Building.

The all-acoustic music begins at 6 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m. Performers change every 15 minutes to allow for many different styles of entertainment. To reserve a spot, call Tom Gerber at 815-414-8081 or show up early to sign up for a spot. For general information, call Jay Allen of the OCB at 815-488-9154.

The OCB is located at 3907 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, which is 2 miles east of I-39 on U.S. 52, and 2 miles north.

## LaSalle County Democrats' Drawdown set for Oct. 12

LaSALLE—Tickets to the La Salle County Democrats' Drawdown are available for sale.

The drawdown is one of the major fundraisers for the La Salle County Democrats group and benefits local democratic candidates. The drawdown is Saturday, Oct. 12 at the La Salle VFW, 2325 Donahue St., La Salle. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the draw

starts at 6:30 p.m.

Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 and includes two dinners and one drawdown entry. Need not be present to win.

There is a \$5,000 grand prize and \$10,000 in total cash prizes.

Purchase tickets by calling 773-575-2337 or visiting <http://secure.actblue.com/donate/2024lccdrawdown>

## Operation Elf Action ready to assist families during Christmas

MENDOTA—Operation Elf Action, formerly Mendota Toys for Tots, under the guidance of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, is asking that if your family or if you know of a family that could use some help this Christmas with toys and/or clothing for children ages 1 to 13 years old.

To qualify, the family must live within the Mendota School District, which means their school age children attend the Mendota schools or are eligible to attend Mendota schools. Pre-school



children from the Mendota area are also eligible. The family must have a State of Illinois Medicaid Card that lists the children and a

parent must register in person at the Youth Service Bureau office at 728 Main St., Mendota. Registration will take place Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 14 through Nov. 1.

You will need the following items: A copy of children's State of Illinois Medicaid Card and a proof of residence in Mendota School District (state license, ID, or bill).

For more information, contact the YSB office at 815-261-4101 or the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-539-6507.



LaVerne Klein

## Klein to mark 95th birthday

LaMOILLE—Mrs. LaVerne Klein of LaMoille will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Oct. 22, 2024.

LaVerne Marie Stenzel was born on Oct. 22, 1929, in Sublette, at the Angear Hospital to her parents, Bernard and Marie Stenzel. She married the late LeRoy Klein on Feb. 3, 1951, at St. Mary's Church in Maytown.

The couple raised 10 children: Steven (Cathy) Klein, Linda (Bob) Cheeseman, Gerald (Linda) Klein, Ed (Chris Klein), Rich (Teri) Klein, Doug (Colleen) Klein, Carol (Mike) Elam, Judy (Bob) Haravtin, Ron (Angie) Klein and Pam (Chris) Fieweger. LaVerne has 32 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Please share a birthday wish with LaVerne while her family is celebrating with her. Cards may be sent to: LaVerne Klein, 21 Rockyford Road, LaMoille, IL 61330.

## Monster Mash Balloon Bash set in Princeton

PRINCETON—Fall brings many events to Princeton and Bureau County Fairgrounds. The new event called the Monster Mash Balloon Bash comes to the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 12. The event starts with a Halloween Parade on Main Street at 5 p.m. The parade will begin at Soldiers and Sailors Park (Court House) and continue north on Main to Central Street. There it will turn and head to the Fairgrounds. Following the parade, please enter the parking lot behind Beck's Gas or from Crown Street to park. The main gate on Route 6 will be closed for this event.

The Hocus Pocus Hags will be dancing at the Fair-

grounds following the parade at approximately 6:15 p.m. Other events during the evening will be Trunk or Treat for kids, a Petting Zoo, Food Trucks and Mummies Café with great food, a bonfire, a cake walk and an outdoor movie too. Several of these events will be held in the barn next to the balloon glow. Bring your lawn chairs for the movie. Admission is free for these events with the exception of the haunted house and the balloon rides.

There will be several hot air balloons at the Fairgrounds with a chance for you to take a tethered ride in one of them. Please see the Chamber of Commerce website [www.princeton-chamber-il.com](http://www.princeton-chamber-il.com) for the ticket ordering program. There are a limited number of reservations available. The rides start at 4:30 p.m. And the balloons will glow from 6-8 p.m. Bring your cameras.

Want to go to a haunted house? There will be a special "Lights On" event for kids and scaredy cats at Nightmare Haunted Attraction from 6:30-7 p.m. Be ready for the spooks to fill the haunted barns at 7 p.m. Nightmare will scare and amaze you from 7-10 p.m. and tickets are only \$15 per person. Mummies Café will be open until 10 p.m. with tasty treats and hot and cold drinks. Nightmare Haunted Attraction will be open every Friday and Saturday night in October.

