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ONE DOLLAR, 25 CENTS

City adopts 1% tax on groceries

☐ Action taken for street maintenance By KIP CHEEK Staff writer

MENDOTA - The Mendota City Council moved forward on several upcoming projects and took action on a grocery tax for the city during its March 17 regular council meeting

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman John Holland announced plans for a grocery tax to be implemented in Mendota. The council voted to impose a 1 percent tax on groceries beginning on Jan. 1, 2026. The state of Illinois will eliminate its 1 percent grocery tax on Jan. 1, 2026, after Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed legislation repealing the tax back in August 2024. While the law reduces the tax, it also authorizes localities to adopt their own grocery taxes.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick announced the results of a request for proposal for the Brownfield Grant that was secured by the city last summer. The city has hired Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental to execute the \$1.27 million grant to address the land in the 800 block of Illinois Avenue where the former Campbell's Cleaners building and an auto parts store once stood. Fehr Graham will be in charge of any further demolition, clean-up of the area and plans for future redevelopment.

In other action from Fitzpatrick's report, the council agreed to an intergovernmental agreement with the LaSalle County Highway Department for cap seal maintenance on 22nd Street.

Also from Fitzpatrick, the city received two bids for the 2025 Rebuild Illinois/Motor Fuel Tax street maintenance program. The low bid of \$311,059 was awarded to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. of LaSalle. It was noted that the bid was almost \$9,000 under the engineer's estimate.

MAYOR'S REPORT

During Mayor David Boelk's report, he proclaimed Thursday, April 3 as Junior Achievement Day in Men-

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Sublette Fire trains next generation

☐ Sixteen individuals go through 10 weeks in first-time cadet program

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Staff writer

SUBLETTE - The Sublette Fire Department always has a mission.

For the most part, they change depending on the day or if there is a fire or emergency situation in the area. However, there is one that has been around impactfully for a long time, bringing in a new class of EMTs and firefighters.

Wanting to take a proactive step to addressing the issue of low numbers and an aging roster, the Sublette Fire Department decided to try a first-time 10-week Cadet Training Program, which will concluded March 16.

The department had 18 cadets sign up and 16 were still present at Week 9.

"It means a ton to us to see how many cadets we had for this program. In small communities, it's either you let things happen or you make things happen," said Sublette Assistant Fire Chief Nick Dinges. "We see these critical shortages in EMT and firefighter services. You look at 70 percent of the United States is still covered by volunteers, but that number went from 900,000 volunteers to 700,000 in the last decade.

"If you look at places like Amboy, Sublette, West Brooklyn, and Compton, the fire service is not getting any younger. I'm 46 and in year



Sublette Fire Department Assistant Chief Brian Dallam, blue shirt, makes sure cadets of the Sublette Fire Department Training Program exit the training trailer safely. The first-year program had 18 people sign up and 16 made it through 10 weeks of the training. (Reporter photos by Brandon LaChance)

28 or 29. We have to fill that pipeline to the next generation. We think it's extremely important.

"The only way to do that is by actively creating the young people. If we wait until they're 18, 19, or 20 years old when they've already gone to college, they have a girlfriend or boyfriend, maybe they've taken a career

path, we've lost them.

"Collectively, the Sublette Fire Department sat down and said, 'How do we get to these young people?' I used my son Jake as the Litmus test. He just turned 16 and we thought to try a cadet program and see if we could be successful. I was hoping for 6-8 kids. We were lucky enough to have



The cadets went through a hands-on structure fire procedure at the Amboy Fire Department training trailer facility.

Quinn Leffelman, an all-state senior captain of the state championship Amboy football team, call me and say, 'I can get more bodies.' Once he did that, we had 18 sign up from Amboy, Sublette, and Byron."

The cadets have learned different information in a manner of different ways.

They learned hands-on through training facilities

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Voters to decide among candidates for races in the three-county area

MENDOTA-Races for mayor, alderman/ trustee, township positions, school boards and library boards are among those to be decided when voters go to the polls for the April 1 consolidated election. LaSALLE COUNTY

In the City of Earlville, there are two candidates on the ballot for mayor. Incumbent Mark Actis Jr. will be challenged by Kathleen Wolfe. There are no contested races for other Earlyille positions.

Voters in the City of Mendota will also have to choose between two candidates for mayor. Long-time incumbent David Boelk is running for re-election and is opposed by Shallen Gross. In Ward One, incumbent James Fitzpatrick is going up against Joel Perez, while in Ward Four, voters will decide between incumbent Vicki Johnson and Matt

In Mendota Township, current Highway Commissioner Carlos Ambler is seeking re-election and will be challenged by Marvin

There is also a contested race for Highway Commissioner in Ophir Township. Candidates are Ethan Sack, Jackson Prather and Daniel McConville.

In the Earlville Public Library District, four candidates are vying for three positions as trustee. They include Deborah Larson, Kathleen Eager, Mary Bender and Stephanie Eller.

In Mendota Community Consolidated School District 289 and Mendota Township High School District 280, there are no contested races for school board positions.



For trustee of Illinois Valley Community College No. 513, William Hunt, Lynda Moshage and Todd Volker are vying for two positions to serve six-year terms.

LEE COUNTY

In the Village of Paw Paw, five candidates are on the ballot for three trustee positions. They are John Nicholson, Karl Karlsson, Donna Chick, Amanda Moorehead and Austin Clanin.

