

Mendota joins fight against dementia

People form group to be a branch of Dementia Friendly America

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Hopefully Dementia has stayed away from yourself and family members to the length of you only knowing the brief summary of what the brain disorder is.

If you have witnessed someone battle Dementia, you’re aware of the toll it takes on the person with Dementia, the caregivers, and family and friends.

Reimagine Mendota, the City of Mendota, OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota Area Senior Services, Western Illinois Area Agency, multiple churches and individuals, want to help support those who are dealing with the memory loss, confusion, problem-solving difficulties, mood and behavior changes, and the loss of language skills associated with the condition.

Amy Brewer, a retired teacher who is involved with Reimagine Mendota and is an all-around advocate for the community, has gotten people together to form a group to be a branch of Dementia Friendly America.

“I hate the word friendly being associated with Dementia because there is nothing friendly about Dementia, but connecting with Dementia Friendly America and being a sub-group of the organization would be great for Mendota,” Brewer said. “DFA has an extensive website and they’re very supportive. They try to get towns to do trainings. Every town is different, so it’ll become



Graves-Hume Public Library has a variety of different educational books, reading lists, and resources about Dementia. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

what does Mendota think is important to help support people with Dementia and their caregivers.

“Dementia Friendly America is set up to help towns work through the process to figure out what will work for each individual town.”

There are more than three million cases of Dementia per year in the United States.

It could last for years or for a lifetime.

Through the symptoms, those suffering and their support system, need additional support.

The Mendota group, which consists of 15 people who have met once a month since September, is applying

to be part of DFA with the hopes it doesn’t have to have the title Dementia Friendly Mendota, but if it doesn’t have a choice, the resource will still be obtained.

Programs are in place to offer support such as Stress Buster Series for Caregivers (now until April 28) at M.A.S.S. where family caregivers can learn about stress and its effects, practice stress management techniques, and develop problem solving skills. Contact M.A.S.S. at 815-539-7700.

The WITS Program will be held at Graves-Hume Public Library for 12 weeks. It focuses on brain health engagement for people 60-

plus. The meetings are once a week for an hour. Contact Graves-Hume Executive Director Emily Kofoid at 815-538-5142.

The library also has a collection of books for education about the condition, along with reading lists and other resources.

The Mendota YMCA is adding Dementia support training to their youth leadership program. They also have begun requiring all employees to complete online Dementia training as part of their employment training.

If you are interested in joining or assisting the effort, contact Brewer at abrew-17er@gmail.com.

City accepting bids for garbage contract

Burn pit to open for season April 22

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA - The Mendota City Council approved several requests and announced the acceptance of bids for two items at its March 3 regular meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman John Hessenberger said that the Plan Commission recommended approving a variance request for Luke O’Brien at 1712 Lucille Lane, which was then agreed upon by the full council.

Also during Hessenberger’s report, the council approved a plat in lieu of subdivision for property owned by Kenny Otterbach near the Tri-County Fairgrounds, and agreed to a variance request from Patrick Nave at 201 17th St. to construct a shed on his property.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick announced that the city incinerator (burn pit) will open for the season on Tuesday, April 22. Days and hours of operation are Monday from 3-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The incinerator is located south of Mendota near the sewage treatment plant.

Fitzpatrick said the current garbage waste disposal contract with Republic Services will expire soon and the city is seeking bids for a new contract. Bids will be due on Friday, March 28 at 2 p.m. Bid specifications can be found on the city of Mendota website or can be picked up at the city building on Washington Street.

Fitzpatrick also announced the city will begin accepting bids for the Safe Routes to School project. Mendota received a \$250,000 grant for the project last year.

Alderman John Holland said a facade grant application was submitted for the downtown property owners at 804 Washington St. (Sports-N-Stuff). Per the recommendation of the Mendota Historic Restoration & Preservation Commission, the council agreed to issuing the grant in the amount of \$2,337.50.

Also from Holland’s report, the council approved an ordinance declaring surplus revenue in the 2022



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Northbrook teacher honored for her work with prestigious awards

Henkel recognized by ISBE, Illinois State University

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – This time of year, Facebook newsfeeds will see many posts featuring photos of teachers and students winning awards.

When it comes to Mendota residents’ social media feed, it was hard to miss the post about Sarah Henkel.



Henkel

with her love and passion to teach her students all she can for them in the classroom and in the community.

The Illinois State Board of Education honored Henkel with the Excellence Award and the Illinois State University College of Education named her a Legacy Teacher of the Year.

“It is pretty cool. The hard work is already rewarding, but it’s nice to have validation. I feel everyone needs validation of some sort,” Henkel said. “I think the lessons are great. I set high goals and the kids are meeting them. They’re ambitious with things we haven’t done before. There is always a little bit of doubt, but then you get outside validation and it gives me the motivation to keep reaching for the next thing.”

Although powerful lessons happen in Henkel’s classroom, she is known for reaching students in a more-hands-on technique with community involvement lessons.

Through Reimagine Mendota, Henkel’s classrooms were involved in the Heart and Soul Seed Grant Program community work as they interviewed residents for surveys and conducting results, which awarded them a movie night (more than 200 attended), Project Sidewalk, and the Ruby Bridges Walk to School.

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Red Cross reminder: Turn clocks ahead 1 hour, test smoke alarms

CHICAGO – Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 9 and the American Red Cross reminds everyone to turn their clocks forward one hour and to test their smoke alarms.

Did you know working smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half? That’s why it’s critical to “Turn and Test” and take these lifesaving steps to stay safe from home fires — the nation’s most frequent disaster:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas. Test alarms monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year if your model requires it.

- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years or older. That’s because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Check the date of your smoke alarms and follow the



manufacturer’s instructions.

- Practice your two-minute escape plan. Make sure everyone in your household can get out in less than two minutes — the amount of time you may have to get out of a burning home before it’s

too late. Include at least two ways to get out from every room and select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as

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Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

The February Paw Pride assembly was held on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Students who earned golden tickets for the past month had the opportunity to have their ticket drawn to play a game and win prizes. The students chosen for the game had to use their mouths to find conversation hearts in the bottom of pie tins filled with whipped cream. There were a lot of laughs as the students did this. After the game, we drew golden tickets for students to choose prizes. It is fun for students and staff to celebrate great behavior each month!

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Emily Sorg, Harper Ganz, Hazel Rangel, Ayden Hash, Caine Quarzenski, Noelia Chicas Ramirez, Liam Salinas and Demi Minton. The winners were Camila Sandoval, Oliver Lauer, Amaia Cholic Esqueda and Aliyah

Sester. Congratulationsto all of you!

The end of trimester 2 was on Feb. 28. Teachers are currently preparing report cards which will go home with all students on March 6.

The rest of our classes ended up earning enough paw pride certificates to reach the trimester 2 goal. Congratulations to the students in Mrs. Wixom, Mrs. Lindenmeyer, Mrs. Lamps, Mrs. Tolley, Mrs. Kramer, Mrs. Klein and Mrs. O’Sadnick’s classes. They will be attending our dance party along with the other classes that reached the goal earlier.

We recently celebrated the February Principal Award winners with a pizza lunch on Feb. 28. The students invited to the lunch were Camden Weber, Emilio Ma-

gallanes, Jaxson Krisch, Romi Dominguez, Kinzie Higdon, Elianna Valdes, Camila Sandoval, Oliver Lauer, Maybell Godinez, Arianna Arteaga, Xavier Dean, Ava Porter, Caden Benefiel, Dante Barrera, Amaia Cholic Esqueza, Aliyah Sester, Benjamin Hermosillo and Kaitlyn Castaneda. The students enjoyed celebrating their accomplishment at this lunch.

We would like to remind our parents and the community about an important bus safety law. In Illinois, it’s illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its stop arm out and flashing red lights. We are seeing cars driving past buses with flashing red lights. Even if a bus is in the bus lane, you must stop if the red lights are flashing in both lanes of traffic. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!



Blackstone pizza lunch
Blackstone School February Principal Award winners celebrated with a pizza lunch on Feb. 28. Front row, left to right, are Camden Weber, Emilio Magallanes, Jaxson Krisch, Romi Dominguez, Kinzie Higdon and Elianna Valdes. Middle row, Camila Sandoval, Oliver Lauer, Benjamin Hermosillo, Kaitlyn Castaneda, Maybell Godinez and Arianna Arteaga. Back row, Xavier Dean, Ava Porter, Caden Benefiel, Dante Barrera, Amaia Cholic Esqueda and Aaliyah Sester. (Photo contributed)

Blackstone pizza lunch
Blackstone School January Principal Award winners celebrated with a pizza lunch on Jan. 31. Some of the students look a little older as they also marked their 100th day of school. Front row, left to right, are Joel Castro, Pablo Rivera, Sienna Nash and Asher Compton. Middle row, Meredith Ridge, William Bautista, Dominick Cordella, Myles Wheeler and Armando Villarreal. Back row, Leanna Rojas, Alex Hougas, Nova Dozard, Emma Springsteen and Diana Suarez. (Photo contributed)

Diabetes Support Group to meet March 13 at OSF Saint Paul
MENDOTA – Learn diabetes prevention and management skills from University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator Susan Glassman, MS Ed, CHES, and OSF HealthCare Clinical Dietitian Jennifer Scully, RD LDN CDCES. Meet with your peers and share practical tips and advice with others who are living with diabetes.
The Diabetes Support Group will meet from 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, March 13 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, conference room C, in Mendota. This month’s theme is “Recipe swaps for healthier cooking.”
Register at go.illinois.edu/diabetessupport or call 815-224-0894.
If you need reasonable accommodation to participate or need more information, please contact Susan Glassman, Extension Educator, Nutrition & Wellness, University of Illinois Extension at 815-224-0894.

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Master Gardeners offer various workshops

OGLESBY – Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or just getting started, the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners invite you to a series of educational workshops this spring. Participants will learn practical skills to jump-start their gardening projects and bring plants into their homes.

- **Seed Starting Workshop:** Discover the basics of seed starting, including soil, moisture, and planting fundamentals. This workshop is ideal for all experience levels. Tuesday, March 25 from 6-7 p.m. at Richard A. Mautino Memorial Library, 215 E. Cleveland St., Spring Valley. Register at: go.illinois.edu/seedsmautino
- **Grow Light Workshop:** Join in to build your own grow light station. Master Gardener volunteers will guide you through the simple construction process. All supplies are provided. Saturday, March 15 from 10-11 a.m. at LaSalle County Extension Office (Ottawa), 1689 N. 31st Road,

Suite 2, Ottawa. The cost is \$20 (covers project supplies). Register at: go.illinois.edu/growlight. Space is limited to 10 participants. Register by March 14 to reserve your spot.

- **Houseplant Propagation Workshop:** Learn how to propagate houseplants through leaf and stem cuttings, division, and air layering. This hands-on workshop allows attendees to take home a newly propagated plant. Wednesday, March 26 from 6-7 p.m. at Oglesby Public Library District, 111 S Woodland Ave., Oglesby. Register at: go.illinois.edu/propagation
- **Learn-Grow-Share 4-H Spin Club:** Gardening for Youth: Youth ages 8-18 can dig into gardening with the Learn-Grow-Share 4-H Spin Club. Participants will grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers, with produce donated to local blessing boxes – over 700 pounds were donated in 2024. Youth can use their harvests for 4-H exhibits and learn to cook with fresh ingredients. Membership is free thanks to community

donations.

Sign up at <https://4h.zsuite.org/> and select Learn-Grow-Share Club. Meetings are held one to two times monthly at the Marshall-Putnam Extension Office, 509 Front St., Henry, IL 61537. For more information, accommodations, or to register for 4-H SPIN Club, please contact please contact Anne Scheel, at amscheel@illinois.edu or 309-364-2356.

If you will need accommodation in order to participate in Master Gardener workshops, please contact Bettyann Harrison at bettyann@illinois.edu or 309-364-2356. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

To learn more about the Master Gardener program call University of Illinois Extension at 309-364-2356 or email Bettyann Harrison at bettyann@illinois.edu.

Brittany Ellis awarded Sunflower Award

OTTAWA—OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center is proud to recognize Brittany Ellis, a patient care technician from the inpatient unit in Peru, as a recipient of the Sunflower Award, which honors non-nursing care team members for their extraordinary service.

Ellis has been with OSF HealthCare for over three years and resides in Marseilles.

“The Sunflower Award recognizes care team members outside of nursing for the extraordinary care they provide to those we serve, and Brittany is certainly deserving,” said Heather Bomstad, vice president/chief nursing officer for OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center.

Ellis’s nomination read: “Brittany was the best of the best! I cannot say



enough about the care I received from her: both emotionally and physically, it was excellent! As a retired critical care nurse, I deeply appreciated her presence and attentiveness. She was always available when I needed anything and truly became my rock. Her exceptional people skills, compassionate nature, and strong communication made all the difference during one of the most difficult times in my life. You simply

can’t teach the level of care Brittany provided. She is exemplary, an incredible asset to OSF!”

OSF HealthCare encourages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care by nominating them for the Sunflower Award or DAISY Award. To submit a nomination or learn more, visit: <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-paul/guest/thank-caregiver/>.

Prescribed Burn Workshop to highlight the benefits for habitat restoration, wildlife conservation

OTTAWA—Did you know that prescribed burns can promote healthy ecosystems? Join the University of Illinois Extension on Saturday, March 15, from noon-2 p.m. at Nell’s Woodland, 2000 Alexis Ave., Ottawa, for a Prescribed Burn Workshop.

Delve into the critical role of prescribed fire in habitat restoration and wildlife conservation and learn the ins and outs of prescribed burns for natural and managed land. The workshop will feature presentations from Illinois Extension Master Naturalist and Dayton Bluffs Preserve volunteer coordinator, Dr. David Manigold, and LaSalle County Soil & Water Conservation District Conservation

technician, Audrey Moreno.