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## Prohibited Parking

MENDOTA – The City of Mendota reminds citizens that Chapter 41.49 of the Mendota Municipal Code in regard to Prohibited Parking reads as follows:

- Parking is prohibited along both sides of First Avenue for the entire length of the avenue.
- Parking is prohibited on the east side of Sixth Avenue from Second Street to Fifth Street.
- Parking is prohibited on the east side of Main Street from Sixth Street to Washington Street.
- Parking is prohibited on the south side of Washington Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Iowa Street.
- Parking is prohibited on both sides (north and south) of Washington Street from Iowa Street to U.S. Route 251.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### WARRANT ARREST

Ismael J. Guzman Fonseca, 27, of 109 Division St., Mendota, was arrested at 8:08 p.m. Oct. 1 on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. The subject was released with a Lee County court date.

### DRIVING WHILE

### LICENSE SUSPENDED

Billy G. Gerard, 37, of 4470 E. 1369th Road, Earlville, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and I-39 at 1:09 a.m. Oct. 2. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DRIVING WHILE

### LICENSE SUSPENDED

Daniel R. Kuhn, 49, of 26711 Meridian Road, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and East 525th Road at 1:43 a.m. Oct. 3. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### NO VALID

### DRIVER'S LICENSE

### Permission needed for dumpster in street

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

Devyn L. Kaufman, 21, of 1101 Third St., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 10th Avenue and Fourth Street at 4:10 p.m. Oct. 4. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DUI

Devon J. Washkowiak, 23, of 704 Sixth Ave., Apt. 5, Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after police officers investigated the report of a traffic accident at 114 S. Third Ave. at 1:58 a.m. Oct. 6. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### NO VALID

### DRIVER'S LICENSE

Riley P. George, 18, of 1008 Michigan Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after police officers investigated the report of a traffic accident at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Jefferson Street at 1 p.m. Oct. 6. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

## Hearing set Nov. 6 for County solid waste plan

OTTAWA – LaSalle County has completed the DRAFT 2024 Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with the Illinois Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act (SWPRA) (415 ILCS 12/1 et seq.). The purpose of a solid waste plan is to assess waste disposal facilities and services and review diversion methods/facilities/programs. This five-year update to the plan includes updated demographic data, waste hauler/facility data, disposal/recycling quantity data, and updated plan recommendations.

There will be a hearing to present the plan at the LaSalle County Land Use/TIF meeting (707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa, County Board Room) on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. A draft of the plan is available at <https://lasallecountyil.gov/409/Planning>

Questions regarding the plan or hearing can be directed to the LaSalle County Land Use Department at 815-434-8666 or [landuse@lasallecountyil.gov](mailto:landuse@lasallecountyil.gov)

## Burn Pit hours

MENDOTA–Incinerator (burn pit) hours for the city of Mendota are as follows:

- Monday – 3-6 p.m.
- Tuesday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday – 10 a.m. to

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# SPORTS



Mendota's David Casas sends the ball toward the Earville goal off of a corner kick as Earville goalie Landen Tivrevold attempts to make a stop on Oct. 5 at the MHS field. Casas managed to get the ball in the net for one of seven first-half goals for the Trojans. (Reporter photo)

## MHS golf season ends at sectional

MAPLE PARK – The Mendota High School golf season came to an end at the Maple Park Kaneland Class 2A Sectional on Oct. 7. The Trojans finished 11th in the team standings with a score of 348 and also did not have an individual state qualifier.

“The boys battled and kept their heads up even when they knew they wouldn’t advance,” said Mendota coach David Ross. “Dane (Doyle) had a good chance to advance, but came up short on the last couple holes. The cut for

individuals ended up being 79.

“Still, we have advanced as a team now out of the regional two out of the last three years so that is great progress for the program. We also have a bunch of juniors coming back next year to take another shot at it so hopefully they will be motivated to take the next step. Overall, very proud of the boys and the season that they had.”

Doyle carded the low score for the Trojans with an 84. Jonas Fitzgerald had the second lowest score for Mendota

with an 86, while Grady Jones shot an 87. The rest of the Trojan lineup consisted of Brody Hartt (91), Evan McPheeters (95) and Alex Holland (99).

Ottawa claimed the sectional team championship with a 311. The other state qualifying team was Rockford Boylan with a 317. Other schools participating were Geneseo (322), Crystal Lake Prairie Ridge (323), Mundelein Carmel (329), Byron (331), Dixon (334), Grayslake Central (338), Belvidere North (340) and Freeport (367).

## Trojan golfers claim 3rd place in regional

LaSALLE – The Mendota varsity golf team advanced to the sectional round after finishing in third place in the LaSalle-Peru Class 2A Regional Golf Tournament on Oct. 2 at Senica’s Oak Ridge in LaSalle.