BUREAU COUNTY

In LaMoille Township, voters will decide between Richard Gross and Joseph Fahs for the position of Highway Commissioner.

In the LaMoille-Clarion Public Library District, six candidates are on the ballot to fill four positions. They include William Schwabenland, Sarah Stuepfert, Jennifer Williams, Nataleigh Wamhoff, Regina Mc-Coy and Jacob Bonnell.

Citizens of the Ohio High School District 505 will vote on a proposition to deactivate the high school. The proposition reads, Shall the Board of Education of Ohio Community High School District No. 505, Bureau and Lee County, Illinois, be authorized to deactivate the Ohio High School facility and to send pupils in Ohio High School to Amboy Community Unit District No. 272 and/or Bureau Valley Community Unit District 340.

Mendota residents Meet the Candidates

☐ Mayoral, Aldermanic seats to be chosen by voters in April 1 election

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Staff writer

MENDOTA - The consolidated city governmental elections slated for April 1 feature a few intriguing races in Mendota.

With this in mind, Mendota Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Sam Setchell and the chamber reinstated Meet the Candidates on March 11 at the Mendota Civic Center, which involves all candidates with opposition speaking in front of the community.

'I believe the last time Mendota had something like this was for the 2019 elections," Setchell said. "I think it's so important for residents to be informed when it comes to the politicians in any election. You can't make an informed choice if you don't know who you're choosing between.

"Being able to have the candidates come and answer a few questions, it will hopefully help voters make an informed decision



when the election is here."

The candidates sitting at the table on the Civic Center stage were randomly selected to answer five questions and up to two follow questions from moderator Charles Van Horn in five minutes.

The 65 Mendota residents in attendance heard from Fourth Ward Alderwoman incumbent Vicki Johnson (Ward applicant Matt Ramer wasn't present due to an already scheduled endeavor), First Ward possibility Joel Perez, First Ward incumbent Jim Fitzpatrick, Mayor David Boelk, and mayor hopeful Shallen Gross.

With each of the individuals receiving the questions ahead of time, there wasn't

wait time for the answers of why they're a good choice for the city role they're running for, their qualifications, plans for Mendota while in office if elected, Mendota's downtown area, and whether it's important to build new or restore what already exists.

Here are some of the responses:

Vicki Johnson

The retired teacher and school administrator, who took office in 2020, said she never thought she would be a politician. But she quickly found out it isn't a job, but a passion. She said she would be a wise choice for a second term because she has lived in Mendota her entire life, loves the residents and the town.

Her qualifications are she has always been involved in the community as she has taught a large percentage of the population and has been involved in many civic organizations

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"Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver"

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Health Department would like to announce that World TB Day is Monday, March 24. This is the 143rd anniversary of Robert Koch's discovery of the TB bacillus. When Koch announced his discovery on March 24, 1882, in Berlin, Germany, tuberculosis was responsible for the death of one of every seven people living in Europe and the United States.

World TB Day 2025's theme is, "Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver'." TB is still a life-threatening problem, and it impacts people across the United States. TB knows no borders,

and people in the United States are suffering from TB. The theme's design is to build public awareness that tuberculosis today remains an epidemic in much of the world causing the deaths of several million people each year. The disruptions caused by the pandemic have led to increased mortality from TB, decreased the number of people diagnosed and treated for TB, and dangerously affected the rights of people with TB. The general symptoms of TB disease include feeling sick or weak, weight loss, fever and night sweats. TB of the lungs causes the general symptoms plus coughing,

sometimes producing blood, and chest pain.

TB is caused by an organism called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. When a person with active TB disease coughs or sneezes, tiny particles containing M. tuberculosis may be expelled into the air. If another person inhales air that contains these particles, transmission from one person to another may occur. However, not everyone infected with the TB germ becomes sick; as a result, two TB related conditions exist; latent TB infection (LTBI) and active TB disease -- both of which are treatable and curable. There are an estimated 13 million persons in the United States with latent TB infection, and about 10% of these infected individuals will develop TB disease at some point in their lives. TB is not a disease of the past; TB can infect anyone.

Each day, over 3400 people lose their lives to TB and close to 30,000 people fall ill with this preventable and curable disease. To find out more about TB, or to see about getting tested for a possible TB exposure, contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit our website at www. lasallecountyil.gov.

Mendota well represented in IVAC's 40 Under Forty

PERU – The Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced the members of the 2025 edition of its

Mendota was well represented as Megan Gatza (Mendota Elementary #289), Raul Gonzalez (Community Health Partnership of Illinois), Taylor Olsen (Black Bros. Co.), Sam Setchell (Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce), Evan Wixom (First State Bank), and Caitlyn Tucker (Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce).

The recipients come from a variety of different organizations, industries, and locations throughout the Illinois

Saint Bede alum is new director of mission advancement

PERU - Saint Bede Abbey and Academy proudly announces Michel Massamba as the new Director of Mission Advancement and Major Gifts. Massamba is responsible for the planning, coordination and implementation of a comprehensive development program that communicates the Benedictine mission of providing a Catholic Benedictine college-preparatory high school education in the Illinois Valley.

"Ultimately, Michel is responsible for executing a plan that will sustain the mission of Saint Bede through leveraging current relationships and forging new partnerships to provide resources necessary for a high-quality and vital experience for our students," said Eve Postula, Superintendent.