This event promises to be an enriching experience for anyone interested in land conservation, habitat restoration, and wildlife management. Farmers and landowners are encouraged to attend to learn more about managing conservation program ground with prescribed burns.

For more information or to register for the workshop visit go.illinois.edu/Prescribed-BurnWorkshop

If you need an accommodation to participate, please contact Emily Hansen at em-hansen@illinois.edu or 815-224-0896. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

Kish College enrollment rises for eighth straight semester

MALTA – Kishwaukee College is continuing its trend of increasing enrollment, with Spring 2025 students up approximately 15% compared to Spring 2024. Kish’s upward enrollment trend began in Fall 2022 and has continued each semester.

“Kish is pleased to report spring enrollment is now exceeding pre-pandemic levels. We believe the decisions the College has made are positively impacting enrollment, including the elimination

of all student fees which started this fiscal year,” said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President of Kishwaukee College.

Enrollment increases are spread evenly across College programs. Specifically, online enrollments continue to go up, with a significant increase for Spring 2025.

“The College works incredibly hard to provide our community members with the education and support they need to meet their goals. Through thoughtful

planning, Kish responds and adapts to the changing needs of our community. The continued enrollment increases are a positive signal we are providing the best opportunities for our students,” said Bob Johnson, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Kishwaukee College serves approximately 4,000 students annually, offering transfer programs, career-ready degrees and certificates, fast-track programs and more. Learn more at kish.edu.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Barbara R. Christopher

MENDOTA – Barbara R. Christopher, 90, of Mendota, passed away Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Allure of Peru.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2025, at the Waltham Presbyterian Church, 809 N. 3450th Road, Utica, with Rev. Joel Stevenor officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be private at a later date at the Waltham Cemetery.

Barbara was born Dec. 12, 1934, to Edward and Ruth (Clement) Geil of Troy Grove. She married Everett J. Christopher on May 4, 1957, in the Waltham Presbyterian Church. Barbara is survived by two sons, David “Orb” (Cindy) Christopher of Utica and John (Pam) Christopher of Mt. Pleasant, Wis.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Robert Geil.

Barbara attended Troy Grove Grade School and graduated from Mendota High School Class of 1953. She graduated from Illinois State University in 1957 with a B.S. in Education. She taught grade school at Ophir, Waltham, and Peru Washington. She worked for Christopher’s Insurance Agency in Triumph. She eventually retired from working from Eureka Savings Bank in Mendota after 23 years of service.

She played the organ and piano for 36 years at the First Presbyterian Church of Mendota. She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Barbara was a past member of the Waltham Curling Club and was a member of the Waltham Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be directed to the Waltham Presbyterian Church. Please visit www.honrer-merritt.com to sign the online guest book.



IVCC’s Lunch & Learn segment focuses on cyberattack resistance for businesses

OGLESBY – Learn to safeguard your business from cyberattacks over lunch with a local technology expert, part of Illinois Valley Community College’s Continuing Education and Business Services “Lunch and Learn” session.

In a program titled “Cybersecurity for Business Owners: Protecting Against Malicious Actors,” IVCC’s Chief Security Information Officer Brian Pichman will share valuable knowledge on implementing robust security measures and creating a cyber-resilient business environment. He will discuss the latest threats in the digital landscape and unveil practical strategies to protect sensitive data, secure a network, and prevent cyber-attacks.

The program will meet at noon Monday, March 10 in CTC 124 on the Main Oglesby campus. This program is partially funded by the Non-Credit Workforce Initiative Training Grant and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$19, and the class ID

is 19654.

Any business in the Illinois Valley can be targeted by malicious actors. Smaller businesses might assume they are too small to be noticed, but hackers might see them as easy targets and a single breach has multiple implications on the business owner and the clients.

A conversation about cybersecurity isn’t just about the software a business uses to manage financial and customer data, but also about having policies and training procedures in place for employees.

Pichman will discuss some of the latest phishing methods, scams and current techniques hackers use to breach systems, and about security measures companies can put in place to limit disruption to their business, protect data and maintain customer trust.

To register, call the IVCC Continuing Education Center 815-224-0427 or go to www.ivcc.edu/enroll and use keyword “cyber.”



IVCC’s Chief Security Information Officer Brian Pichman will advise local businesses on implementing robust security measures in a “Lunch and Learn” program in March. Registration is underway through the Continuing Education and Business Services Department. (Photo contributed)

IVCC announces upcoming dates for campus closures

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College has announced a half-day closure for staff development activities on Friday, March 7, and a full-day closure on Friday, March 14, for Spring Break.

The Oglesby campus and Ottawa Center will be closed until noon on Friday, March 7, while employees attend professional development and Junior High Career Fair activities. Operational offices will re-open, and services will resume until 4:30 p.m. Classes will not be in session, as Spring Break will begin for students.

Campus offices and services will be open on a regular schedule the following week, though classes are not in session. Services will operate from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, through Thursday, March 13.

Both campuses will be closed all day on Friday, March 14, for Spring Break. Classes and operations resume at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 17.

DEATH NOTICES

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

Social Security News

10 ways to protect your personal information

By Mike Weilt

PERU – Identity theft affects millions of people each year and can cause serious harm. Protect yourself by securing your personal information, understanding the threat of identity theft, and exercising caution.

Here are 10 things you can start doing now to protect yourself and your loved ones from identity theft:

- Protect your Social Security number by keeping your Social Security card in a safe place at home. Don’t carry it with you or provide your number unnecessarily.
- Be careful when you speak with unknown callers. Scammers may mislead you by using legitimate phone numbers or the real names of officials. If they threaten you or make you feel uneasy, hang up.
- Create strong, unique passwords for each of your accounts. Use different passwords for different accounts so if

a hacker gains access to one account, they can’t access others.

- Never give your personal or financial information in response to an unsolicited call or message, and never post it on social media.
- Shred paper documents that contain personal information, like your name, birth date, or Social Security number.
- Protect your mobile device from unauthorized access by securing it with a PIN, adding a fingerprinting feature or facial recognition. You can also add a password and adjust the time before your screen automatically locks.
- Regularly check your financial accounts for suspicious transactions.
- Avoid internet threats by installing and maintaining strong anti-virus software on all your devices—including your mobile device and personal computer. Use a virtual private network (VPN) to stay safe on public Wi-Fi. Do not perform activities that involve

sensitive data, like online shopping and banking, on public Wi-Fi networks.

- Protect yourself on social media by customizing your security settings and deleting accounts you no longer use. Also, double check suspicious messages from your contacts, as hackers may create fake accounts of people you know.
 - Never open a link sent via unsolicited email or text message. Type in the web address yourself. Only provide information on secure websites.
- We encourage you to create your own personal my Social Security account to track your earnings record. For more information, please read our publication, Protecting Personal Information, at oig.ssa.gov/files/21-540_Protecting_Personal_Information.pdf. Contact us if you see suspicious work activity on your record. You could be a victim of identity theft.
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Awards

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“In the 25 years I’ve taught at Northbrook, I’ve done different collaborations,” Henkel said. “In the last two years, with Reimagine Mendota, I’ve felt so supported and more prepared of how I can pull kids into the community because Reimagine Mendota is a great segway into our classrooms.

“We knew we needed to do more community outreach with some practical projects for the kids. The Reimagine projects have been wonderful for my students. Reimagine has made my life easier. It has been a great partnership.”

When it comes to the Legacy Award, she smiles, and gives a playful response.

“I think it speaks to the district and to our school. After I interview myself and say I’ve been teaching in the district for 25 years, I joke and call myself a lifer,” said Henkel, who won the La Salle County Regional Office of Education Excellence Award in 2015. “The reason it works for me is I’ve consistently had supportive administrators. Superintendent Brad Cox has been supportive of everything I’ve asked about or have done. I bring ideas to principal Paula Daley and we vet them and make sure they meet our goals.

“Also, my colleagues. I’ve seen a lot of them come and go over the years. Brandon Scheppers and I do a lot of collaboration, especially with him being the seventh-grade social studies teacher. He helped with Ruby Bridges and Project Sidewalk.”

Henkel attributes Amy Brewer, a retired teacher who is involved with Reimagine Mendota, as a mentor and one who has helped her along the way.

Brewer is actually who nominated Henkel for the awards since a school or its administrators cannot recommend their own teachers.

“They both have a love of community and a love for community involvement. They are great at getting kids involved. Watching Sarah and Amy is like looking at a mirror,” said Daley. “They’re constantly getting students involved. It’s a beautiful thing because not every teacher feels that way. It’s nice to see that Sarah’s goal is that community involvement for the students. Those kids are never going to forget the projects they’ve done.

“She is truly the top-tier teacher every principal hopes for. Her wanting more for the students wants others to want more for the students. It’s contagious. They see her doing what she does and then they form ideas of their own to do more for the students.”

When you win awards, especially a Legacy Award, the following question is usually, “When are you retiring?”

For Henkel, she wants to continue advancing her services in the district so she can remain at peak form as her daughter Abigail, a first grader, moves through the grades.

City Ordinance

MENDOTA – The city of Mendota reminds you that it is unlawful under city ordinance 42.34 to hang, lean, or place any advertising materials on any street lamp, post, telephone or electric light pole within the city limits of Mendota. This includes garage sale notices.

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IVCC secures grant to acquire Truck Driver Training simulation lab equipment

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College Board of Trustees on Feb. 19 awarded tenure to five instructors, recognizing their contributions to teaching, research and community service.

Tenure was approved for Dr. Jonathan Hubbell, criminal justice instructor and program coordinator; Sara Legrenzi, nursing instructor; Dr. Camden Parks, chemistry instructor; Shannon Slaight, art instructor and Dr. Jennifer Timmers, agriculture instructor and co-coordinator.

The Board will consider additional tenure recommendations next month.

Also at the monthly board meeting, the board authorized the purchase of two training simulators and software for the Truck Driver Training program. The simulators help students learn shifting and backing skills before getting behind the wheel and give beginning and more experienced students practice in a variety of virtual weather and road

conditions.

The simulators will be purchased at a cost of \$291,600 from Virage Simulation, using a \$300,000 grant the Truck Driver Training program was awarded from the Illinois Community College Board’s Taking Back the Trades program.

In her monthly report, President Dr. Tracy Morris reported:

- The Eagles Peak Food Pantry continues to serve more students and more children with 536 visits between October and December 2024.

- The Illinois Fabricator’s Association awarded a \$6,000 grant to offset the cost of the summer teen career exploration camps.

In other action, the Board also:

- Learned that a total of 162 Fall 2024 graduates earned 185 degrees and certificates.

- Learned that nominees for Illinois Community College Trustee Association awards include Board member Jane Goetz, Ray

Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award; Walter Zukowski, Distinguished Alumnus Award; student trustee Emma Garretson, Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Scholarship, and alumnus Edgar Lucero Castillo, Pacesetter Award.

- Authorized the purchase of 48 desktop computers and 100 laptops for two classrooms, a Library Loaner pool and for the nursing department at a total cost of \$186,200 as part of the College’s technology replacement cycle.

- Authorized a 4.3 percent increase amounting to \$6 in tuition and fees effective in Summer 2025, and changes to select course fees to reflect increased material and technology costs, new courses, or the expiration of grant funds that had covered some fees.

- Learned of the appointments of Keturah Haferkamp, English instructor; Lydia Huey, student services information specialist, and Laura Pleiss, library technical services specialist.

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TIF District in the amount of \$71,620.71, which will be remitted to the county for disbursement.

Alderman Jay Miller presented two items of business, both of which the council accepted. Holy Cross School was issued a one-day liquor license for March 7, March 15 and April 18, while a video gaming terminal request from the owners of El Rey Del Taco was approved.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor David Boelk said the city is now accepting

applications for swimming pool lifeguards.

Boelk also announced that the city of Mendota in partnership with the Mendota Chamber of Commerce is hosting an event at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 6 at the Mendota Elks Lodge, which is an opportunity for local business owners to promote their business and network with other businesses as part of the Storefront Workshop Series.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Red Cross

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your neighbor’s home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows where to meet.

- Teach children what a smoke alarm sounds like. Talk about fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

Visit redcross.org/fire for more information. You can also download a free Emergency app by searching “American Red Cross” in app stores.

Red Cross volunteers are at the heart of its mission and represent 90% of the Red Cross workforce. Visit redcross.org/volunteertoday to sign up for opportunities with the Red Cross. Your time and talent can make a real difference in people’s lives.

Home Fire Campaign Saving Lives

The Red Cross responds to about 65,000 disasters every year and most of them are home fires. To

help prevent fire-related deaths and injuries, the Red Cross launched the Home Fire Campaign in 2014 to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries.

Sound the Alarm events are part of the Home Fire Campaign. Across the country, local volunteers and community partners meet with families to install free smoke alarms, help them create a two-minute fire escape plan and share safety information on home fires and other local disaster risks.

This year, volunteers are needed to install 1,400 smoke alarms during the month of March as part of the national Red Cross initiative to install 50,000 free smoke alarms with community and fire department partners in at-risk communities across the country.

To view the list of Sound the Alarm events and to register to volunteer, visit SoundTheAlarm.org. No prior experience needed — training will be provided.



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Is everyone muted?

A reader and a friend has talked to me a few times about my column.

He has said he likes them, he agrees with some of what I say and disagrees with other things I say. He also said, 'I can't believe columns like yours are still printed.'

This statement kind of blew me away.

Never the Last Chance

By Brandon LaChance

I'm not muted.

I can think freely and put it into words.

I can then debate, friendly I hope, with him, you, or any other who disagrees. At the same time, share our experiences and thoughts if we do agree.

It's because I'm not scared to have thoughts and share them.

It also blows my mind because I know he said his comment because we're in a world where this column is an exception instead of the standard, like it used to be.

In the cancel culture, the everyone pouts about everything, the entitlement era, and the we're scared to be different or unique phase our culture has found itself in, people who talk, write, or share their brain in some sort or fashion, are the minority.