The top three teams earn automatic bids to the sectional and Mendota’s 328 score was good enough to move on. Ottawa claimed the regional championship with a 300, one stroke less than Burlington Central. The rest of the schools in the regional included Kaneland (336), Sandwich (340), LaSalle-Peru (341), Sycamore (344), Genoa-Kingston (350) and Plano (383).

“The guys played great today,” said Mendota coach David Ross. “They managed very well to minimize their mistakes and were rewarded by continuing their season.”

Brody Hartt carded the low score for the Trojans with a 78, which tied him for eighth place overall. Next in for Mendota was Dane Doyle with an 82, followed by Grady Jones and Jonas Fitzgerald both with 84s.



Mendota’s varsity golf team earned a berth in the sectional after a top three finish in the LaSalle-Peru Regional on Oct. 2. Left to right, are Alex Holland, Jonas Fitzgerald, Brody Hartt, Dane Doyle, Grady Jones and Evan McPheeters. (Photo contributed)

Evan McPheeters (87) and Alex Holland (103) completed the Mendota lineup card.

“I am very proud of these guys for what they were able to do,” added Ross. “We had a good game plan and they

executed the way that we wanted to. We knew that 330 would keep us in contention and they came out and shot 328 and got the job done.”

Chandler Creedon of Ottawa was the individual medalist

with a 72. The rest of the top five finishers included Tyler Samaan of Burlington Central (73), Matthew Zierk of Burlington Central (74), Colt Bryson of Ottawa (75) and Bryer Harris of Ottawa (75).

## Kewanee runs over Trojans

MENDOTA – Kewanee’s Alejandro Duarte is an all-state wrestler. He looked like an all-world running back against Mendota.

All the burly senior did against the Trojans was score five touchdowns and pile up nearly 300 yards rushing in leading the Boilers to a 49-14 triumph over the Trojans in a Three Rivers Conference Mississippi Division contest on Oct. 4 at Kewanee.

With the loss, Mendota’s record dipped to 0-6 overall and 0-4 in the conference, while Kewanee evened up at 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the league.

Duarte was nearly a one-man wrecking crew, scoring Kewanee’s first three touchdowns and then adding two more in the second half, including on a run of 96 yards. That touchdown burst gave him 291 yards rushing on the night in 19 carries, which was more than half of Kewanee’s

**Next for the Trojans**  
**Opponent:** Friday, Oct. 11 vs. Princeton at MHS field. Kickoff at 7 p.m.  
**Last year:** Princeton held Mendota to just 21 yards of total offense in a 55-0 victory. The Tigers raced out to a 26-0 lead after the first quarter and held a 49-0 halftime advantage.  
**Last week:** Princeton got back on the winning track by blasting Hall, 41-0, to improve to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in conference play.

total yardage output of 530. Adding to the Boilers’ offensive production was freshman running back Ace LaFollette, who tallied the other two Kewanee touchdowns on his way to 96 yards rushing on just five attempts.

For the Trojans, while they only got into the end zone twice, they were able to move the ball on Kewanee’s defense, accumulating 280 total yards. Mendota gained 159 yards on the ground with Braiden Freeman carrying eight times for 74 yards and one touchdown. He also was quarterback Aden Tillman’s favorite receiver, catching nine passes for 74 yards.

But it was Duarte who unquestionably stole the show. And he wasted little time in demonstrating he was the main act. Kewanee took the game’s opening kickoff and marched 78 yards in nine plays, with Duarte putting the finishing touches on the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run at 7:19 of the first quarter. Tyler Johnston split the uprights on the extra-point kick.

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Mendota’s Braiden Freeman, right, looks to get a block from teammate William Musanovic on Kewanee defender Dontaveon Thomas during a rushing attempt on Oct. 4 at Kewanee. (Reporter photo)

## Trojans chalk up 2 more victories

### ❑ Soccer record stands at 17-1-1

Despite missing three starters because of injury, the Mendota varsity boys’ soccer team still managed to easily handle Dixon, 9-2, on Oct. 1 at Dixon.

Sebastian Carlos and Johan Cortez paced the Trojan attack with four and three goals, respectively. The other goals were scored by Cesar Casas and Sam Matura.

Cortez assisted on two of the goals, while Carlos and Aaron Venegas had one assist apiece.

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Mendota cruised to a 9-0 triumph over Earlville on Oct. 5 at the MHS field. The Trojans led 7-0 in the half.

Isaac Diaz led the way with three goals and two assists. Adding one goal apiece were Cortez, Carlos, Danny Garcia, David Casas, Cesar Casas and Luis Ramirez.