Massamba is a 2011 graduate of Saint Bede Academy and is thrilled to be returning to his alma mater to lead the Office of Mission Advancement and successful development team.

"Over the past five years, I've been involved in organizations that weren't necessarily Catholic and I have been craving to come back to a Catholic environment. Being back at Saint Bede gives me that Catholic atmosphere I need and it's an opportunity to help the institution continue to grow and be successful for generations to come," he said.

In this leadership role, Massamba will collaborate with the Abbot and Superintendent to strategically grow reach, revenue and reputation for the Abbey and Academy. As an expe-



Superintendent Eve Postula, left, welcomes Saint Bede's new Director of Mission Advancement and Major Gifts Michel Massamba. Massamba is a 2011 graduate of Saint **Bede.** (Photo contributed)

rienced Grants Manager, Massamba will be an asset to the team as he brings recent experience cultivating funds for Youth Guidance and The Salvation Army North & Central Illinois Divisional Headquarters, both in Chicago. His skills

in research, prospecting, strategic planning and financial management position him well to add longterm planning, goal setting and creating sustainable financial models to support organizational growth and mission success.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

On March 11, we celebrated all of our students who completed the whole reading challenge board for Dr. Seuss Week. We had approximately 70 of our students reach this accomplishment. They were treated to a donut breakfast before school that day. The students enjoyed the donuts and had fun celebrating their accomplishment!

Thank you to all of our students and families who ordered the 2024-2025 yearbook. This yearbook will be a great keepsake for our students with their friends and pictures of lots of fun memories from the year. Yearbooks will be delivered later this spring.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Wyatt Ward, Yulissa Escatel, Blaire Hansen, Jayda Fielder, Nevaya Varela, Hannah Reinhold, Elsa Shoultz and Jeffrey O'Brien. The winners were Odin Stohr, Keiton Blanton, Gabe Dykstra and Josue Guzman. Congratulations to all of you!

Our students brought home the March kindness activity this past week. Our students are encouraged to complete the pot of gold kindness board. For each kind deed they complete at home, they get to color in a gold coin. Once all of them are filled in, they should return it to school for their recognition. All March kindness boards are due by Friday, March 21.

Spring pictures with Inter-State Studios are scheduled for Tuesday, March 25. Order information went home with all students. Parents can either return the order envelope or order online at www.inter-state.com/order and use code 93764SN if they would like to purchase pictures. Inter-State will not photograph all students like they do in the fall. They will only take pictures of those students that order pictures ahead of time.

Don't forget there is an early dismissal on Wednesday, March 19. Kindergarten will dismiss at 11:20 and first grade at 11:30 for a teacher inservice.





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St. Bede Academy to host Junior High Tour Day

PERU - St. Bede Academy will be offering tours of the building and grounds for families and students in grades 5-8 on Saturday, March 29. Families can sign up for tours between 10 a.m. and noon. Tours take approximately 30 minutes and start every 15 minutes from the Perino Science Center. The event is free of charge and is open to all families wanting to learn more about the academy.

Tours will be led by St. Bede Student

Ambassadors and will showcase the recently renovated learning spaces. There will also be parents, staff and students to share their experiences at St. Bede. Information about the school's curriculum and extracurricular activities will also be available.

Families who wish to attend can sign up at www.st-bede.com/tourday or by calling Jon Steben, director of enrollment management, at 815-250-0279.



St. Bede Academy announces 2025's Top 10 students

PERU St. Bede Academy is proud to announce the Top Ten of the Class of 2025. These students have honorably represented the Academy in scholastic and non-scholastic events, service to their school and community and in character.

Members listed in alphabetical order are Haiden Ator. Andrea Brandner, Ziheng Chen, Madalyn Dittmar, Yibo Fan, Phillip Gray, Tyler Jordan, Greyson Marincic, Victoria Mendez and Abraham Wiesbrock.

Haiden Ator is the son of John and Julie Ator. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of LaSalle and attended Dimmick Grade School. Haiden plans to attend Iowa State University to major in cybersecurity engineering. While at St. Bede Academy, he was involved in football, bowling, track & field, Lectio Divina, yearbook club, stage rats, cross country, spring musical, soccer, tennis and production crew. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Haiden enjoys bowling in the Sunday High School League. His awards include Most Improved in soccer, Most Valuable Player for bowling, Sectional Qualifier in cross country, two-time Sectional Qualifier for bowling, ILMEA All-District Musician, All-Area Boys Bowling Team and is an Illinois State

Andrea Brandner is the daughter of Joseph Brandner and Sarah and Nathan Jasiek. She is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Oglesby and attended Holy Family School. Andrea plans to attend either Purdue University or Illinois State University to study animal science. While at St. Bede Academy, she has been involved in cheerleading, golf, stage rats, student

Scholar.



St. Bede's 2025 Top 10 students, front row, left to right, are Abraham Wiesbrock, Madalyn Dittmar, Tyler Jordan, Andrea Brandner, Victoria Mendez and Gordon Chen. Back row, Greyson Marincic, Haiden Ator, Phillip Gray and Frank Fan. (Photo contributed)

government, charity club and participated in the Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering Competition. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Andrea is involved in 4-H and shows rabbits and cattle. She is on LaSalle County's livestock judging team. Andrea is employed at the Root Beer Stand in Oglesby. Her hobbies include skiing, writing and listening to music. Andrea was an Elks Teen of the Month and is an Illinois State Scholar.