I wish I knew why.

We can identify pieces of it such as social media, pandemic isolation (which also blows my mind this is still a thing four or five years later), and the dynamic of being afraid to be wrong or never being wrong.

Social media has given everyone a voice, which is great, but not everyone knows how to use it. I see comments on posts all the time where it seems like the replier doesn't really have a legitimate debate or a clue of what the original subject of the post was about, but is nasty, demeaning, and insulting.

In turn, the poster is angry and either insults in return or simply stays away from the conversation because it's not worth their time to defend themselves. What could be a cool chat sharing different perspectives and helping two people grow or understand, becomes one of millions of daily social media conversation fatalities.

It then continues in the future because some people don't want to share their thoughts because of the comments they may get if they put it out there.

Why be belittled or infuriated because people would rather fight, bicker, whine, point fingers rather than have a conversation.

This forms virtual isolation which is similar to the isolation COVID-19 caused. Without being around people, we forgot how to talk or how to care about other's feelings because when you're alone nothing else matters except how you feel or think yourself.

And when we got back together, instead of being joyous we could be around people, it was more about the annoyances we didn't have to put up with when we were alone. Why be around someone and hear their opinions you may not agree with when you can stay home or be alone with your own thoughts no one is debating.

In 2025, we all do way too many things. I may be a little guilty of everything I'm talking about, but this is the one I'm the most pointing a finger at myself.

More often than not, we're juggling schedules with work, family, friends, hobbies, community efforts, and entertainment on an every day, every hour, every minute basis where we can't get anything done.

We get lost in those worlds, which besides family and friends, doesn't really involve anyone else or takes away from indulging in conversation for the sake of conversation. I can't tell you the last time my sisters and I have actually interacted on an intellectual, dialogue level.

My last point can be pointed out in the rest of them.

There are few words more negative than wrong.

No one wants to be wrong, and more seriously, no one wants to be told they're wrong.

We can reason to ourselves why we're right about almost anything, and in the individual's mind, it's a great idea or an amazing thought. But if someone else has a different mindset, they can always tell you why you're wrong with the polar opposite reasoning.

Then you start to think your ideas are not good or don't have merit.

Doubt sinks in.

You start questioning everything you believe.

I'm not saying this is everyone, about everything, but it does happen.

This makes people not want to talk or share.

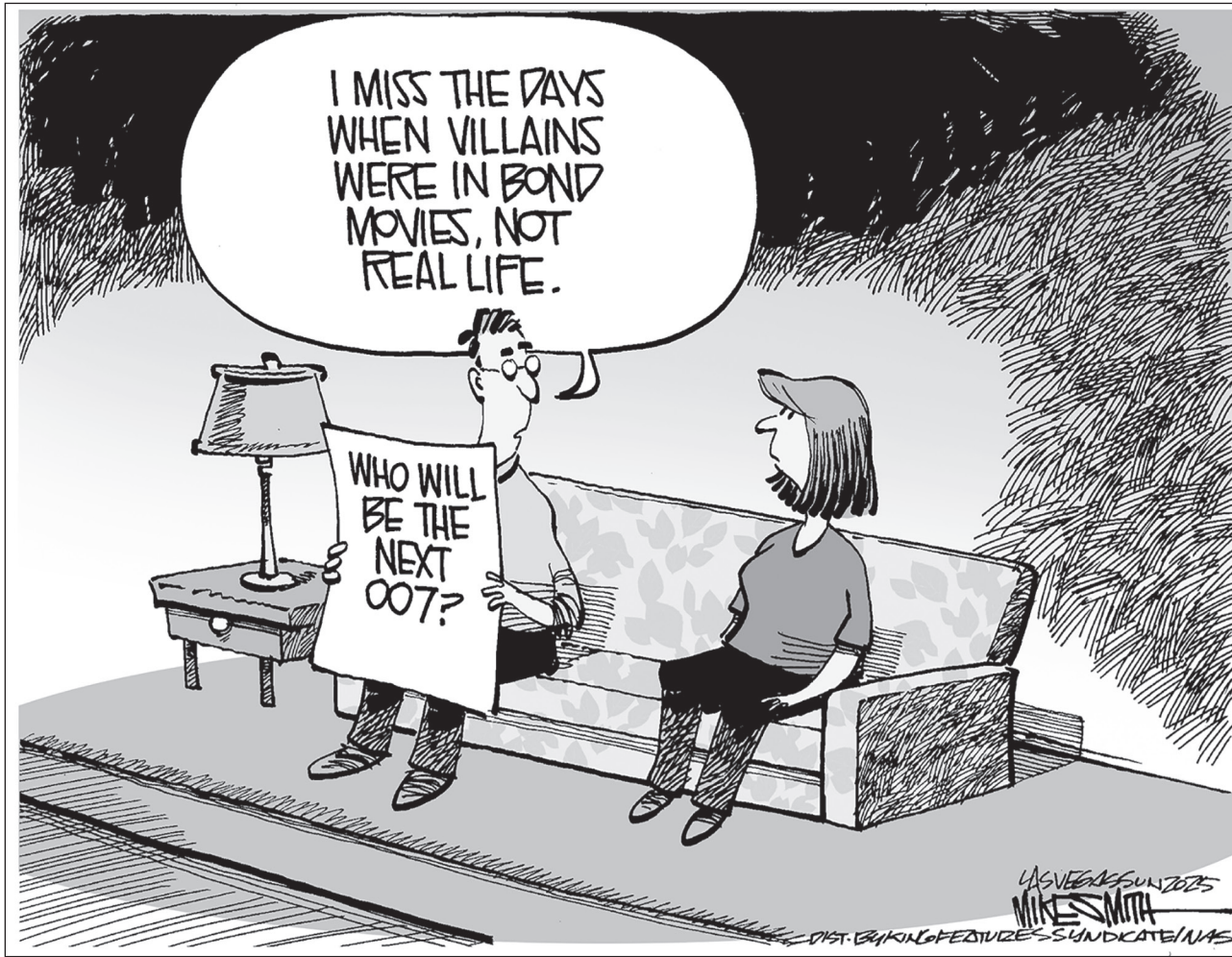
A conversation isn't always talking, the other half is hearing. If someone thinks they're always right, they're not listening, hearing, or trying to understand you anyway. They're waiting for a spot to tell you why they're right and why you're wrong.

Every situation is looped into a vicious cycle where they all feed off of each other as sensible options to why writing a column or a similar act seems weird, different, or crazy.

Who knows what an answer is?

Maybe you'll disagree with this column, send in a letter to the editor, and I'll be canceled.

Or maybe we can chat and unmute ourselves.



Deciding on a sewer system – 1895

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks and Sidetracks* column, reprinted from March 8, 1995.)
By Jessica Nashold

A hundred years ago this month, Mendota had a water works, a gas works an electric light plant, but was still without a sewer system. Not for the first time, the Mendota City Council called a special meeting on March 11, 1895, to discuss the options. The Reporter didn't think another council meeting was enough.

They should hold a public discussion of it so the public will not be misled by statements of people who are opposed for no other reason than it means an improvement for Mendota.

At the March 11 meeting, it was decided not to hamper the next city council by taking formal action regarding a sewer. It was believed those voted into office would be selected largely for their views regarding a sewer for Mendota.

Better go slow and understandingly.

With the brewery explosion just a few months behind them, the Hennings were swinging into action to rebuild. On March 9, 1895 –

Half a dozen or more contractors were in town yesterday to figure on the brewery work.

On March 16, it was announced that all contracts had been let and work on rebuilding would begin at once.

The Germania society was also in a building mood and instructed its building committee to submit plans for a thorough modernization of the opera house. At this point in time the opera house had been serving the community for 10 years.

A committee in charge of planting shade trees along the road to Restland Cemetery was corresponding with "several houses" about trees available for the project. This rather miffed the

Backtracks & Sidetracks

local horticulturalist, Samuel Edwards, who could easily have supplied all their needs.

Cold weather continued into March, producing a second crop of ice on the local ponds.

It is about seven inches thick.

Mrs. Blakeslee, the librarian at Graves Public Library, was pleased to announce that circulation was "steadily increasing." On a Saturday in March, 250 books were checked out, and the following Tuesday, 160 more were taken.

Joe Ellingen bought the interest of his partner, Mr. Barrett, in the Globe Sample Room and was prepared to function as sole proprietor.

Sunday & Pohl sold their livery business and in the future would concentrate on their carriage business with expanded stock.

We carry always a stock of 50 or 100 buggies.

During the third and last session of the 53rd Congress, President Grover Cleveland, Democrat, had found himself continually thwarted by a Republican majority in the Senate and House.

Reporter editor, Otto Kieselbach, Democrat, called attention to what he considered manifest unfairness. He said the 53rd Congress had been especially marked by the refusal of both houses to put into legislative shape the recommendations of the president.

The Republicans of Congress were not large minded or patriotic enough to support legislation for the general good proposed by

Democrats. They placed party advantage above general welfare of the people at large.

The Electric Light Co. was requested to "abate the smoke nuisance" from their stacks within 60 days. The company said it was considering removing its plant from Illinois Street to another location. It was believed this would be a satisfactory solution.

A fire at Cooper's mansion on 13th Avenue did considerable damage. Sparks from the chimney lodged under the shingles. The roof and attic were burned "to a great extent" and walls were also involved.

Mr. Cooper and family, so rudely deprived of the comforts of home, have taken up residence in Mrs. Jordan's house until restoration of their own.

William Schaertlein and Henry Mauer purchased the Knauer Bakery on Main Street. Mr. Mauer had been connected with Knauer for four years. Schaertlein had conducted a bakery on the east side.

The city received an inquiry from a firm desiring a building big enough to accommodate 150 workers for the manufacture of hardware specialties.

There seems to be a general desire among manufacturers to leave Chicago and labor troubles to locate in smaller towns not far from Chicago.

In 1895, the CB&Q offered seven eastbound and six westbound trains daily. The Illinois Central offered four northbound and four southbound each day.

The people of Mendota received a formal thanks for a carload of relief materials sent to Howard County, Nel Officials signed a document that the goods had been properly distributed.

Ukraine never should have made the mistake of getting invaded

By Rich Lowry

Ukraine got invaded by Russia. According to President Trump, it should never make that mistake again.

Miffed that Ukraine is miffed that it has been excluded from the early stages of negotiations over the war, Trump has blasted the embattled country for sticking up for its interests after being brutalized by Vladimir Putin for three years.

"Today I heard, 'Oh, well, we weren't invited.' Well, you've been there for three years," Trump said the other day. "You should have ended it -- three years. You should have never started it. You could have made a deal."

This would be a fair charge to lodge against Ukraine if it had attempted to seize by force Russia's Rostov and Belgorod Oblasts and gotten bogged down in a costly war of attrition with no clear exit plan.

In reality, as we all know, Russia first invaded Ukraine in 2014 (after the Maidan Revolution toppled a pro-Putin president) and then followed up in 2022 with a more far-reaching attempt to decapitate Ukraine and render it a Russian satellite state.

Ukraine's offense is to have been victimized by an expansionist Russia, a quality it has historically in common with Poland, Finland and the Baltic states, among others.

If Ukraine had shown better judgment than to be located next door to a much larger, perpetually aggrieved and autocratic neighbor, with which it shares a complicated history, perhaps this never would have happened.

Skeptics of the Ukraine war want to say that Russia was provoked into invading Ukraine -- missing its cities, blowing up its hospitals, destroying its electricity grid -- by NATO's assurances that Ukraine was on the path to joining the alliance.

This wasn't in the offing anytime in the foreseeable future, though, and even if it had eventually happened, the idea that NATO would have used Ukraine as a launching pad for an invasion of Russia is phantasmagoric.

Vladimir Putin has set out his views on Ukraine at length, and they amount to the belief that Ukraine doesn't have a legitimate national identity separate from Russia. This is

at the bottom of the conflict, as well as Putin's coveting of Ukrainian land and resources and his fear of a successful Slavic democracy next door giving his own people ideas.

When Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy clapped back at Trump, the U.S. president responded with a contemptuous salvo on Truth Social. Trump deemed him a "moderately successful comedian" (Zelenskyy used to have a career in entertainment) and, more significantly, a "Dictator without Elections."

It is true that Ukraine has been under martial law since it (foolishly) got invaded by Russia. Yet, Zelenskyy's popularity has held up, and he has much more democratic credibility than his adversary Vladimir Putin, who poisons and imprisons his political opponents.

Another Trump count against Zelenskyy is that he talked us into supporting Ukraine in the war. If it hadn't been for this scam artist, Trump implies, a bipartisan majority in the U.S. -- and our European allies -- wouldn't have believed we should stop a nation hostile to the West from installing a puppet government in a neighboring, sovereign state.

All that said, Ukraine isn't going to succeed in reestablishing its pre-2014 or even pre-2022 borders, and any plausible cessation of hostilities will involve painful concessions by Kiev.

This doesn't justify adopting an ahistorical perspective on the war and blaming Ukraine for its plight. Realpolitik is one thing; needlessly insulting an ally and condemning it in perversely moralizing terms is another.

Perhaps Trump's blunderbuss attacks on Ukraine will soften it up to accept an unsatisfactory but unavoidable deal. Still, the Kremlin is surely taking note that the president of the United States can't disguise his bitterness toward the weaker, hard-pressed country that Putin wants to humiliate and dismember.

It used to be said that a liberal is too broad-minded to take his own side in a fight. Trump is too consumed with pursuing a deal to acknowledge Ukraine is on our side.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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TRI-COUNTY NEWS

Sublette moves forward with Sidewalk Replacement Plan

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

SUBLETTE—The February Village of Sublette Committee Meeting was short and sweet Feb. 10 as three trustees and the president formed the minimum of four people to authorize a reported council.

Many items were discussed including a recent committee meeting, which took place to move the Sidewalk Replacement Plan forward.