Cesar Casas picked up a pair of assists, while Ramiro Palacios, Mauricio Salinas, Mauricio Martinez and Cortez each had one assist.

The Trojans improved their record to 17-1-1.

## MHS earns top seed in Serena Regional

### ❑ Trojans to begin play October 18

SERENA – The Mendota boys’ soccer team has earned the top seed in the Serena Class 1A Regional Soccer Tournament.

The regional will open with a play-in game between Earlville and DePue. The winner of that game will face the Trojans at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 at Serena. The other semifinal-round game will pit Serena against Princeton on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The two semifinal-round winners will meet for the regional championship at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22.

The champion of the Serena Regional will advance to the Chillicothe IVC Sectional to play the winner of the Monmouth-Roseville Regional at noon on Saturday, Oct. 26. The other sectional semifinal will be between the Peoria Christian and Rock Island Alleman regional champs. The sectional final is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Sectional winners from the Chillicothe IVC Sectional and the Hinckley-Big Rock Sectional will battle in the Mendota Super-Sectional on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.

### Serena Class 1A Boys’ Regional Soccer Tournament

Date TBA

- Match 1 – (10) Earlville at (7) DePue [Coop] – TBA  
**Friday, Oct. 18**
- Match 2 – (1) Mendota vs. Winner Match 1 – 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 19**
- Match 3 – (4) Serena vs. (6) Princeton- 11 a.m.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 22**
- Match 4 – Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3 – 4 p.m. (championship)

## Spikers post TRAC triumph over Hall

The Mendota Spikers split a pair of Three Rivers Conference matches and dropped a nonconference contest last week.

Mercer County claimed a 25-21, 25-20 victory over Mendota in league play on Sept. 30 at the MHS gym.

Laylie Denault supplied seven kills, Ella Martin provided 15 assists, and Ava Eddy and Zariah Escatel had six digs apiece for the Spikers.

“Both teams were evenly matched but too many missed serves probably doomed us,” said Mendota coach Demi Salazar.

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with nine kills and Martin set up the offense with 15 assists. Eddy led with seven digs while Escatel had three ace serves.

“It was a well-played match with multiple long volleys,” noted Salazar. “Hall was our biggest loss this season (25-10, 25-8 on Sept. 3), so we kind of used it to benchmark our progress. We have a month to keep improving.”

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Mendota traveled to Somonauk on Oct. 3 and the Bobcats prevailed, 25-23, 10-25, 25-23.

Denault led in kills with 13, Martin had 13 assists, Eddy picked up eight digs and Escatel had four aces.

The Spikers are 4-14 overall and 2-5 in league play.

The Spikers bounced back to post a 25-22, 25-16 triumph over Hall on Oct 1 at the MHS gym.

Denault led the net attack



# SPORTS



Mendota's Sam Matura (No. 20) looks for an open lane to the Earlville goal during soccer action on Oct. 5 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

## Harriers compete in 2 big meets

The Mendota cross country runners participated in the Three Rivers Conference Championship on Oct. 1 at Monmouth. The Trojan boys finished in sixth place with 160 points. The top five teams were Sherrard (38), Riverdale (47), Mercer County (54), Erie-Prophetstown (76) and Hall (150). Carlos Toribio was the first Mendota runner to cross the finish line in 33rd place overall with a time of 20:10.1. Hector Gonzalez was next in for the Trojans in 41st place with a time of 21:19.4, followed by Ryder Woods in 43rd place in 21:34.4. Also competing for Mendota were Spencer Kain (53rd, 23:00.5), Aidan Fisher (62nd, 24:11.2), Travis Mumm (69th, 26:13.1) and Gage Richey (74th, 29:08.1). Braeden Bode of Riverdale was the overall winner with a time of 16:47.2. Mendota had three runners compete in the girls' race. Emily Banks was 54th in 30:15.8, Anna Valdes placed 60th in 33:34.8 and Payton Stavropoulos was 61st in 33:44. Anna Churchill of Sherrard was the individual champion in a time of 20:40.2 Sherrard's girls claimed the team title with 46 points. Riverdale was second with 67 points, followed by Princeton (69), Mercer County (117), Erie-Prophetstown (120), Orion (127) and Rockridge (131).