Gordon Chen is the son of Qiang Chen and Biqiong Cao. He attended Headstart International School in Zhengzhou, Henan, China. Gordon plans to attend a four-year university to major in mathematics. While at St. Bede Academy, he was involved in dorm activity club, AMC math club and anime club. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Gordon participated in the University of California Berkeley summer session. Gordon received first place at the World Youth in Science &

Engineering Mathematics State Competition and placed second in Chemistry. He also received the AMC 12 Mathematical Excellence Award and AP Scholar with Distinction Award. Gordon also received the College Board National Rural and Small Town Scholar Award.

Madalyn Dittmar is the daughter of Richard and Mida Dittmar. She is a member of St. Valentine Catholic Church and attended Peru Catholic School. Madalyn plans to attend Illinois State University and major in education. While at St. Bede Academy, she participated in tennis, student government, scholastic bowl, tea club and fall theater. Madalyn received the English award, math award, two top academic awards and is an Illinois State Scholar.

Frank Fan is the son of Weifeng Fan and Nan Han. He attended Best Primary School in Zhengzhou, Henan, China and will be attending New York University to study sports management. While at

St. Bede Academy, Frank was involved in cross country and physical therapy cub. Outside of St. Bede Academy, he participated in the Leap into the World of Sports Data Science and Management research program, Jiajia Summer Basketball Camp, National Economic Competition (NEC), and "Speak for Them," a social welfare video held by Beijing Yiwalker Public Welfare Foundation that received over 20,000 likes. He was also the recipient of the Excellent Case Award in Chinese Middle School Students Public Welfare Online Practice held by Beijing Yiwalker Public Welfare Foundation and received the Talented Player Award for basketball training camp. During Frank's time at St. Bede Academy, he received the NEC Top Rookie Award and Regional Overall Team Silver Award in the David Ricardo Junior Division, AP Scholar, Best Teammate and Most Improved in cross-country.

Phillip Gray is the son

of Jeff and Jan Gray. He is a member of St. John the Baptist Church in Lostant and attended Tonica Grade School. Phillip plans to attend a four-year university to study finance and wealth management. While at St. Bede Academy, he participated in football, basketball, student government, ambassadors and Lectio Divina. His academic awards include Excellence in Spanish, St. Bede AP US History Award, Daughters of the American Revolution Award, Elks Teen of the Month and he is an Illinois State Scholar. Phillip has received athletic awards including most improved in basketball and football, the Hustle Award in basketball, Football Captain, First Team All Conference, All State Academic Team and All Area Team for football.

Tyler Jordan is the daughter of Michelle and Jeff Jordan. She is a member of First Baptist Church of Ottawa and attended Ladd Grade School. Tyler plans to attend either Ohio State University or University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to major in criminology and law. While at St. Bede Academy, she was involved in volleyball, ambassadors, pep club and tea club. Tyler received third place in chemistry at the World Youth in Science & Engineering Competition, Academic Excellence Award in AP Chemistry and is an Illinois State Scholar.

Greyson Marincic is the son of Jeff and Christal Marincic. He is a member of Oglesby Community Church and attended Oglesby Washington Grade School. Greyson plans to attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and major in chemical engineering and mathematics. While at St. Bede Academy, he was involved in cross country,

track & field, scholastic bowl, bowling and participated in the Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering Competition. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Greyson is involved with 4-H. He received awards for College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award, is an Illinois State Scholar, National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Recognition, Student Government Vice-President, two-time State Qualifier in the 300m hurdles and was a State Qualifier in the 100m hurdles for track & field. Greyson will also complete his associate's degree at Illinois Valley Community College in May 2025.

Victoria Mendez is the daughter of Alma Madera and Pedro Mendez. She is a member of St. Joseph Church in Peru and attended Peru Catholic School. Victoria plans to attend Northern Illinois University and major in accounting. While at St. Bede Academy, she participated in cheerleading, peer tutoring and in the Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering Competition. Outside of St. Bede Academy, Victoria works at Four Star Family Restaurant and helps with their family business, River Landscaping and Tree Service/Mendez General Contractor. She also enjoys reading, hiking and traveling.

Abraham Wiesbrock is the son of Martin and Janet Wiesbrock. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wenona and attended Holy Family School. Abraham plans to attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to major in economics. While at St. Bede Academy, he was involved in golf, basketball, bowling, participated in the Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering Competition and the Edible Car Contest.

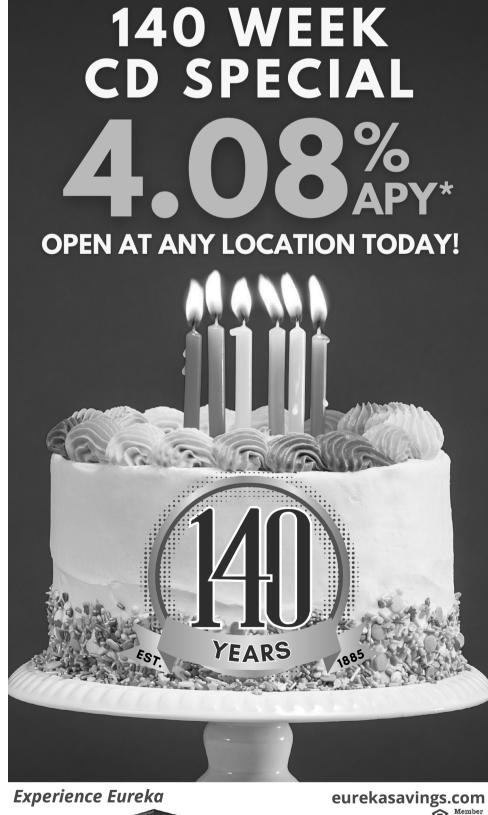
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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Dorothy C. Martinson

MENDOTA – Dorothy Caroline Martinson, 87, of Mendota passed away March 10, 2025, with her loving family by her side.