“There was a committee meeting with an engineer from Willett, Hofmann & Associates. He let us know where he was with the sidewalk plan,” Village of Sublette Board President John Stenzel said. “We’re using the Rebuild Illinois funds, Motor Fuel Tax, and a \$25,000 grant on West Main Street. The meeting went well and he was authorized to submit the plan to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval.

“It needs to be bid out and approved

by July so we don’t lose the federal funding we have received. We’re taking the next step to getting it done.”

With a 4-0 vote, it was approved to use the Motor Fuel Tax funds for the sidewalk project.

The Richmond, Virginia, Reeve Street Project is on hold because the ground is frozen thanks to Mother Nature’s winter cold front delaying domesticated digging. The weather is also putting a pause on the investigation of the Water Service Line Inventory, which Sublette received the first installment, \$15,000, to begin.

Lee County hasn’t validated a firm date, but the county is going to resurface West Main Street between March and July.

The filter media at the water treatment plant was completed, while the paperwork is in the lawyer’s hands for the undeveloped vacant portion of Thompson Street to be completed.

The Village’s website domain,

Subletteweb.com, will be in service for another 10 years as the contract was renewed until 2035.

LOCis will become Sublette’s new water and garbage billing program either at the end of February or the beginning of March. The committee approved the transition to a new billing program at the January meeting.

Stenzel said LOCis is a well-known program Mendota has used for 20-plus years.

The next Village of Sublette meeting is Monday, March 10 and the 43rd Annual Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show is taking place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16 in downtown Sublette.

The consolidated election is April 1. Stenzel is running again as well as Makenzie Kessel, village clerk, and trustees Larry Ellis, Julie Kessel and Bob Bulfer.

As of now, no one is opposing, but write-in votes are possible.

Paw Paw School Board sets May 27 as final day; information heard on 2026 building project

PAW PAW – The Paw Paw School Board handled numerous items of business at its Feb. 18 meeting.

The subject of the Junior 10 Conference following the IESA schedule was brought up within the conference, which would change the schedule for athletics. The conference will be voting on this in May. If it passes, the changes will not take place until the 2026-2027 school year. The sports schedule for the 2026-2027 school year will be synced with the Indian Creek’s calendar.

Due to a snow-day, the ending day for school will now be May 27, the day after Memorial Day,

Dr. Borne from Indian Creek High School reported that the Valentine dance was well-attended.

High school graduation will be May 11.

The sophomore class took a tour of NIU on Feb. 26.

Re-implementing semester-end finals, which were put on-hold during COVID, is being considered.

Sponsoring a One Book-One School program is being considered for next year at the high school. The book chosen would be read by all classes, with discussion in multiple classes regarding the content and significance of the topic. Inviting the author of the chosen book to address the school is also anticipated.

A plan for Paw Paw 8th graders to shadow freshmen at ICHS for a day this Spring is being discussed.

A policy of the requirements for a student to graduate a semester early is being drafted. The student would have to complete the final classes of English and Government on-line. The student would be allowed to attend Prom and graduation, but would not be permitted to participate in sports.

A Community Forum will be held on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. to provide the opportunity for community members to voice questions, comments, or concerns.

The calendar for the 2025-2026 school year was approved by the Board. The first day of school will be on Aug. 14.

Kurt Rimmele, district architect, presented information on the 2026 building project. Due to COVID and the many natural disasters happening nation-wide, there is still a long lead time in procuring the necessary equipment for going forward with planned improvements. The north gym, stage, and cafeteria will have AC installed as part of the building project.

A bid from John’s Service and Sales in Oglesby for the boiler replacement project was tabled until after a meeting can be held with the contractor and TRANE and district representatives.

Heritage Corridor Destinations unveils new headquarters with open house celebration

JOLIET – Heritage Corridor Destinations proudly celebrated a significant milestone with an open house event recently, marking its relocation to a spacious new office at 701 Essington Road, Suite 100, Joliet. The event brought together community leaders, business partners, and stakeholders to explore the organization’s enhanced headquarters and hear about its ambitious plans for the region.

The move to the new location reflects the organization’s growth and its commitment to promoting tourism and economic development in the Heritage Corridor. The larger, state-of-the-art office space is designed to accommodate Heritage Corridor Destinations’ expanding team and foster greater collaboration with regional partners,

supporting its mission to highlight the area’s unique attractions and destinations.

“This new office symbolizes a new chapter for Heritage Corridor Destinations,” said Robert Navarro, President/CEO of Heritage Corridor Destinations. “We are thrilled to have a space that not only meets our growing needs but also allows us to better serve our partners and community. Together, we can shine a spotlight on the vibrant and diverse experiences that make the Heritage Corridor a must-visit destination.”

Guests at the open house enjoyed refreshments, guided tours of the new facility, and a firsthand look at the organization’s ongoing initiatives. The event also offered insights into Heritage Corridor Destinations’ future plans, including innovative strategies to enhance

local tourism experiences and further bolster the regional economy.

As Heritage Corridor Destinations continues to evolve, the organization remains dedicated to its mission of enriching the visitor experience and fostering sustainable growth throughout the region.

About Heritage Corridor Destinations

Heritage Corridor is a destination of six Illinois counties (Will, Grundy, Livingston, LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam) southwest of Chicago including the first hundred miles of Route 66, I&M Canal towns and Starved Rock Country. Experience heritage with a modern twist in dining, culture, vintage shopping and outdoor activities for visitors to explore whether it be a day trip or weekend visit. Cruise through the first

hundred miles of Route 66 where a visitor can enjoy more than a taste of the Mother Road and midcentury Americana style. Stroll through the I&M Canal towns and experience the amenities of this cultural, natural, and economic resource with a combination of industrial grit and up-cycled architecture that leaves a visitor inspired about the past and future. Starved Rock Country, one of the Midwest’s original vacation destinations, invites visitors to unplug and experience the charm and beauty of the area waterfalls, canyons and the Illinois River valley. Visiting the Heritage Corridor is time well spent; the essence of midwestern hospitality, outdoor rejuvenation, and vintage flair with a modern twist.

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3. LENGTH OF SALE

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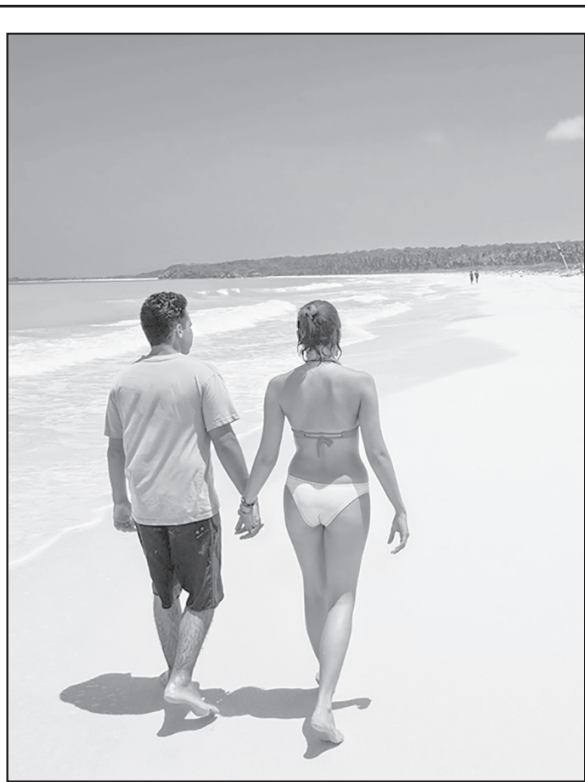
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BRIDAL GUIDE



Tips to plan that perfect honeymoon

Couples have much to look forward to when planning their weddings. In addition to the momentous occasion when they say “I do,” couples can look ahead with excitement as they anticipate spending time with family and friends in a fun setting.

Though the wedding day is the focal point of couples’ planning efforts, the post-wedding honeymoon also merits ample consideration. A honeymoon is the first trip many couples take together after tying the knot, and many will never forget this special excursion. As couples pore over the details of wedding planning, they may want to consider these tips to ensure their honeymoon is a trip to remember for a lifetime.

- **Identify your dream trip.** There are no rules regarding honeymoons. Though couples’ budgets and professional obligations may factor into where they can go and how long their honeymoon can be, couples can discuss their dream trips and then determine if they can make those dreams come true on their honeymoon. Couples who have always aspired to backpack through Europe should consider that a possible honeymoon trip. If a food tour of Italy is on couples’ bucket list, then investigate how feasible that might be for your honeymoon.
- **Stay up on current events.** It can be easy for couples to get lost in the weeds while planning their weddings and miss what’s going on across the globe. However, knowledge of current events can be vital when planning a honeymoon. Faraway and exotic locales may seem tailor-made for a honeymoon, but that’s only the case if such destinations are not plagued by civil unrest, conflict, natural disasters, or other events that can affect how safe it is to visit such places. The U.S. Department of State maintains a free, easily accessible list of travel advisories at travel.state.gov. The Government of Canada maintains a similar list at travel.gc.ca. Couples are urged to visit these sites before booking their honeymoon, particularly if they hope to travel internationally.
- **Consider amenities and all-inclusive packages.** All-inclusive packages can be a great deal, particularly for couples who want their honeymoon to be all about relaxing at a single resort destination. All-inclusive packages cover the cost of food and most beverages, making these options both convenient and budget-friendly. When going this route, couples also should decide which amenities they want to access on their trip. Access to a gym and/or spa, activities like parasailing, and other perks are just some of the potential amenities couples can look for as they choose a honeymoon destination.
- **Collaborate.** A honeymoon may be the first trip couples take after tying the knot, and it can lay the foundation for future collaborative efforts. Planning travel is not always so easy, so couples can work together and make any necessary concessions so each person gets what they want out of the trip.

Some simple strategies can help couples plan and enjoy a honeymoon they are likely to remember for a lifetime.



Choosing who will be included in the wedding party requires forethought and should not be rushed. The rule of thumb is to ask roughly a year to eight months before the wedding so those asked have time to prepare.

Clever ways to invite people to be in your wedding party

Plenty of love and effort goes into coordinating a dream wedding. Although the happy couple garners most of the spotlight on such momentous occasions, they’re not the only ones who will feature prominently in the wedding.

The wedding party is made up of bridesmaids, groomsmen, a ring bearer, a flower girl, ushers, and other guests of honor, such as a couple’s parents. The wedding resource The Knot reports that old school etiquette once indicated there should be one groomsman and one corresponding bridesmaid for every 50 guests, although four bridesmaids and four groomsmen tends to be the average nowadays.

Choosing who will be included in the wedding party requires forethought and should not be rushed. The rule of thumb is to ask roughly a year to eight months before the wedding so those asked have time to prepare. When that time comes, these fun ideas can help couples invite loved ones to be in the wedding party with style.

- **Say it with a treat.** Remember those heart-shaped candies that come out at Valentine’s Day that are printed with various sentiments, like “Be mine”? Replicate the idea by giving prospective wedding party members cookies iced to look like tuxedos and bridesmaid gowns with a phrase like “Will you?”
- **Give personalized drinkware.** Whether it’s wine glasses or flasks, have drinkware engraved with the names of who is being asked so that everyone can toast when they say yes. In the event that someone declines, that person will still have a thoughtful memento.
- **Make custom scratch-off cards.** This is one gamble that is likely to pay off when you present loved ones and friends with scratch-off tickets that reveal the question, “Will you be my bridesmaid/groomsmen?”
- **Put together swag bags.** Take a page out of fashion shows or celebrity parties and package some luxury items into gift bags for those special people you want to stand by your side on your wedding day. High-end grooming products, jewelry, electronics accessories, and more can be great gifts for those who are likely to be in your wedding party.
- **Gift robes or T-shirts:** Plan ahead for staged and coordinated photos by purchasing matching robes or T-shirts for all the besties in the wedding party. Those who are up for having a good time will have no problem wearing the matching outfits when out for wedding-related events.
- **Fill balloons with confetti and messages.** Ask friends and loved ones to pop balloons to reveal your request that they be in the wedding party.

Engaged couples may have many close friends and loved ones they want to stand by their side during the wedding. There are plenty of fun ways to ask them to be part of the celebration.

What to know when picking a wedding reception menu

Lots of details require a decision when planning a wedding. Engaged couples may or may not enjoy tending to much of the minutiae involved in wedding planning, but the reception menu is typically one popular point of interest.

When picking a wedding reception menu, couples typically get to sit down with their venue operator or caterer and take a taste test so they can decide what to include and exclude come the big night. That typically results in some happy hearts and full bellies. But there’s more to picking a reception menu than taste, and the following are some pointers couples can consider as they aim to provide a tasty meal for their wedding guests.

- **Resist the urge to make the menu reflect your personal preference.** Couples, particularly those footing the bill for their own weddings, may be tempted to pick exclusively foods they like for the reception. Though it’s important that couples get to enjoy their first meal together after tying the knot, it’s good to ensure that guests get to have an enjoyable meal as well. Resist any urge to let personal preferences dictate the menu, particularly if you have a restrictive diet. For example, vegans need not insist everyone eat a vegan meal at the reception nor should meat lovers insist that every plate end up with some red meat on it. Diversify the menu so people with various preferences can fill up and enjoy their dinner.
- **Inquire about food allergies.** When inviting guests, ask them to cite any food allergies they may have when they RSVP. Many banquet halls and caterers are now accustomed to accommodating diners with food allergies, but the earlier that information is communicated, the more time couples have to pick delicious foods that won’t compromise the health of guests who must avoid certain dishes or ingredients.
- **Align food with degree of formality.** It’s important that couples consider the ambiance of the wedding when picking a reception menu. A pig roast might be ideal for a backyard wedding, but something more formal is called for when dining in a lavishly decorated banquet hall. Couples can keep this in mind when choosing the menu. It’s also notable that caterers tend to have a creative side, so they might be able to present certain foods in ways that match the vibe of the wedding even if those dishes would not ordinarily align with the ambiance of the reception.
- **Leave the experimentation to the cocktail hour.** If couples have certain exotic foods in mind, they can still serve those items but do so during the cocktail hour. Guests can simply turn down the chance to try exotic foods during the cocktail hour without going hungry. But a sit-down dinner should ensure every guest has something to fill their belly.