Mendota harriers competed in the LaSalle County Meet on Oct. 5 at Streator's Eastwood Golf Course. The girls' race was won by Natalie Misener of Seneca in a time of 18:38 on the 3-mile course. Her teammate, Evelyn O'Connor, placed second in 19:05, while third went to Georgia Kirkpatrick of Ottawa (20:13). Valdes (29:01) and Stavropoulos (32:01) raced for Mendota. Ottawa scored 33 points to edge Seneca (35) for the team title. L-P was third (77) and Streator (94) took fourth. Mendota did not post a team score. In the boys' race, LP's Adam Kasperski was tops in the county, running the course in 16:31, followed by fellow Cavalier Griffin Hammers (17:13) and Ottawa's Lucas Fara-baugh (17:20). Mendota finishes were Toribio (19:12, 15th), Anthony Kelson (19:51, 18th), Gonzales (20:01, 21st), Woods (20:32, 30th), Kain (20:51, 32nd), Fisher (22:46, 36th), Mumm (24:21, 41st) and Richey (26:34, 45th). L-P's boys captured the team crown with 24 points, followed by Ottawa (34), Seneca (86), Streator (105) and Mendota (114). Marquette did not field a full team.

## Football

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It wasn't a good start on offense for the Trojans as they fumbled on their first possession and Kewanee's Oswaldo Sanchez recovered at the Mendota 27-yard line. Then on the first play for the Boilers, Duarte rambled 27 yards to the end zone, followed by a Johnston kick to make it 14-0 halfway through the first period.

Kewanee doubled the score in the second quarter to take a 28-0 lead to the locker room. Duarte got his third TD of the half on a 1-yard plunge to cap off a 10-play, 59-yards drive.

Then after five straight failed possessions on offense from both teams, Kewanee finished off the half with a 47-yard touchdown pass from Benjamin Taylor to LaFollette with 44 seconds left before intermission, completing a 71-yard drive in just 50 seconds. Johnston was successful on two more extra-point kicks.

Mendota's offense finally broke through with some points to start the third quarter. The Trojans drove 62 yards in five plays with Freeman sprinting to the end zone from 42 yards out to get Mendota on the board. Angil Serrano added the extra-point kick. Freeman was responsible for all 62 yards during the series - 50 rushing and 12 receiving.

Kewanee scored on its next three possessions to kick-start the running clock to begin the fourth quarter. Duarte completed a six-play, 71-yard drive with an 11-

yard TD run at the 7:13 mark. Then the Boilers needed just one play each in their next two possessions to get back into the end zone.

LaFollette went 55 yards for a score, and then after Mendota's next drive stalled, a 46-yard punt by Freeman pinned Kewanee back at its own 4-yard line. But Duarte took the handoff on the Boilers' first play and he outran the Trojan defense

96 yards to paydirt. Johnston completed a perfect night of kicking with two more PATs.

The Trojans managed to put together their best offensive series of the game on their final possession when they went 70 yards in 15 plays. The final play was a 14-yard touchdown pass from Tillman to Rhett Watson. Serrano booted the extra point.

### • Trojan Yardstick •

#### KEWANEE 49, MENDOTA 14

Mendota	0	0	7	7	-	14
Kewanee	14	14	21	0	-	49

#### SCORING SUMMARY

KE - Duarte 6 run (Johnston kick), 7:19 1Q  
KE - Duarte 27 run (Johnston kick), 6:02 1Q  
KE - Duarte 1 run (Johnston kick), 11:57 2Q  
KE - LaFollette 47 pass from Taylor (Johnston kick), 0:44 2Q  
ME - Freeman 42 run (Serrano kick), 9:58 3Q  
KE - Duarte 11 run (Johnston kick), 7:13 3Q  
KE - LaFollette 55 run (Johnston kick), 3:09 3Q  
KE - Duarte 96 run (Johnston kick), 0:31 3Q  
ME - Watson 14 pass from Tillman (Serrano kick), 3:00 4Q

	ME	KE
First Downs	14	23
Rushes-Yards	29-159	35-450
Passing Yards	121	80
Passes	17-30-0	6-10-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-0
Punts-Avg	4-29	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-55	3-20

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

**Rushing** – MENDOTA: Freeman 8-74, Ossman 4-26, Tillman 6-23, Watson 2-18, Furar 4-18, Lesley 5-0; KEWANEE: Duarte 19-291, LaFollette 5-96, Taylor 4-37, Lewis 4-20, Lambert 2-7, Johnson 1-(minus 1).  
**Passing** – MENDOTA: Tillman 17-29-0-121, Freeman 0-1-0-0; KEWANEE: Taylor 6-10-0-80.  
**Receiving** – MENDOTA: Freeman 9-73, Watson 4-27, Evans 2-17, Lesley 2-4; KEWANEE: LaFollette 2-50, Lewis 2-16, Schiltz 1-9, King 1-5.