Services will be private with

Born Feb. 15, 1938, in Meriden Township to Louis Benjamin and Hilda (Eich) Larabee, she graduated Mendota High School in 1956 and Illinois State University in 1960 with a degree in Home Economics.

Dorothy married the love of her life, Ralph Martinson on Sept. 30, 1961, at Immanuel Lutheran Church Compton.

She will be forever missed by her husband, Ralph of Mendota; son, Todd (Lisa) Martinson of Mendota; daughter, Ami (Eric) Lautenschlager of Geneva; eight grandchildren, Travis, Wyatt, Rayna, Rey, Alene, Twila, Haley and Von; daughter-in-law, Joanne Martinson of Arlington Heights; three sisters, Margaret Ross of Mendota, Betty (Craig) Beardsley of Poynette, Wis., and Mary (Bob) Behrends of East Peoria; two brothers, Richard (Cathy) Larabee of Earlville and Ron Larabee of Streator.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; brotherin-law, Darwin Ross; sister, Laura Jean Larabee; and son, During her career in the northwest Chicago suburbs, she

taught high school (Prospect High School) and kindergarten and worked with children and families in programs for all ages from early childhood through elementary. A warm engaging spirit, she shared joyful, loving, and playful relationships with people. Family and friends filled Dorothy's life with happiness as

she planned and attended parties and gatherings. She loved talking on the phone and sending/receiving cards and letters. Dorothy thoughtfully personalized her gifts in creative and meaningful ways. She enjoyed attending family athletic events, concerts, theatrical performances, and graduations. Throughout her life, Dorothy traveled much of the U.S. to visit family and appreciated everything. Some of her favorites include the beauty of nature especially delicate wildflowers, striking sunsets, colorful fall leaves, and the grandeur of Dorothy was a member of the American Home Economics

Association, Grace Lutheran Church, and Mendota Historical Society.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the Mendota Historical Society, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Compton or Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1624 E. Euclid Ave., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

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

The latest obituaries can been viewed at mendotareporter.com

Sharon R. Barr

MENDOTA – Sharon R. Barr. 86, of Mendota, passed away March 15, 2025, at Allure of Peru.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 23 from 2-4 p.m. with a 3:30 p.m. rosary at Wasmer Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at noon Monday March 24 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Rev. Greg Nelson will officiate. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.



Sharon was born April 3, 1938, in Ottawa to Thomas F. and Marie (Donohue) O'Rourke. She was raised on a small farm in Ophir Township. She married Deacon Earl F. Barr on June 1, 1957, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mendota. They farmed south of Mendota for 30 years. She is survived by four sons, Terry of LaSal, Utah, Eugene

(Dorene) and Doug (Dee) of Mendota, and Tom of Waukesha, Wis.; three daughters, Judi (Dom) Cerrato of Joliet, Nora Phillips of Port Byron and Michele (Rick) Pearce of Bloomington; 20 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years,

Deacon Earl F. Barr in 2002; her parents; three sisters, Rita (Larry) Pitstick, Theresa (Bob) Lonie and Bernice (Bob) Larkin; one granddaughter, Tricia (Joe) Lowder, and one great-grandson, Micah Nathaniel Deller.

In 1986, Earl and Sharon moved to Phoenix, Ariz. They enjoyed taking the back roads of Arizona on the weekends to see if they could find a ghost town or two and see the countryside. While there, Sharon had the honor of sewing the vestments for Pope John Paul II when he visited Phoenix in 1987. She spent many years researching her family's ancestry, which included a trip to Ireland. In 2014, she moved back to Mendota to be near family and then in 2024 to Heritage Woods of Ottawa. She enjoyed reading, getting her nails done and spending time with family.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Public Nuisance Ordinance

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public It is against city ordinance

to have accumulations of trash, building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the

city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin.

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

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MENDOTA – Ruth C. Delhotal. 90, of Mendota, passed away Monday, March 10, 2025, at Allure of Mendota surrounded by her loving family.

Cremation care has been provided by Horner-Merritt Funeral Home in Mendota. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 17, 2025, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 398 Church Road, Compton, with Pastor Jeff Schlesinger officiating. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church on Monday. Interment

followed in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.



Ruth was born May 9, 1934, in Mendota, the daughter of Homer and Edith (Martin) Schmidt. She was raised by her aunt, Eunice (Virgil) Gorrell.

Ruth is survived by her children, Edie (Bob Dellinger)

Thompson, Kelly (Joe) Stewart, Tracy Quindoy, and Robert

"Bob" (Tammy) Frizol; stepchildren, Mary (Sylvia) Lemus,

Gordon Delhotal Jr., Laura McSeaton, John Delhotal, and Brian Delhotal; 19 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; a brother, Charles (Sharon) Howarth; numerous nieces and nephews; and her longtime companion, Bruce Wilhelm. In addition to her parents, Ruth is preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Delhotal; three sons, Victor Frizol, Mi-

chael "Mike" Frizol, and Edward "Eddy" Frizol; two sisters, Mary Jean Schmidt and Norma Ecklund; and four brothers, William Schmidt, Daniel Schmidt, Robert Schlesinger, and Harold Schlesinger. Contributions in Ruth's memory may be directed to the

American Cancer Society. Please visit www.horner-merritt.com.