Picking a reception menu is a fun and filling component of wedding planning. Keeping some simple pointers in mind can help couples pick a menu everyone can enjoy.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC grants tenure to distinguished group of faculty members

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College Board of Trustees recently approved tenure for five faculty members and commended the talented group of instructors who engage students in their respective fields of art, agriculture, chemistry, criminal justice and nursing.

Tenure was approved for Dr. Jon Hubbell, criminal justice instructor and program coordinator; Sara Legrenzi, nursing instructor; Dr. Camden Parks, chemistry instructor; Shannon Slaight, art instructor, and Dr. Jennifer Timmers, agriculture instructor and co-coordinator. All joined the IVCC faculty in 2022.

Dr. Jonathan Hubbell
“To attend one of Jon’s classes means one will be involved in active learning,” tenure reviewers noted. Hubbell’s Jeopardy-style game has become a popular and effective lesson, and he was praised for effective student interaction within the classroom and as faculty advisor of the criminal justice student club.

Dr. Hubbell’s teaching technique impressed the review panel, as did a course design that extends his classroom virtually. That, noted the panel, is “a real plus to the IVCC criminal justice program (because) students have the option of both in-class and online learning.”

As well as forging on-campus relationships through committees and campus initiatives, Dr. Hubbell has actively partnered with Illinois State Police and the Peru Police Department, where students helped test a new simulator, and he has hosted community events such as a forum about Women in Criminal Justice.

Dr. Hubbell holds a doctorate in higher education



Five IVCC faculty members were granted tenure and commended for engaging students in their respective fields of art, agriculture, chemistry, criminal justice and nursing. Left to right, are Dr. Jennifer Timmers, agriculture co-coordinator/instructor; Dr. Jonathan Hubbell, criminal justice program coordinator/instructor; Shannon Slaight, art instructor, and Dr. Camden Parks, chemistry instructor. Not pictured is Sara Legrenzi, nursing instructor. (Photo contributed)

administration and a master’s degree in criminal justice.

Sara Legrenzi

A graduate of IVCC’s nursing program, Legrenzi earned a master’s degree in nursing and returned to teach. “Her transition from an exceptional student to an inspiring educator has been a testament to her determination and deep commitment to the profession,” the review panel noted.

She stepped in to lead instruction in the Mental Health portion of the program and created a new lecture course in Mental Health Nursing. She was commended for designing interactive learning activities to strengthen clinical decision-making and creating real-world simulations to better prepare students for life as nurses today. Glowing reviews from both students and colleagues cite her pas-

sion for teaching, her ability to connect with students, and her effectiveness in class and clinical settings, ensuring students grasp complex nursing concepts.

Legrenzi’s dedication has been recognized with several awards and honors throughout her career. She is also active in community youth athletic programs.

Dr. Camden Parks

“To come into one of Dr. Parks’ classes is to see an instructor who really enjoys

his subjects,” a review panel noted. They would also see a very active classroom, with students using models, doing frequent board work and watching online content to enhance understanding of the three-dimensional aspects of chemical compounds and why they exhibit specific properties.

Parks has been active in revising and updating general and organic chemistry course outlines. In the community, Parks is an advocate of cat

rescue animal shelters, from working shifts at shelters to – as an avid photographer – creating an annual calendar to sell as a major fundraiser. He is also an outdoor bicycle enthusiast.

After earning his doctorate, Parks had the unique opportunity to design and teach a course at the Universidade do Rio De Janeiro.

Shannon Slaight

Slaight has revitalized the art program and the student learning experience, a review panel noted, adding praise for her growth as a teacher and her ability to support all students through hands-on project-based learning and individualized feedback.

That feedback and support “is one of her greatest skills as a teacher, and students write positively about her mentorship,” reviewers noted.

Slaight prepares materials ahead of student art projects, keeps open lab hours and provides direction and supervision to her students. She sets up the annual Student Art Show, judges scholarship award winners and attends scholarship and awards nights, established the Student Art Club, has brought visiting artists to demonstrate on campus, and has been active in campus holiday displays. She is also a practicing artist for regional art exhibits.

Slaight holds a master’s and post-baccalaureate de-

grees in ceramics. She is a three-time graduate of IVCC, with associate degrees in art and science and a certificate in dental assisting.

Dr. Jennifer Timmers

Even though Dr. Timmers is at the beginning of her career, she impressed reviewers as an experienced instructor, and they appreciated that she has worked hard to learn the content of her subjects to deliver effective instruction.

The review panel recognized her classrooms’ positive environment where “students do not hesitate to engage in discussion and questions.” Her Agriculture Monopoly game was a huge hit and she has done an outstanding job of developing and delivering content of the new IVCC cannabis program.

She also has been a leader in advancing agriculture education and raising awareness of women in the field while serving as co-advisor of the student Ag Club and accompanying students to the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture conference, where students see women in leadership roles.

Off-campus, she is active in a Master Gardener program in Marshall and Putnam counties which plants donated seeds and raises food that is distributed to local food pantries.

Timmers holds a Ph. D. in agronomy and a master’s in agriculture and natural resources.

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THE BACK PAGE

POLICE BLOTTER

DOMESTIC BATTERY
Paul R. Orseske, 26, of 1511 E. Main St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers were called to the 1500 block of East Main Street for a disturbance at 11:10 p.m. Feb. 25. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

WARRANT ARREST
Robert A. Kordick, 41, of 205 Sandra Ave., April E2, Mendota, was arrested at 1 p.m. Feb. 28 on a Kendall County warrant for failure to appear/violation of court order. The subject was released with a Kendall County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Kristine A. Burton, 60, of 508 11th Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 7:12 p.m. March 3 on a LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

MPD: Keep vehicle locked

MENDOTA – Members of the Mendota Police Department would like to remind citizens of an important safety tip. Whether your vehicle is in your garage, driveway or parked on the street, always keep it locked. Do not leave the keys in the ignition of your vehicle, even if you are only parking it for a short period of time. Do not leave purses, wallets or other valuables in your vehicle, as this attracts unwanted attention from a would-be thief. Please assist the Mendota Police Department to help keep you and your valuables safe.

Make sure disaster supply kit includes items for your pets

SPRINGFIELD - While every household should have a disaster supply kit stocked with food, water, flashlights and batteries, homes with pets need to take additional steps when planning for disasters. Whether an emergency forces people to seek shelter within the home or evacuate, advanced planning can ensure the safety of your animals.

"A family's disaster supply kit should address the needs of every family member, including your pets," said a spokesperson for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). "Every emergency situation is stressful, particularly for animals. But if you have a kit and a plan, you can help your pet stay safe."

The IEMA recommends that pet owners should stock a pet preparedness kit with items such as:

- At least a three-day supply of food

- and water
- Extra supplies of pet medicines
- Copies of pet registration, vaccinations and other important documents
- Photo of your pet in case you are separated during an emergency
- Pet first-aid kit, including cotton bandage rolls, tape, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention and isopropyl alcohol
- Collar with ID tag, harness or leash
- Crate or other pet carrier in case of evacuation
- Pet litter and box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach for pet's sanitation needs
- Toys, treats or other familiar items to help lessen your pet's stress during the emergency

For more information about pet preparedness, visit the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

Vehicles stolen from local auto dealership

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department responded to an activated alarm at 1501 S. 13th Ave., Mendota, at approximately 1:44 a.m. Feb. 28.

Upon arrival, officers located several broken windows on the building, which led to the showroom and office area. As a result of the initial investigation, it was found that two vehicles, a 2025 Chevrolet Corvette and a 2021 Chevrolet Camaro, were stolen from the property. The Corvette was taken from the showroom and the Camaro from the outside lot.

At approximately 4:57 a.m. on Feb. 28, the Chicago Police Department located the Corvette in its jurisdiction. The Corvette was towed and secured for evidence processing.

The incident is under investigation by the Mendota Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

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SPORTS

Late surge propels Princeton past Trojans in regional semis

□ Mendota ends banner season with 22-9 record

PRINCETON – The fight and determination between Mendota and Princeton when they take on each other on the basketball court has been going on for decades. It happened three times during this regular season and both sides left everything they had out on the floor.

The Trojans and Tigers met up for one final game this season, this time in the most important of contests – the semifinals of the regional tournament. And once again, those who witnessed the 32 minutes of basketball can say that it was a battle like those that have been played out for years.

The hustle and resolve that every player put forth when they were on the floor was incredible, and like so many clashes before, the outcome came down to the wire. Unfortunately for the Trojans, Princeton was able to pull away in the final minute for a 55-47 victory in the Princeton Class 2A Boys' Regional Basketball Tournament on Feb. 26 at a packed Prouty Gym.

The setback left the Tro-

“It was a very successful season for us. Twenty-two wins and a conference championship is nothing to hang your head about. It didn’t necessarily end the way we wanted it to, but we fought every inch of the way. Our motto was ‘Next Step’ and I certainly think we took that as a program.”

–MHS coach Steve Wasmer

jans with a 22-9 final overall record.

The final margin of victory for Princeton was the largest lead either team held the entire game. After the two squads played to a 10-10 tie at the end of one period, the Trojans owned a four-point advantage on two occasions in the second quarter, the latter being 18-14. Mendota was only able to put up five points over the remainder of the stanza while Princeton tallied 10 to take a 24-23 lead to intermission.

Mendota’s defense did a great job of containing Princeton superstar Noah LaPorte in the first half, holding him to four points. The 6-6 senior who is bound for Northwestern University on a football scholarship, looked as though he might not be able to continue in the game when he came down awkwardly on a right ankle that has been bothering him all season. He left the game hobbling with four minutes to go before halftime, but he got a heavy tape job and returned to the floor before the half ended.

The Tigers were able to maintain the lead throughout the third quarter, going up by five (38-33) with just over a minute to play on a three-pointer by Jackson Mason. Drew Becker converted a pair of free throws for Mendota to make it 38-35

and then Princeton ended the quarter on a nice driving basket by Jordan Reinhardt to grab a 40-35 advantage with just the fourth period left to play.

Aden Tillman started the final frame for the Trojans with three-point bomb only to be answered by a conventional three-point play by LaPorte. But Aden Tillman came back with another trey and then Cole Tillman scored on a rebound basket to tie the game at 43-43 with five minutes to go. Just over a minute later, Braiden Freeman connected on one of two free throws for a 6-0 Mendota run and a 44-43 Trojan lead with 3:53 left.

LaPorte gave the advantage back to the Tigers with a hoop followed by a Gavin Lanham basket to make it 47-44. Forty-five seconds later, Princeton got a steal and an outlet pass to a wide open LaPorte that resulted in a thunderous slam dunk to put the Tigers on top 49-44 at the 1:47 mark.

The Trojans wouldn’t go away when Dane Doyle scored on a rebound basket and Cole Tillman made one of two free tosses to draw Mendota to within two (49-47) with 49 seconds to go, but Princeton connected on six of eight free throws in the final 43 seconds to seal the win. “I thought we played



Mendota’s Braiden Freeman has his shot stuffed by Princeton’s Noah LaPorte in action from the semifinal round of the regional tournament on Feb. 26 at Princeton. (Reporter photo)

extremely hard and executed the game plan well,” said Mendota coach Steve Wasmer. “I couldn’t be more proud of these guys for their effort. They gave it everything they had. We just didn’t make enough shots to beat a very good, veteran team that’s on a 10-game winning streak.”

Cole Tillman finished with a game-high 19 points for the Trojans, while Aden Tillman had nine and Becker eight. LaPorte paced the

Tigers with 14 points, eight of which came in the critical fourth quarter. Reinhardt chipped in with 12 tallies.

“It was a very successful season for us,” added Wasmer. “Twenty-two wins and a conference championship is nothing to hang your head about. It didn’t necessarily end the way we wanted it to, but we fought every inch of the way. Our motto was ‘Next Step’ and I certainly think we took that as a program.”

Three Trojans played

their final game in a Mendota uniform – Cam Kelly, Braiden Freeman and Evan McPheeters – and Wasmer said they will be missed next season.

“Although we have a bright future, we are really going to miss the seniors,” noted Wasmer. “They set the tone every day with their effort and intensity. Braiden, Cam, and Evan will always be a part of the Trojan basketball family, and they were a huge part of the program’s turnaround.”

PRINCETON 55, MENDOTA 47				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
C. Tillman	8	2-6	3	19
Kelly	1	0-0	2	3
A. Tillman	3	0-0	0	9
Freeman	1	1-2	5	3
Doyle	2	0-0	2	5
A. Beetz	0	0-0	5	0
Becker	3	2-2	2	8
Totals	18	5-10	19	47

Princeton (55)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Fulkerson	2	1-2	1	6
Lanham	3	0-0	2	6
N. LaPorte	6	2-6	3	14
Reinhardt	4	3-4	1	12
Smith	3	2-2	1	9
Gartin	1	3-4	3	5
Mason	1	0-0	1	3
Totals	20	11-18	12	55

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	10	23	35	47
Princeton	10	24	40	55
Three-point goals: Mendota - C. Tillman 1, Kelly 1, A. Tillman 3, Doyle 1; Princeton - Fulkerson 1, Mason 1, Reinhardt 1, Smith 1				



Princeton’s Noah LaPorte grabs a rebound away from Mendota’s Braiden Freeman and Cole Tillman during regional tournament action on Feb. 26 at Princeton. (Reporter photo)

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SPRINGFIELD – When anglers purchase an Illinois fishing license, they’re paying for more than fishing privileges for the year. They’re investing in conservation, education, and economic activity all over the state.