### Northbrook School soccer

#### Sept. 26 @ Moline

Game 1  
Northbrook 2, Moline Wilson 0  
Goals: Arian Chavez 1, Jose Chavez 1  
Assists: Gavin Stamberger 1  
Saves: Armando Valdes 5  
Game 2  
Moline John Deere 3, Northbrook 2  
Goals: Arian Chavez 1, Jose Chavez 1  
Assists: Mario Membreno 1  
Saves: Armando Valdes 2

#### Sept. 28 @ Earlville Tournament (Pool B)

Game 1  
Northbrook 3, Leland 0  
Goals: Arian Chavez 1, Joshua Granados 1, Axel Ruiz 1

Assists: Arian Chavez 1, Jose Chavez 1  
Saves: No shots on goal  
Game 2  
Northbrook 3, Plano 2  
Goals: Emiliano Galindo-Garcia 1, Joshua Granados 1, Mario Membreno 1  
Assists: Arian Chavez 2, Mario Membreno 1  
Saves: none  
**Championship Game**  
Northbrook 1, Earlville 1 (NB 4-2 in PK)  
Goals: Arian Chavez  
Assists: none  
Saves: Armando Valdes 1  
Shootout goals: Arian Chavez, Jose Chavez, Isaac Espinoza, Gavin Stamberger  
(Final records: "A" 18-1-0; "B" 8-1-0)

#### Three Rivers Mississippi Division Football Standings

	TR	OA
Monmouth-R.	4-0	6-0
Princeton	3-1	5-1
Kewanee	2-2	3-3
Sherrard	2-2	2-4
Hall	1-3	1-5
Mendota	0-4	0-6

#### Friday, Oct. 4

Kewanee 49, Mendota 14  
Princeton 41, Hall 0  
Monmouth-R. 69, Sherrard 12

#### Friday, Oct. 11

Princeton at Mendota  
Monmouth-Roseville at Hall  
Kewanee at Sherrard

## Kewanee shuts out FS gridders

MENDOTA – Kewanee did all the scoring in a 25-0 victory over Mendota in freshman-sophomore football action on Oct. 7 at the MHS field.

The Riveters tallied a pair of first-quarter touchdowns on runs of 63 and 49 yards. They added another score before the half on a 9-yard TD pass to take an 18-0 lead to the locker room.

The teams played a scoreless third quarter and then Kewanee finalized the scoring on a 55-yard interception return in the fourth frame.

Mendota finished with 204 total yards but could not get in the end zone. The Trojans rushed for 173 yards with Jayden Lesley gaining 111 yards on 15 carries. Javier Hernandez completed one pass for 31 yards to Cole Tillman.

Kewanee generated 259 yards of offense – 141 on the ground and 118 in the air.

The Trojans' record dropped to 0-5 on the season.

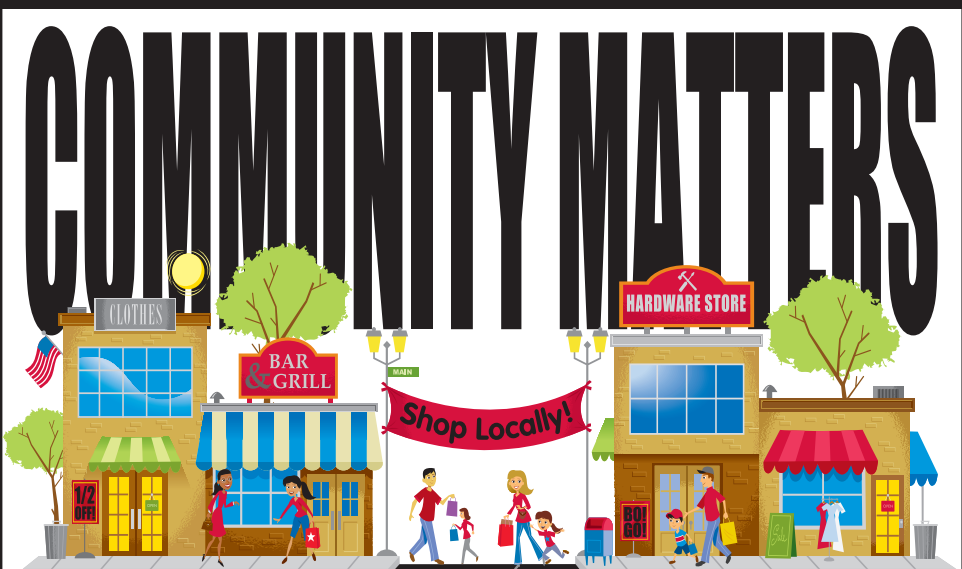
## MHS netters in Ottawa Sectional

OTTAWA – The Mendota girls' tennis team has been assigned to the Ottawa Class 1A Sectional to be held Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19.