Social Security news

3 questions to help plan retirement

By Mike Weitl

PERU - Social Security benefits are part of the retirement plan of many American workers. If you're among the many people paying Social Security taxes, you should get an estimate of what your future benefit may be. Our retirement webpage at www. ssa.gov/retirement is a great place to start mapping out your retirement plan. These three questions will help to guide your planning:

· What factors may affect your retirement benefits?

• When is the right time to start receiving your retirement benefits? • What documents do you

need to provide when you apply for retirement? We encourage you to use

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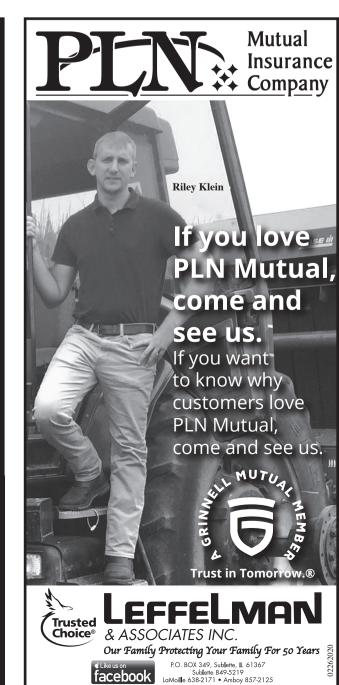
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such as Reimagine Mendota and its Heart and Soul Seed Grant Program.

Her plan is to get the community involved more in many matters including beautifying and turning around the downtown area with more businesses.

Joel Perez

Perez, who has coached many sports in Mendota and is the current Mendota High School softball coach and has worked at Ridley Feed Ingredients for the last 20-plus years, said he would make a smart choice as a new person on the city council with a different outlook and different perspectives.

The first-time candidate used his sports and coaching background as a qualification as well as his confidence and ability to have conversations with the residents.

His plans if elected are centered around the city's youth and giving them something to do since there isn't a movie theater, regular bowling alley, or youthful entertainment.

Jim Fitzpatrick

The 24-year alderman stated acquiring new businesses and looking to start an incubator to do so as a reason voters should pick him to stay in office.

With that, working on Mendota's downtown area is a priority as it was starting to deteriorate before the fires ruined or affected historical buildings on Illinois Avenue. He said time set in as many businesses began to close as owners retired and moved on to the next chapter of their lives. Now, it's the council's job and future business owners to turn it around.

Fitzpatrick mentioned his enthusiasm of Mendota recently hiring a building inspector to leap the hurdle of upgrading 100-plus year old buildings that are not up to code. With the help of the inspector, the council will have to decide the next step for some of the downtown buildings.

David Boelk

The mayor began his answer of why he should be voted for to continue his 24-year tenure with listing the issues he has led Mendota through, which includes radium in the early 2000s, 9-11, 2008's recession, COVID-19, and

YMCA plans two Easter Egg Hunts for April

MENDOTA – The Mendota YMCA is hopping into spring by hosting two Easter Egg Hunts this year.

The first of the egg hunts is the Sensory Friendly Egg Hunt in partnership with the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. This hunt is for those that are sensitive to over stimulation. All ages are welcome. It will be held on Saturday April 12. There will be 500 eggs with candy, and three golden eggs to be found for bigger prizes. The Sensory Friend Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Mendota YMCA after the Chamber of Commerce Egg Hop.

The YMCA will be holding the second egg hunt of the season with its 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at Veteran's Park, downtown Mendota. The egg hunt is split up into three age groups that have their own designated times. The schedule is as follows:

• 10-10:30 a.m. – Ages 18 months to 4 years

• 10:30-11 a.m. – Ages 5 to 7 years

• 11-11:30 a.m. – Ages 8

to 10 years
There will be 1500 egg

There will be 1500 eggs with candy in them that will be split up between the three age groups. There will also be three golden eggs per age group to be found for bigger prizes. The event is free and open to the public.



the two downtown fires.

He knows the downtown buildings are old, but they're also beautiful and they should be preserved, not discarded.

Although he has been a long-time mayor and has been in business with Boelk Trucking for 44 years, he said he learns something every day and is happy to speak with community members. He also praised the City of Mendota staff and what they do for the city.

His plans for his next term are to continue working on the major infrastructure obstacles facing Mendota including the sewer plant. Mayor Boelk said it needs a face lift, which could cost \$40-plus million dollars over a long term, 10-plus year process.

He ended his question answering by claiming helping rehab old buildings and/ or building new affordable housing will take outside investment.

Shallen Gross

The hopeful mayor selection said she wants to build on to what already exists in Mendota. The efforts to fix or build sidewalks in Mendota are important, while other endeavors for city profits would be helpful like city bikes. The money collected from the bikes would go into helping the city grow and prosper.

Gross said the downtown buildings are mostly healthy, but they could be healthier. The city has a farmer's market and the Food Truck Mania, which could be expanded on to further suite the current residents and entice new community members.

She stated she has been part of a couple of campaign parties and learned some tips and advice along the way of city government.