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“The successful management of quality fishing opportunities relies on the

commitment and support of anglers, and that starts with buying a fishing license,” said IDNR chief of fisheries Mike McClelland. “By purchasing a fishing license, anglers are ensuring sport fishing, hatchery production, and habitat enhancements are here for current and future generations to enjoy in communities throughout Illinois.”

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources division of fisheries is supported by the sale of fishing licenses and associated stamps. General revenue from Illinois tax dollars does not fund vital fisheries programs, such as research, fisheries

management, hatchery operations, invasive species prevention, outreach, and other initiatives.

Additionally, the Sport Fish Restoration Program of 1950, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, distributes funding to states through the federal excise tax on purchases of fishing equipment, motorboat fuel, and outdoor accessories. The distribution is based on land size and each state’s fishing license sales.

Illinois fishing licenses and stamps for 2025 are available for purchase online

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Mendota’s Eddy earns 2nd-team all-conference basketball honors

MENDOTA – The Three Rivers Conference East girls’ head basketball coaches have selected all-conference team members for the 2024-25 season.

Ava Eddy was the lone player from Mendota to earn all-conference honors. The senior was selected to the second team.

FIRST TEAM

*Ella Sterling, Sr., Hall; *Damaris Diaz, So., Kewanee; *Keighley Davis, Jr., Princeton; *Cameron Driscoll, Jr., Princeton; *Gisselle Martin, Fr., Sterling Newman; Charlie Pellegrini, Jr., Hall; Mya

Dearing, Sr., Kewanee
(* indicates unanimous)

SECOND TEAM

Aubrey Huisman, Jr., Erie-Prophetstown; Tejhiana Amos, Sr., Kewanee; Ava Eddy, Sr., Mendota; Paige Jesse, Sr., Princeton; Elaina Allen, So., Sterling Newman; Brooklyn Smith, So., Sterling Newman

HONORABLE MENTION

Kennedy Wozniak, Sr., Hall; Caroline Morris, Jr., Hall; Bailey VanWinkle, So., Kewanee; Payton Brandt, Fr., Princeton

(Final conference standings: Princeton 8-2, Kewanee 8-2, Sterling Newman 7-3, Hall 5-5, Erie-Prophetstown 2-8, Mendota 0-10)



Eddy

Little 10 names top girls’ hoop players

EARLVILLE – The Little Ten Conference girls’ basketball coaches have selected the players for All-Conference recognition for the 2024-2025 season.

• Serena – Conference Champions, Conference Tournament Champions: **Jenna Setchell (Sr...G)-Three Time Unanimous Selection; **Macy Mahler (Sr...F);

Kendall Whiteaker (Jr...F)
• Hinckley-Big Rock – Conference Runner-Up, Conference Tournament Runner-Up: **Anna Herrmann (Jr...G)-Third Time All-Conference, Repeat Unanimous Selection; **Sami Carlino (Sr...C)-Repeat Selection; Raven Wagner (Sr...F)-Repeat Selection
• Somonauk-Leland

Coop–Conference 3rd Place, Conference Tournament 3rd Place: **Abby Hohmann (Jr...G); **Kiley Mason (Jr...G)
• Indian Creek: **Isabella Turner (Sr...G)-Two Time Unanimous Selection
• IMSA: Kateryna (Kate) Honchar (Jr...C)
(* **Denotes a unanimous selection)



Third place in conference tournament

The Northbrook eighth grade volleyball team finished in third place in the Starved Rock Conference Tournament on Feb. 27 held at Ottawa Shepherd School. Members of the team, front row, left to right, are Ember Castenada, Ava Mahaffey, Laurali Thompson, Nora Rhynedance and Aileen Perez. Back row, coach Kelly Knaff, Averie Hazelwood, Mallory Beck, Nevaeh Munoz, Lexie Saylor, Bella Bute, Mia Arteaga, Livi Perryman and Aleeya Garcia. (Photo contributed)

SPORTS

Fall archery season yields record harvest of 1,045 wild turkeys

SPRINGFIELD - Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary record statewide total of 1,045 wild turkeys during the 2024-2025 fall archery turkey season. The total compares last year's harvest of 803 and the five-year average of 763 birds harvested. The previous record total for fall archery season was in 2015 when 851 turkeys were taken.

This season 27,422 permits were sold (excluding landowner permits) compared to 25,741 for the 2023-2024 season. The season dates were Oct. 1, 2024 through Jan. 19, 2025 and

all 102 counties were open for hunting.

Harvest reports were 51% male and 49% female compared to 54% males and 46% hens last year. A total of 62% of hunters reported using crossbows versus 37% using compound bows and 1% using traditional bows.

The top five counties for fall archery wild turkey harvest this season were Fayette 37; Jefferson 28; Pike 25; Marion 24; and Jo Daviess 23.

Harvest totals for area counties were Bureau 15; DeKalb 3; LaSalle 15; Lee 22; Ogle 17; Putnam 3; Whiteside 18.

Fishing

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and at IDNR license and permit vendor locations. Licenses for the 2024 season do not expire until March 31. A standard, non-discounted resident fishing license costs only \$15.

All license and stamp fees can be reviewed online. Anglers 16 and older are required to have a fishing license in Illinois. Exclusions apply to active-duty military and people with disabilities. Visit <https://ifishillinois.org> for more information about fishing in Illinois.

If you're attending a game, make sure to practice sportsmanship!

Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Feb. 19
– 1. Black Brothers 22-14; 2. Novak Farms 21-15; 3. O'Donnell Excavating 20-16; 4. Maybe Next Week 17.5-18.5; 5. Man On! 15-21; 6. First State Bank 12.5-23.5

High team game (scratch) – Man On! 1022, Novak Farms 984, Maybe Next Week 946
High team game (hdcp) – Novak Farms 1230, Maybe Next Week 1216, First State Bank 1187

High team series (scratch) – Man On! 2918, Novak Farms 2780, O'Donnell Excavating 2688

High team series (hdcp) – Novak Farms 3518, Maybe Next Week 3424, First State Bank 3340

High individual game (scratch) – Drake O'Donnell 247, Nate Bradford 246, Matt Novak 241

High individual game (hdcp) – Walker Smith 273, Matt Novak 271, Paul Schillinger 270

High individual series (scratch) – Nate Bradford 680, Luke Ross 669, Joe Dimmig & Matt Novak 648

High individual series (hdcp) – Matt Novak 738, Paul Schillinger 730, Scott Novak 729

Elks 9

Youth League

Standings as of Feb. 22 – 1. Team 4 31-17; 2. Team 1 27-

21; 3. Team 3 21-27; 4. Team 2 14-34

High team game (scratch) – Team 4 299, Team 1 253, Team 3 242

High team game (hdcp) – Team 4 624, Team 1 604, Team 3 585

High team series (scratch) – Team 4 856, Team 1 738, Team 3 696

High team series (hdcp) – Team 4 1831, Team 1 1791, Team 3 1725

Boys' high game (scratch) – Michael Eames 114, Graham Phillips 108, Grayson Kent 86

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Michael Eames 228, Graham Phillips 212, Grayson Kent 202

Boys' high series (scratch) – Michael Eames 304, Graham Phillips 303, Grayson Kent 212

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Michael Eames 646, Graham Phillips 615, Grayson Kent 560

Girls' high game (scratch) – Lainey Ramer 98, Addyson Fahr 93, Grace Piskie 93

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Addyson Fahr 221, Lainey Ramer 211, Grace Piskie 205

Girls' high series (scratch) – Lainey Ramer 275, Grace Piskie 249, Addyson Fahr 239

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Addyson Fahr 623, Lainey Ramer 614, Grace Piskie 585

Elks 11

Youth League

Standings as of Feb. 22 – 1. Team 4 32-16; 2. Team 1 30-

18; 3. Team 2 23-25; 4. Team 3 11-37

High team game (scratch) – Team 4 402, Team 1 322, Team 2 271

High team game (hdcp) – Team 4 652, Team 1 633, Team 3 607

High team series (scratch) – Team 4 1114, Team 1 918, Team 2 771

High team series (hdcp) – Team 4 1864, Team 1 1851, Team 3 1790

Boys' high game (scratch) – Parker Ramer 187, Gavin Stamberger 141, Bentley Bejster 123

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Gavin Stamberger 239, Parker Ramer 236, Billy Bromenschenkel 224

Boys' high series (scratch) – Parker Ramer 422, Gavin Stamberger 353, Bentley Bejster 343

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Billy Bromenschenkel 648, Gavin Stamberger 647, Lyncoln Daley 633

Girls' high game (scratch) – Eliana Eames 106

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Eliana Eames 210

Girls' high series (scratch) – Eliana Eames 276

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Eliana Eames 588

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Feb. 24 – 1. Bad Kats 31-19; 2. The Struggle is Real 30.5-19.5; 3. Ramer Inc. 25-25; 4. Split Happens 22-28; 5. Leagal Beagles 21.5-

28.5; 6. CM Farm 19-31

High team game (scratch) – Ramer Inc. 822, Split Happens 748, Leagal Beagles 635

High team game (hdcp) – Ramer Inc. 1082, Bad Kats 988, The Struggle is Real 984

High team series (scratch) – Split Happens 2162, Ramer Inc. 2146, Leagal Beagles 1820

High team series (hdcp) – Ramer Inc. 2926, Bad Kats 2914, The Struggle is Real 2864

Men's high game (scratch) – Matt Ramer 269, Raul Diaz Jr. 213, Mike Smith 203

Men's high game (hdcp) – Matt Ramer 290, Raul Diaz Jr. 277, Brendan Ramer 272

Men's high series (scratch) – Matt Ramer 665, Brendan Ramer 551, Raul Diaz Jr. 531

Men's high series (hdcp) – Bob Moench Jr. 791, Brendan Ramer 764, Matt Ramer 728

Women's high game (scratch) – Jessica Robinson 237, Emily Thomas 227, Stephanie Ramer & Hannah Westphal 197

Women's high game (hdcp) – Stephanie Ramer 291, Jessica Robinson 287, Connie Yost 277

Women's high series (scratch) – Jessica Robinson 605, Emily Thomas 552, Gail Sessler 513

Women's high series (hdcp) – Connie Yost 794, Stephanie Ramer 769, Jessica Robinson 755

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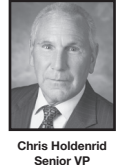
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16 Mimic
20 Male swan
21 Outlet letters
22 Actress Kate
23 Half dozen
27 "Whatever"
29 Lothario
30 PBS science show
31 Nonfat
- 33 Fender instru-ments
35 Heat source
38 "Rugrats" dad
40 Engines
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45 Scratch
46 Tizzy
47 Takeout request
48 Physics bit
49 Within (Pref.)
53 Hardly any
54 Punk-rock subgenre
55 Massage

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* A Spanish civil servant went unnoticed for six years after he stopped showing up for work until someone tried to give him an award for his long service.

* The Spangler Candy Company named their famous lollipops "Dum Dums" because it was a word that was easy for any kid to say.

* In the 1960s, the Good-year tire company tested the bright idea of lighted tires, to be available in a range of colors. They looked pretty cool in the dark, but their unfortunate tendency to melt under heavy braking and poor performance in wet conditions doomed the concept to the dustbin.

* A 2016 study revealed that only 27% of the words spoken in the biggest movies were uttered by women.

* National Donut Day originally started as a way to honor Salvation Army volunteers who served donuts to soldiers in World War I.

* When a man allegedly found a dead mouse in his can of Mountain Dew, Pepsi had an expert claim in an affidavit that the drink was so acidic it would have dissolved the mouse after 30 days.

* The Hubble Space Telescope is so powerful that it can spot the glow of a firefly from some 7,000 miles away.

* Professional wrestler and mixed martial arts champion Ronda Rousey confessed on the "Jim Rome on Showtime" TV show that she tries to have as much sex as possible before a match because it boosts her testosterone levels.

* During his inauguration, Teddy Roosevelt wore a ring that contained a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair.

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Couch Theater

"The 97th Academy Awards" (TV-14) -- Hosted by former late-night talk show host Conan O'Brien, this year's Oscars ceremony is out now to stream after its live broadcast on ABC on March 2. In keeping with other awards shows this season, the musical film "Emilia Perez" received the most nominations (13), followed by "The Brutalist" and "Wicked" with 10 each. The Best Actor award will be an interesting category to watch after Adrien Brody landed the Golden Globe and Timothee Chalamet received the SAG. Zoe Saldana, Demi Moore and Kieran Culkin are the frontrunners for the other acting categories, while the Best Picture category is stacked with great films from 2024 like "Anora," "Conclave," and "The Substance." (Hulu)

"Heretic" (R) -- Hugh Grant ("Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy") leads this chilling horror film from A24, co-starring Sophie Thatcher ("Companion") and Chloe East ("The Fablemans"). Thatcher and East star as two Mormon missionaries who visit the home of Mr. Reed (Grant) to spread information about their church. Mr. Reed invites the girls into his home and welcomes a discussion about religion, but as the discussion carries on, the atmosphere becomes uncomfortable and intense. The girls soon realize that they're stuck inside the house with no phone signal and no way out, leaving

Mr. Reed to commence his own sadistic lesson about the nature of belief and faith. Premieres March 7. (Max)

"With Love, Meghan" (TV-PG) -- Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, is finally premiering her lifestyle show on March 4 after the series was postponed back in January due to the Southern California wildfires. The show will consist of eight 33-minute episodes filmed at a farmhouse near Meghan and Harry's home in Montecito, California. Throughout the episodes, Meghan will showcase her personal "tips and tricks" in the kitchen, garden and more. Notable guests on the show include actress Mindy Kaling, actress Abigail Spencer, and chefs Roy Choi and Alice Water. Oh, and Prince Harry, of course! (Netflix)

In Case You Missed It

"Yellowjackets" (TV-MA) -- This thriller-drama series just had its season three premiere back in February, but it's not too late to binge the series and catch up in time for its season three finale in April. "Yellowjackets" follows a high school soccer team whose plane crashes on the way to a tournament in 1996, leaving them stranded in the wilderness for a year and a half. Bouncing between the events in 1996 and the girls' current lives in 2021, viewers get to see firsthand the trauma that the teenagers experienced and how the crash remains a part of them as they navigate the world as adults. (Paramount+)

FLASHBACK

1. Name the singer-songwriter who released "Him."
2. Which artist wrote "Solitary Man," "Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show" and "Thank the Lord for the Night Time"?
3. Who released "The Happening"?
4. Name the one memorable song by Strawberry Alarm Clock.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Well the midnight highlight find you on a rainy night steep grade up ahead slow me down makin no time gotta keep rollin."