Other schools in the sectional include Coal City, Kankakee (McNamara), LaSalle (L.-Peru), Morris, Ottawa (Twp.), Peru (St. Bede), Pontiac and Streator (Twp.).

The first four places in both singles and doubles will advance from each sectional to the state final tournament.

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# Serena Class 1A Boys' Regional Soccer Tournament

Date TBA

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Match 1 – (10) Earlville at (7) DePue [Coop] - TBA

Match 4 – Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3 –

Friday, Oct. 18

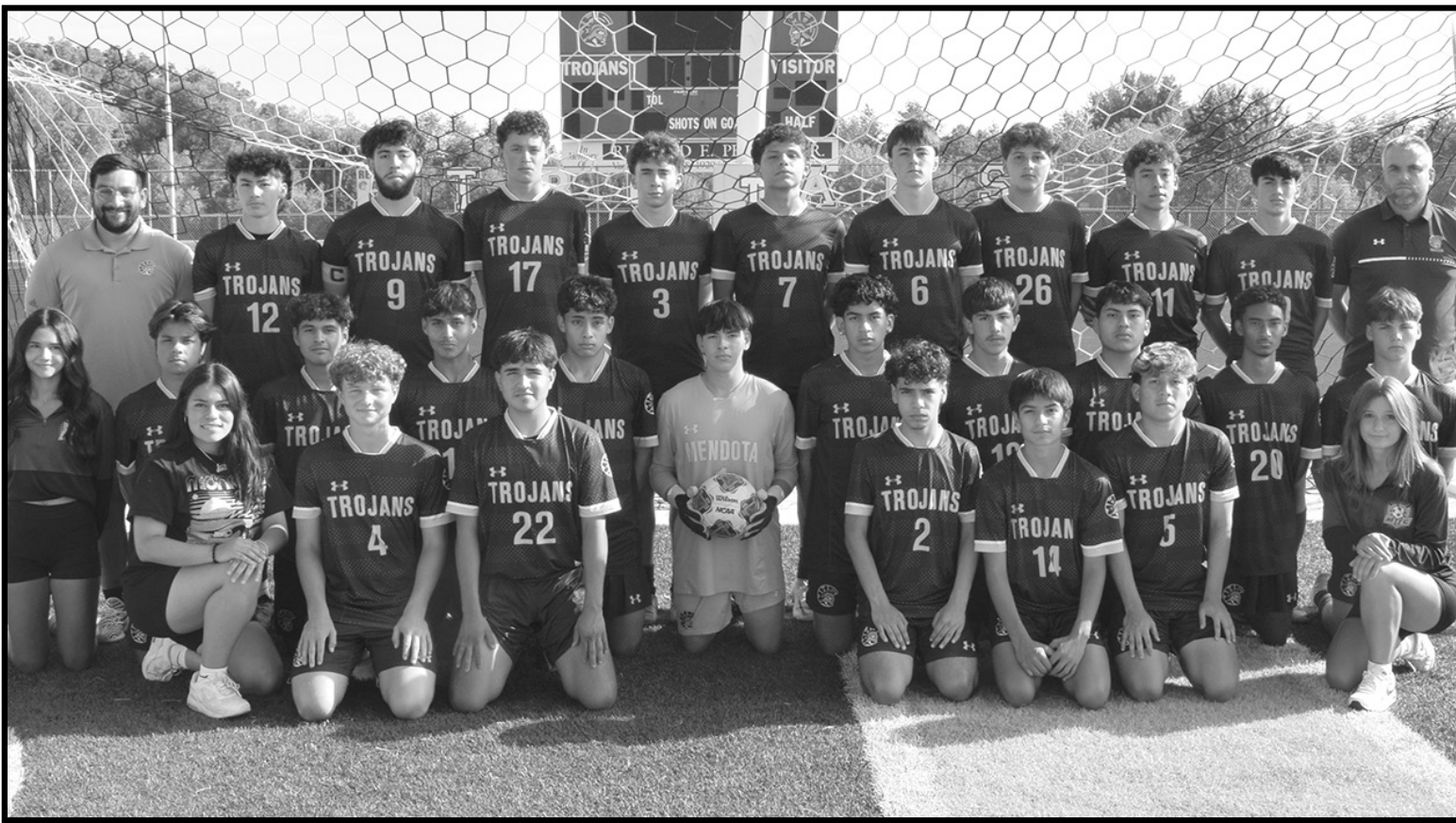
4 p.m.

Match 2 – (1) Mendota vs. Winner Match 1 – 4 p.m.

(championship)

Saturday, Oct. 19

Match 3 – (4) Serena vs. (6) Princeton – 11 a.m.