The five minutes concluded with her saying she wants to be someone to help the community work together to grow. If everyone is on the same page, the city won't



Violinist Anton Carus to perform at Hegeler Carus Mansion in April

LaSALLE–Award-winning violinist Anton Carus, 16, currently a student of Julia Fischer at the Munich Conservatory (Germany), will give a special performance on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Hegeler Carus Mansion.

Anton is the greatgreat-great grandson of Edward Hegeler, the industrialist who built the mansion, and the greatgreat grandson of Hegeler's son-in-law Dr. Paul Carus, who moved to LaSalle in 1887 and was employed by Hegeler as an editor.

Anton will play a selection of more intimate pieces that will not be performed at the May 3 performance with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra. Among many other prizes, Anton was awarded first prize at the 10th International Louis Spohr competition in Weimar (Germany). More recently, he has won a number of prizes with his string quartet. He plays a violin by Stefan-Peter Greiner awarded him by the Deutsche Stiftung Musikleben (Hamburg, Germany).

Refreshments will be served after the performance. Tickets are \$55 per person and due to the mansion's layout, seating is limited.

"This will be a unique experience. Anton Carus, an accomplished and talented violinist in his own right, will play a special concert at the mansion for a small group of people," says Laura Walker, Executive Director. "You will not want to miss this very special event."

About the Hegeler Carus Mansion

The Hegeler Carus Mansion was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2007, a prestigious designation granted by the U.S. National Park Service. The Mansion is located at 1307 Seventh Street in LaSalle. For information and to register for this event and others, visit website at www.hegelercarus. org or Facebook page at https://www.facebook. com/hegelercarus/.

Cadet

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such as Amboy Fire Department's training trailer with a real-time fire situation with flames and heat producing temperatures 500-plus.

The young team learns how to communicate in pressure situations while maneuvering a water hose and saving the fire rescue dummy. It gives them the experience of dealing with the heat, moving through an unknown environment with 50-60 pounds of equipment and fire gear, and the complexity of adding more weight and duty by saving a person. "I'm thinking about fire-

fighting as a career. It's pretty fun and pretty active. It helps out the community also," said Leffelman. "It's a lot of hard work, but you make a lot of new friendships and it's a lot of fun. I'm forming bonds with kids I probably wouldn't have if we weren't in the program.

"It teaches you a lot. I had no idea about any of this stuff or the work that goes into it. It's pretty awesome."

Byron Fire Chief Andy Politsch has helped the Sublette Fire Department through the program. It's way of giving back

and sharing his 26 years in the fire service as he began with Sublette in 1999 before getting hired in 2007 by the Byron Fire Department.

"This is where I started in

"This is where I started in the fire service. To be able to come back and help the next generation come through the ranks is invaluable," Politsch said, who is a 1996 Mendota High School graduate. "For us, it's like every job out there, we're hurting for people. It's great to see the ambitiousness in these kids. It's a phenomenal experience for them and for us.

"I always tell them, learn from your mistakes. You want to make decisions because when someone doesn't make a decision that's when there is potential for someone to get hurt. The biggest thing is to make a decision. Even if it's a mistake, you learn from it to where you won't repeat the mistake."

Although everyone was

happy to see 18 sign up and 16 kids make it through the program, Sublette Fire Chief Kevin Schultz may have the biggest smile. The success of the cadet

program has sparked interest in a basic ops firefighter class with the Dixon City and Dixon Rural Fire Departments.

"Sublette has never done a cadet program like this. Around 15 years ago, Amboy had a very active cadet program," said Schultz, who has been part of the Sublette department for 38 years. "Some of the firefighters who have helped with this program were in the Amboy program. This is the first time we've done it. We already have four people signed up for full-time on our roster, so we're excited.

"For us, it's all about getting the volunteers in. It's super exciting. All of our officers and other members of our department have helped train the cadets. We get a little re-energized with this as well. It helps make sure they're going to be trained the proper way to go on to have a healthy, safe career.

"We love every minute of it."



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Helping me feel home

If I were to write a pros and cons list of being a journalist in your hometown, the pros would outweigh the cons in terms of number of items on the list, but there is a con which may hit home the hardest.

We receive the obituaries for people who pass away whether they still live in Mendota and the surrounding

Never the Last Chance



By Brandon LaChance

warning when they are coming or who the obituary is going to be about, they just randomly show up in your email. When I saw the obit-

uary for Pamela (Pam) Herrera (Dec. 16, 1950 to March 8, 2025), I instant-

area or not. There is no

ly saddened although I hadn't seen her or talked to her in

Before I met all three of her sons throughout the years (Tony, Jose, Nick), I learned who Pam was when I was new to Mendota as a 12 or 13 year old who transferred from bigger, urban cities to a rural area with two stop lights, no arcade, no movie theater and a misunderstanding of someone dressed in too big of clothes who talked and acted different than everyone. It took a year or two before I had friends or at least

close friends. There were many days I left school early because I was either being bullied or I was the bully because I simply didn't fit in, and in my head, didn't belong. I was actually expelled from Northbrook School for fighting when I was in the eighth grade and had to finish the year in an alternative school in Streator just to get into high school

There were a few people from 1997 when I moved to Mendota to now, who helped bridge the transition to making a place I didn't want to be at eventually become my home I've come back to after college or taking jobs and touring other parts of the country.

I can't say if Herrera was the first of these positive influencers who I came across, but she is one I never forgot and when I saw her photo in the obituary, streams of memories cruised through my mind.