Answers

1. Rupert Holmes, in 1980. Released on his "Partners in Crime" album, Holmes expected "Him" to be the most popular, but "Escape (The Piña Colada Song)" is the one that shot to the top of the chart.
2. Neil Diamond. A prolific songwriter, Diamond penned many songs over the years for other artists. Jay and the Americans, Elvis Presley and The Monkees all had hits with Diamond's songs.
3. The Supremes, in 1967. It was also used as the theme song in the film of the same name. The song topped the chart; the film did not.
4. "Incense and Peppermints," in 1967.
5. "Drivin' My Life Away," by Eddie Rabbitt in 1980.

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I'm so happy to see so many cast members on Reba McEntire's new sitcom. Are there any other cast members from the original "Reba" series set to appear in the future? -- *M.W.*

A: Christopher Rich, who starred on the WB sitcom "Reba" from 2001-2007, recently guest-starred on McEntire's new NBC sitcom "Happy's Place." Rich suffered a stroke in 2018 and was thrilled to reunite with his former co-stars in an episode where he plays a tattoo artist who was also dealing with the residual effects of a stroke. He was eager to incorporate this experience into the character and hopes to return for another guest spot next season.

JoAnna Garcia Swisher, who played Cheyenne on "Reba" and currently stars in the Netflix series "Sweet Magnolias," told People magazine that she would 100% guest-star on "Happy's Place" if and when she's asked.

Q: Did the actress who played Eve on the Apple TV+ series "Bad Monkey" appear on a soap opera when she was younger? She looks like the actress who played Lizzie on "Guiding Light." -- *U.B.*

A: If you're thinking of Emme Rylan, who played Lizzie Spaulding on "Guiding Light" from 2006-2009, she does resemble her, but it's not the same actress. Meredith Hagner, who recently starred opposite Vince Vaughn in "Bad Monkey," did get her start on a CBS soap around the same time as Rylan. She was cast as young Liberty Ciccone on "As the World Turns" and was nominated for a Day-time Emmy award before the long-running soap was canceled in 2010.

Hagner most recently played one of the double-booked brides in the Amazon comedy film "You're Cordially Invited," opposite Reese Witherspoon and Will Ferrell. Off-screen, she's married to actor Wyatt Russell ("Under the Banner of Heaven"), son of Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn.

"Bad Monkey," which was filmed on location in Florida, will move its production to the West Coast next season after receiving a \$20 million tax credit from the state of California. According to Colleen Bell, director of the California Film Commission, these incentives help encourage jobs in the state and drive economic growth. Bell stat-

ed, "The impact goes beyond the entertainment industry -- it supports families, local businesses and communities statewide."

Q: Is it true that Kate Hudson was originally offered Anne Hathaway's role in the movie "The Devil Wears Prada"? -- *K.W.*

A: Yes, Kate Hudson was offered the role of Andy Sachs in the 2006 hit movie "The Devil Wears Prada" (based on the best-selling novel of the same name), but she turned it down. The film's director David Frankel told Entertainment Weekly that several big-name actresses were in the running for Hathaway's role, including Rachel McAdams, Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman. Hudson says that the timing wasn't right for her to do the role, but she regrets her decision after seeing the movie.

Next up, Hudson stars in the sports-comedy series "Running Point," which was co-created by Mindy Kaling for Netflix.

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Hugh Jackman is currently shooting the film "The Death of Robin Hood" in Northern Ireland, opposite Jodie Comer and Bill Skarsgård. The film will be a dark re-imagining of the Robin Hood legend. However, the biggest drama surrounding Jackman is why his 27-year marriage to Debra Lee Furness ended abruptly in 2023. Supposedly, it was because of a romance with his "Music Man" co-star Sutton Foster (who was married to screenwriter Ted Griffin for 10 years).

In January, Jackman and Foster confirmed their relationship, but insiders say that they're just good friends. Their supposed relationship was a cover-up to take the heat off his longtime secret relationship during the heat of the split.

Jackman's biographical-musical film "Song Sung Blue" wrapped in Jersey, and while he's playing Robin Hood in Ireland, Foster has



Foster

completed her Los Angeles run of "Once Upon a Mattress" and is doing some theater work on Broadway.

Miles Teller will play a deadly renegade poacher to Oscar winner Casey Affleck's ("Manchester by the Sea") fish and game officer in the man-hunt thriller "Wild Game."

Teller's also playing John Branca, Michael Jackson's entertainment lawyer and the executive of Jackson's estate, in the biopic "Michael." Jaafar Jackson, Michael's 28-year-old nephew, plays his uncle. Colman Domingo stars as Joe Jackson, while Nia Long plays Katherine Jackson.

In addition, Teller will star in the romantic comedy "Eternity" with Elizabeth Olsen and Da'Vine Joy Randolph.

Jeremy Allen White, who is now immersed in season four of "The Bear," jumped from "Deliver Me from Nowhere" (the Bruce Springsteen biopic) into Disney's "The Mandalorian & Grogu," with Pedro Pascal and Sigourney Weaver. White plays Rotta the Hutt, son of

Jabba the Hutt, and the film drops on May 22, 2026.

February 10 was "Hart to Hart" star Robert Wagner's 95th birthday. In 1959, when I was 13 years old, I stowed away on a small boat rented by Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher. As they circled around Manhattan, they discovered me hiding. They were more amused than mad, but they said since I was a stowaway, I had to work as their cabin boy to earn my passage. It was then that I discovered Robert and Natalie Wood were also aboard.

Waiting on them was a ball, even though Liz and Eddie never recognized me when I saw them for years out and about. But I became good friends with "RJ," as his friends called him, and Natalie. When I arrived in Hollywood and needed to prove myself as a photographer, Robert allowed me to shoot him on the set of his TV series "It Takes a Thief" (1968-1970), which helped established me in Hollywood. Being a cabin boy was good training for a second job I luckily never needed!

• Trivia Test •

1. LITERATURE: Who lives at 4 Privet Drive?
2. TELEVISION: Which 1980s sitcom featured the Keaton family?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American-born president?
4. COMICS: What is Deadpool's profession?
5. ADSLOGANS: Which makeup company's slogan is "Maybe she's born with it"?
6. HISTORY: Which battles marked the beginning of the American Revolution?
7. INVENTIONS: The 1904 World's Fair introduced which fluffy confection?
8. MOVIES: In which year were the first Oscars awarded?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What does 1 gallon of water weigh?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What are the colors of the Italian flag?

Answers

1. Harry Potter and the Dursley family.
2. "Family Ties."
3. Martin Van Buren, born after the Revolutionary War.
4. Mercenary.
5. Maybelline.
6. Battles of Lexington and Concord.
7. Cotton candy.
8. 129.9.
9. 8.34 pounds.
10. Green, white and red.

Do you remember the name of the one big hit song from Strawberry Alarm Clock? The answer is in Flashback!

Weekly SUDOKU

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Trusting God when you don't understand

Can you think of a time when you felt like, "What in the world is going on in my life? Why did that happen to me? When will I finally get what I've wanted for so long? Why, God, why? When, God, when?" If you've been alive very long, you've probably had an experience like this at some point.

The truth is God loves us and He has good plans for our lives, but that doesn't mean life is always easy. We all go through difficult times and things happen that aren't fair. In fact, Jesus tells us in John 16:33 (AMPC), "In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration." It's so important for us to understand this so we won't be confused and lose our

faith in Him when life is hard.

Thankfully, Jesus goes on to say, "But be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you]." This is amazing assurance that if we trust in Him, everything is going to work out the way it should in the end.

I know what it's like to hurt so much you're not sure you can stand it any longer. And there have been times when I didn't understand how God could allow me to go through some of the things I've been through. My father sexually abused me from the time I was about three until I left home at 18, and I

remember praying many times for God to rescue me from that situation. Then, years later, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to have surgery to get rid of it.

I like to figure out how to fix problems, so it was difficult for me when I couldn't understand why God allowed me to go through those circumstances. But I can say now that God did a lot of good things in me through those hard times. And He can use me to help others because of it.

In order to receive healing and restoration from the devastating things I endured, I had to learn how to trust Him when I didn't understand and how to release my faith during trials.

There are many scriptures about faith in the Bible. Hebrews 11:1 says faith is the substance of things we hope for and the evidence of what we can't see. Verse 6 says it's impossible for us to please God without faith and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Romans 12:3 says God gives each person a measure of faith, and in John 20:29, Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (NKJV).

God wants us to come to a place in our relationship with Him where we trust that He's in control and He has our best interest at heart even when our situation doesn't seem



fair. He wants us to be able to rest in Him and have His peace that surpasses our understanding in every circumstance we face. Because then we will be stable mentally and emotionally, and we won't be driven by our feelings and make bad decisions that can make the situation even worse.

So how do we practically live by faith? We do it by what we pray, say and the actions we take. It's vital for us to agree with God and His Word to effectively release our faith in Him. So we need to study the Word to know what God's will is and the many promises He's made to us.

Pray according to His will, say what you believe He's promised you, and take God-inspired action, doing what you know to do in every situation. Choose to believe what the Bible says more than you believe what you feel, think, and what other people say. And remember that God is pleased by your faith, He's on your side, and He wants to help you.

Psalms 89:14 (AMP) says, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne..." God is a God of justice and He makes wrong things right. But many times we have to go through painful circumstances we don't understand while He's working on our behalf to bring justice in our lives.

Faith in God is the key to trusting Him in every circumstance. Walking by faith means when there are unanswered questions, we can be okay with that because God is in control and we're determined to trust Him no matter what.

God is so good and so awesome that He can take anything that is harmful or painful and turn it around for our good, and the good of a lot of other people, too. So, whatever you're going through today, take a step of faith and pray, "God, I know You love me. I trust You. My times are in Your hands, and I know all things in my life will work together for good because I love You and

I'm called according to Your purpose!"

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

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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 at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 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.

DAMIAN BEDNARSKI, DAMIAN WOJCIK and AGNIESZKA COWAN, 205 WASHINGTON SQ APT A, ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007, according to the Deed dated June 01, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-11253, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 17, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0012 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1

DAMIAN BEDNARSKI, DAMIAN WOJCIK and AGNIESZKA COWAN, 7707 W IRVING PARK RD APT 402, CHICAGO, IL 60634, according to the Deed dated June 01, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-11253, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 17, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0012 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1

LISA MARIE BORREGO, 4220 SLOANE ST APT 1046, CARROLLTON, TX 75007, according to the Deed dated June 08, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2017-19306, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 05, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 2

TERESA BRASHERS and BRIAN ROBISON, 315 MONTEREY DR, WASHINGTON, IL 61571, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-11549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 15, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0010 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 1

TERESA BRASHERS and BRIAN ROBISON, 3908 N ILLINOIS AVE, PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL 61616, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-11549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 15, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0010 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 1

QUENNIE CASINTAHAN, C/O SHIMANOVSKY MOSCARDINI LLP, 205 W RANDOLPH ST, STE 1405, CHICAGO, IL 60606, according to the Deed dated April 24, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-10460, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 09, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0205 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 9, Phase 4

QUENNIE CASINTAHAN, 5050 N NAGLE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60630, according to the Deed dated April 24, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-10460, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 09, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0205 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 9, Phase 4

JOHN CEBULSKI and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 21W351 AHLSTRAND RD, LOMBARD, IL 60148, according to the Deed dated May 03, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-09230, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 7

JOHN CEBULSKI and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 21W351 AHLSTRAND RD, LOMBARD, IL 60148, according to the Deed dated May 03, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-09230, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 7

LEE A. CLARK and DIANA CLARK, 178 MIAMI ST, PARK FOREST, IL 60466, according to the Deed dated August 09, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-29407, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0108 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2

LEE A. CLARK and DIANA CLARK, 12427 S STEWART AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Deed dated August 09, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-29407, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 22, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0108 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2

WESLEY C. DANIELS and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and JOYCE D. DANIELS and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 613 MYRTLEWOOD LN, WHEATON, IL 60187, according to the Deed dated July 13, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-29426, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0216 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 4

WESLEY C. DANIELS and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and JOYCE D. DANIELS and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 140 WINDSOR PARK DR APT E120, CAROL STREAM, IL 60188, according to the Deed dated July 13, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-29426, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0216 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 4

THOMAS DELAGARZA, 10107 TRAPPERS RDG, CONVERSE, TX 78109, according to the Deed dated December 17, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015-02265, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 06, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0403 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 6

BRYANT D DUNCAN and YOLANDA D. DUNCAN, 3623 LEE AVE, GURNEE, IL 60031, according to the Deed dated September 01, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-29176, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 26, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0031 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1

RENARD FRANKS and NICOLE E COLEMAN-FRANKS, 22220 CHERIE CT, RICH-TON PARK, IL 60471, according to the Deed dated April 12, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-09431, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 29, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0057 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 1

REBA F FREEMAN and FRANCES M FREEMAN, 1447 S 20TH AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated April 29, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-12848, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 31, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 3

DIANA GARCIA and HECTOR GARCIA, 3146 GANSETT PKWY, ELGIN, IL 60124, according to the Deed dated August 31, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-21003, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 18, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0148 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 2