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# RELIGION

## Trust requires unanswered questions

I'm a thinker by nature. I like to figure things out, and I like to know why things happen and how they got that way. However, years ago, this was driving me crazy. When I had a problem or saw someone else going through a hardship, I applied my mind to the situation and attempted to come up with an answer. The truth is, there are things in life that we may never understand this side of heaven. The Bible says, "For now we see

only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" (1 Corinthians 13:12 NIV). There will come a day (in heaven) when we will know everything. But for now, these situations require faith and trust. I have learned from personal experience that putting my trust in God means there will be some unanswered questions. That was a hard lesson for me

because I naturally want to understand everything...to know what's going on so I can feel like I'm in control. It's just human nature to try and figure things out. When we're in the middle of a situation, we usually want to know "Why, God, why?" or "When, God, when?" We want to know now how everything is going to work out. The truth is, things are going to happen that we simply don't understand. And that's okay—God doesn't expect us to have everything figured out. He wants us to look to Him and say, "God, I have no idea why this happened or what I'm going to do, but I am trusting You."

Proverbs 3:5-8 (NIV) says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight...." There are tremendous benefits that come with trusting God. When we really trust Him and lean on Him, we enter His rest (Hebrews 4:3). It's a



special kind of rest that you can have even in the middle of difficult circumstances. Everything doesn't have to be perfect and you don't have to have all the answers, but you are trusting God to take care of you. But when we fully lean on God and believe that He loves us and is in control, it brings us His peace. Today, I feel like a completely different person than I used to be. I'm not perfect by any means, but I have stopped trying to figure everything out when "life happens." If God wants to show me something, He will. But my job is to trust Him...to say, "God, I don't understand this, but I know You love me. I trust You, Lord." I know life isn't easy. Sometimes there are tragic things that happen and we want to know why. But even in these times,

God can give us His peace that surpasses all understanding as we place our trust in Him (Philippians 4:7). 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 you can trust that He has your best interest at heart. I encourage you to pray: "Lord, I lift up to You all my doubts and questions—You know what they are. Help me to fully put my trust in You. Fill my heart with a peace that will allow me to move forward, knowing You are in control. Let me lean on You and not on my own insight. I know I can trust You with my life. In Jesus' name, amen." \*\*\* For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-part teaching re-

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By William Arthur Ward

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Or warm a place where friendship  
needs to be;  
If I can build a bridge where  
fences stand  
And light a lamp that other men  
might see;  
If I can open doors of hope this day  
By letting someone know that  
others care;  
If I can speak in words that seem  
to say:  
I know the heavy burdens that  
you bear.  
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way  
Or pause to bid him stay for food  
and rest;  
If I can do these, Father, this I pray:  
"O let me do them with my very best."

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

2. In a vision that convinced Peter  
to share the gospel, what where  
the creatures let down to earth in?  
Great sheet, Cloud, Well, Wind

3. Who was instructed to eat bread  
while he lay for 390 days on his  
side? Moses, Ezekiel, Methuselah,  
Samson

4. From Matthew 5, what did Jesus  
tell His disciples they were the salt  
of? His glory, Mankind, The earth,  
Conversation

5. Who survived the bite of a  
viper as described in Acts 28?  
Paul, Matthew, John the Baptist,  
Stephen

6. From Genesis 35, who died in  
giving birth to Benjamin? Anna,  
Leah, Martha, Rachel

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Great sheet,  
3) Ezekiel, 4) The earth, 5) Paul, 6)  
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### NOTICE OF SALE OF TIMESHARE ESTATE OR ESTATES UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE TIMESHARE LIEN AND SECURITY INTEREST ACT

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 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.

**RICHARD ABERNATHY and ENNA D. NORWOOD**, 8529 S THROOP ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated November 11, 2004 and recorded under File No. 2004-32614, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 01, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 1 **JOSE ACOSTA and BLANCA BARRERA**, 7622 LAWLER AVE, BURBANK, IL 60459, according to the Deed dated June 20, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-20549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 06, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 1 **JOSE ACOSTA and BLANCA BARRERA**, 33311 W HIRSCH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Deed dated June 20, 1999 and recorded under File No. 1999-20549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 06, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0067, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 1 **AMANDA ALIASIS and JOHNATHAN ALIASIS**, 2974 BARBERRY DR, HOBART, IN 46342, according to the Deed dated March 22, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-08498, in the Office of the Re-

order 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 MONTEPERRA 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. 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**, 1253 N 1300E RD, MELVIN, IL 60952, 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

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order 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 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 **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

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**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 the 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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**No: 2024-JD-93**  
TO: Draven Vandoozer, Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the 1st day of October, 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 Carter J. Vandoozer, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 110 at Ottawa, Illinois on the 29th 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 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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