DAVID H GRESHAM and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and HATTIE J GRESHAM, 8149 S MANISTEE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Deed dated March 22, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2006-10157, 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. 0371 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 3

ROBERT GRIMONE and ANNA GRIMONE, 28 EDINBURGH LN, PINEHURST, NC 28374, according to the Deed dated February 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-05148, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0170 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1

ROBERT GRIMONE and ANNA GRIMONE, 4861 W WAVELAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60641, according to the Deed dated February 07, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2009-05148, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0170 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1

WILLIE C HALL and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, PO BOX 438602, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated December 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015-03026, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 19, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0413 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 7

ERIC JACKSON SR. a/k/a ERIC J JACKSON SR., LATANZAYUA JACKSON, JEANNETTE JACKSON and THELMA L BONNER, 8663 VIDA LN, RIVERDALE, GA 30274, according to the Deed dated October 21, 2000 and recorded under File No. 2001-02559, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 31, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0147 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2

JOSEPH M JONES and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and JOYCE E MCDONALD, 540 BARN SWALLOW WAY APT A, ELGIN, IL 60123, according to the Deed dated October 30, 2004 and recorded under File No. 2004-32428, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 30, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2

JOSEPH M JONES and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and JOYCE E MCDONALD, 515 REDTAIL RDG APT A, ELGIN, IL 60123, according to the Deed dated October 30, 2004 and recorded under File No. 2004-32428, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 30, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 1

S H A R O N HAYES-HOPKINS and MARCUS L HOPKINS, 3861 217TH ST, MATTESON, IL 60443, according to the Deed dated October 25, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-27876, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 21, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 1

S H A R O N HAYES-HOPKINS and MARCUS L HOPKINS, 3210 S SANDHILL RD BLDG 4, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121, according to the Deed dated October 25, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-27876, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 21, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0172 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

RICHARD A KUENSTER and MARILYN CIARAMITARO KUENS a/k/a MARILYN CIARAMITARO KUENSTER, C/O RICHARD A KUENSTER LLM, 2721 MODAFF RD, NAPERVILLE, IL 60565, according to the Deed dated December 12, 1999 and recorded under File No. 2000-02184, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 28, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0172 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

RICHARD A KUENSTER and MARILYN CIARAMITARO KUENS a/k/a MARILYN CIARAMITARO KUENSTER, 2721 MODAFF RD, NAPERVILLE, IL 60565, according to the Deed dated December 12, 1999 and recorded under File No. 2000-02184, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 28, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0172 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

JOSEPH LAND and YESENIA SANCHEZ, 16410 DORCHESTER PL, LOCKPORT, IL 60441, according to the Deed dated February 06, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008-07309, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 03, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0207 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 4

JOEL LOPEZ and LAURA CHAGOLLA-LUNA, 7346 OAKDALE AVE, HAMMOND, IN 46324, according to the Deed dated March 22, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-07503, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 10, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0012 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1

GREGORY SCOTT MCCLANAHAN and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, C/O HART SOUTHWORTH & WITSMAN, 1 N OLD STATE CAPITOL PLZ, STE 501, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, according to the Deed dated May 02, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-22748, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 08, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

GREGORY SCOTT MCCLANAHAN and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 85 COACHLIGHT CT, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703, according to the Deed dated May 02, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-22748, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 08, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

ANDRE MCCURDY, KEYSHA MCCURDY and SEDRICK MCCURDY, 126 CRYSTAL CREEK DR, RED OAK, TX 75154, according to the Deed dated May 17, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-13482, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 18, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0421 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 9, Phase 7

ANDRE MCCURDY, KEYSHA MCCURDY and SEDRICK MCCURDY, 917 VEDRAL PL, CEDAR HILL, TX 75104, according to the Deed dated May 17, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014-13482, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 18, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0421 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 9, Phase 7

DONNA R. MCGUIRE and LARRY P. MCGUIRE, Wife And Husband, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 11112 CENTENNIAL DR, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821, according to the Deed dated June 06, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2018-03599, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 27, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0415 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 7

JULIE MELCHOR and OSVALDO MELCHOR, PO BOX 463, BOURBONNAIS, IL 60914, according to the Deed dated March 17, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-08695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 03, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0381 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1

JULIE MELCHOR and OSVALDO MELCHOR, 636 DOUBLE JAC-ST APT A, BOURBONNAIS, IL 60914, according to the Deed dated March 17, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-08695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 03, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0057 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1

PAUL R MONTEITH and MARY R VELTRI and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 104 S EDISON AVE, ELGIN, IL 60123, according to the Deed dated October 14, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-34763, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0068 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1

PAUL R MONTEITH and MARY R VELTRI and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 303 N CATINOT CT, MOUNT PROSPECT, IL 60056, according to the Deed dated October 14, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-34763, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0068 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1

MARK MURPHY and SANDRA MURPHY, 14508 KIMBARK AVE, DOLTON, IL 60419, according to the Deed dated September 23, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2006-27169, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 24, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0053 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 1

JUDY M NELSON and ERICA NELSON, 2901 MUSCATINE ST, DUBUQUE, IA 52001, according to the Deed dated January 24, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-02769, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1

JUDY M NELSON and ERICA NELSON, 821 ALTHAUER AVE, DUBUQUE, IA 52001, according to the Deed dated January 24, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-02769, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1

JUDY M NELSON and ERICA NELSON, 2901 MUSCATINE ST, DUBUQUE, IA 52001, according to the Deed dated January 24, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010-02769, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0381 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1

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order of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0381 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 3
NICOLE NICHOLSON and WILLIAM HASTINGS, 3168 TERESA ST, PORTAGE, IN 46368, according to the Deed dated February 07, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-03329, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 23, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0093 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2
NICOLE NICHOLSON and WILLIAM HASTINGS, 3838 N 500 E, ROLLING PRAIRIE, IN 46371, according to the Deed dated February 07, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015-03329, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 23, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0093 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2
CATHERINE PAPPAS and CONSTANCE PAPPAS and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 11152 KAREN DR, ORLAND PARK, IL 60467, according to the Deed dated October 05, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-30998, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 22, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0377 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 3
CATHERINE PAPPAS and CONSTANCE PAPPAS and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 13650 SANDALWOOD DR., ORLAND PARK, IL 60462, according to the Deed dated October 05, 2005 and recorded under File No. 2005-30998, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 22, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0377 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 3
SILVIO QUEZADA and ADELA QUEZADA, 4625 S KEDVALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60632, according to the Deed dated February 24, 2002 and recorded under File No. 2002-13645, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 08, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 2
ROBERT K QUIETT and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and REV. JANICE K QUIETT and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 29 AQUE-DUCT DR, DIAMOND, IL 60416, according to the Deed dated January 08, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003-11476, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 11, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more parti

under File No. 2006-17405, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 13, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0057 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1
MARTIN L RICE and SHANTELLA DALE, 275 HERITAGE PKWY, ROMEVILLE, IL 60446, according to the Deed dated May 14, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2006-17405, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 13, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0057 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1
SHELLEY ANN VICKREY and/or SCOTT EUGENE SMITH, TRUSTEES, U/T/A ROY E SMITH, JR. and LOIS J SMITH IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED 10-22-14, 5276 N FARM ROAD 243, STRAFFORD, MO 65757, according to the Deed dated January 02, 2009 and recorded under File No. 2014-22145, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0280 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 4
BOBBY B STARNES and SHEILA A STARNES, 1500 N MONITOR AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2007- 01266, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 17, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0385 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 3
BOBBY B STARNES and SHEILA A STARNES, 1500 N MONITOR AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2007- 01266, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 17, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0385 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 3
JOHN P SUGRUE, CATHERINE SUGRUE, KERRY SUGRUE, JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SUGRUE, C/O SCRIVNER LAW FIRM, 1440 STATE HWY 248, STE Q451, BRANSON, MO 65616, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014-00573, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 13, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 7
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JOHN P SUGRUE, CATHERINE SUGRUE, KERRY SUGRUE, JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SUGRUE, 6557 N OLIPHANT AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60631, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014-00573, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 13, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 7
JOHN P SUGRUE, CATHERINE SUGRUE, KERRY SUGRUE, JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SUGRUE, 5219 N SPAULDING AVE APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60625, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014-00573, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 13, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 7
JOHN P SUGRUE, CATHERINE SUGRUE, KERRY SUGRUE, JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SUGRUE, C/O SCRIVNER LAW FIRM, 1440 STATE HWY 248, STE Q451, BRANSON, MO 65616, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-24271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 29, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 7
JOHN P SUGRUE, CATHERINE SUGRUE, KERRY SUGRUE, JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SUGRUE, 5638 N ARTESIAN AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60659, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-24271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 29, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 7
JOHN P. SUGRUE,

24271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 29, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 7 JOHN P SUGRUE, CATHERINE SUGRUE, KERRY SUGRUE, JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SUGRUE, 6557 N OLIPHANT AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60631, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 24271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 29, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 7 JOHN P SUGRUE, CATHERINE SUGRUE, KERRY SUGRUE, JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SUGRUE, 5219 N SPAULDING AVE APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60625, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 24271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 29, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 7 JASON D TERP and ANN E OERTLEY, 4838 N SPAULDING AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60625, according to the Deed dated February 02, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001- 04964, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 27, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0107 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2 JASON D TERP and ANN E OERTLEY, 3829 N EVERGREEN CT, PEORIA, IL 61614, according to the Deed dated February 02, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001- 04964, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 27, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0107 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2 CHRISTINA G THOMAS and RODNEY W THOMAS, C/O TOM NORRIS LAW OFFICE, 633 S CAMPBELL AVE, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65806, according to the Deed dated January 20, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 02607, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 06, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0026 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1 CHRISTINA G THOMAS and RODNEY W THOMAS, 305 N WASHINGTON ST ABINGDON, IL 61410, according to the Deed dated January 20, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013- 02607, in the Office of the

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SHIRLEY B VERKLER, 100 E PENDEXTER AVE, WATSEKA, IL 60970, according to the Deed dated March 20, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008- 09885, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 05, 2008 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0385 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 3

JOSE VIRELLA and MARIA VIRELLA, 608 N LONG AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60644, according to the Deed dated April 30, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008- 12940, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 06, 2008 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 2

JOSE VIRELLA and MARIA VIRELLA, 583 S WILSON AVE, BARTOW, FL 33830, according to the Deed dated April 30, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008- 12940 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 06, 2008 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0100 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 4, Phase 2

LAWRENCE M. WALLACE, LISA A. WALLACE, BRYAN W. MCDONALD and MURIEL MCDONALD, 8340 S ABERDEEN ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2000- 14576 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 02, 2000 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0121 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2

LAWRENCE M. WALLACE, LISA A. WALLACE, BRYAN W. MCDONALD and MURIEL MCDONALD, 4628 S LEAMINGTON AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60638, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2000- 14576 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 02, 2000 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0121 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2

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JEREMY WEISMAN
1208 ROCKVIEW RD
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cording to the Deed
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are the owners of the
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larly described as Unit
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the Recorder of Deeds
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linois, on January 06,
2006, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0076 Even
year, Use Period Num-
ber(s) 29, Phase 1
JERRY L WHITE
MORET, CARKISTER
N GRAY, MARIE A
JONESBANKS and
KENT JONES, 8342 S
COLFAX AVE, CHICAGO,
IL 60617, accord-
ing to the Deed dated
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corder of Deeds for
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on January 06, 2006
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timeshare estate to be
foreclosed, more particu-
larly described as Unit
No. 0076 Even year
Use Period Number(s)
29, Phase 1
JERRY L WHITE
MORET, CARKISTER
N GRAY, MARIE A
JONESBANKS and
KENT JONES, 111
CARRINGTON DR
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according to the Deed
dated December 10,
2005 and recorded
under File No. 2006-
00514, in the Office of
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for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on January 06,
2006, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0076 Even
year, Use Period Num-
ber(s) 29, Phase 1
DARRIN WILKENING
and BETH WILKEN-
ING, 108 S ELM AVE
SAINT ANNE, IL 60964
according to the Deed
dated June 14, 2003
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File No. 2003- 22764
in the Office of the Re-
corder of Deeds for
LaSalle County, Illinois
on July 08, 2003, are
the owners of the time-
share estate to be fore-
closed, more particu-
larly described as Unit No.
0054 Even year, Use
Period Number(s) 27,
Phase 1
JOHN E ZASTOUIPI
and BETTY
ZASTOUIPI, 731 V
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53546, according to
the Deed dated Jul-
26, 2013 and recorded
under File No. 2013-
22403, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on October 04,
2013, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0417 Annu-
ally, Use Period Num-
ber(s) 25, Phase 7
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
No: 2025-JD-11

To: Unknown Fathers and other interested parties and to All Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that on the 25TH day of February, 2025 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by Victor L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County, Illinois, entitled 'In the interest of Victor Gomez, minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 110 at Ottawa, Illinois on the 19th day of April, 2025, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the cause may be heard at 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 the custody of and guardianship of the minor.

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Dated February 25, 2025
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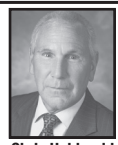


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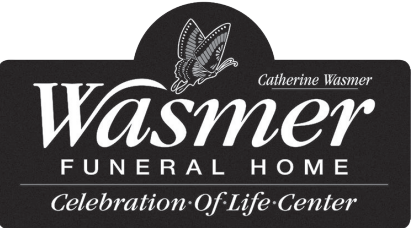


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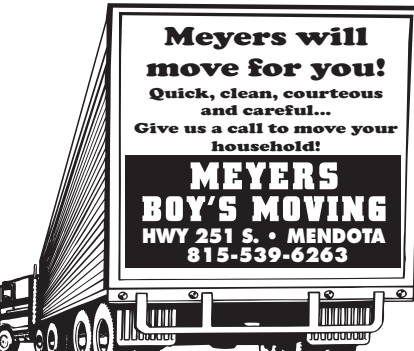
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