Don't judge, but in the late 1990s coming from an area where family members of mine were in gangs (some still are) and they were my only role models or people in front of me, I copied them in terms of clothing. I came to Mendota in Fubu jeans (my nickname from a group of Mendota kids who became my lifelong friends, turned family, is Fubu) and bandanas neatly folded around my head with a stocking cap over them in the winter.

The Y.O.U. program, a youth program formed to assist youngsters through all transitions including the one I was going through, used to host dances at Northbrook. I'll never forget walking to the door with my bandana under my skully and meeting Herrera for the first time. She took one look at me, shook her head no, and used her hand to gesture me to come toward her.

With a smile on her face, she said, 'I know you're a new kid and I want you to enjoy yourself at the dance, but I can't have anyone wearing bandanas in because we want this to be a safe place. I think you want this to be a safe place for you. I think you're a safe kid. So, why don't we pocket the bandana and all of us have a good

This was over 25 years ago and I remember what she

She didn't yell.

She didn't look at me in disgust.

I didn't feel judged.

My normal defensive mechanisms I usually had up every day of my early Mendota days were untriggered. Over the next few years as I went through junior high

and high school, I saw Herrera on a normal basis since her office was next to where my mother worked. She would always say hello and was always friendly. I got into legal trouble because of boneheaded deci-

sions I made. Instead of not wanting to talk to me or be around me after I'd return from the detention home, she actually addressed my situation and asked me why such a good kid wanted to be so bad. More words and a conversation I've never forgotten.

Herrera never bought me anything, bribed me to change my behavior or lied to me. She told me I was making the wrong decisions and helped me realize why I was acting out. Pam gave me advise on how to change and what I needed to do to move forward progressively and change the perception, stigma I had created as a bad

When I enrolled in the National Guard, when I graduated high school, and when I was accepted to college, she told me congratulations. If I remembered right, I think she gave me a hug.

I graduated high school in 2004 and I can't recall if I

saw or spoke to Pam since, but I don't think so. If you can word-for-word write a quote from conver-

sations more than 25 years ago, or state how they helped you, or why they were different than others around you, it means they were a special person, a good one.

When I went to her services on Friday, March 14 at Community United Methodist Church in LaMoille, there were others replaying similar stories of similar memo-

I can't speak for everyone, but I think there was a consensus of deep appreciation for the way Herrera treated people, how she interacted, and how much she cared

I'm hoping I said this to her when I was younger, but if I didn't, she deserves a huge, the most sincere as

about the youth. possible, thank you. **OPINION**



Library board considers going district – 1988

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks and Sidetracks column, reprinted from March 18, 1998.) By Jessica Nashold

It was 10 years ago that the Graves Public Library board determined to visit the Mendota City Council seeking approval for conversion to a district library.

The decision to convert to a district library cannot be made without the approval of the council.

Board president Louis Elsesser and Susan Ginocchio, library director, hoped to learn if the city would be willing to provide support between the time conversion might be accomplished and the time it would begin receiving funds as a district library. Board member Bill Morgan said if

a new library were to be considered, additional areas would need to be annexed as part of the district.

Ginocchi echoed that the broader tax base would be advantageous.

If the conversion became a reality, Ginocchio explained, new board member would be elected, rather than appointed by the district.

However -

Present board members will finish their three-year terms so the new board is not composed of all new members.

The high school board met and voted to install FM radios in the school buses. The transportation committee, Frank Wujek and Ethel Bauer, together with Superintendent Morgan and Jim Rollins, transportation director, met with a representative of Motorola to learn

The FM radios would receive signals up to 20 miles from the base station. Rollins reported that the citizen band radios then in use had limited range.

Obscene language is taking over the airwaves.

A cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000 was anticipated for a base unit and 10 radios. Bids would be sought.

The MHS music and drama departments presented "Guys & Dolls" on March 24, 25, 26, 2988. It was directed by Chris Benson and David Schroeder. The cast of 19 was augmented by 15 Hot Box Girls & Mission Dolls, plus a chorus of 19 voices.



Her Goslin Jr. joined his father, Herb Goslin Sr., bringing a third generation to the Goslin Drug Store, founded by Art Goslin. Herb Goslin Sr. had been in the store since graduating with a degree in pharmacy in 1962. His father had died six months later. Herb Goslin Jr. had received his degree in pharmacy in 1986 and spent a year with a Chicago hospital before coming to the family store.

Another father-son business combination occurred at Classon's grocery, purchased by Gene Politsch in 1972. Son Randy began working for his father as a Diversified Occupation student at MHS. After a year in college, he returned to the store. In 1988, the Politsches were installing a computer pricing system.

Other activity in the business community in March 1988 included the arrival of Jim Bottenberg as manager of Spurgeon's. He came from Jacksonville where the Spurgeon's he managed closed. *** Jeffrey Brunoehler joined the staff at the National Bank of Mendota as agriculture loan officer. *** Jill and Steve Rister bought South Main Liquor. Jill's father, Robert Godfrey, was to manage. *** Keith and Lori Rosenwinkel opened an upholstery business in their home at 1308 Monroe St. *** Sandy Begley opened the Sale Shop at 805 Indiana Ave. New and lightly used clothing were offered as well as craft items made by Sandy's aunt. *** Attorney Donna Engels opened a law office at 1206 1/2 Sixth Ave. *** Dale Flesburg became plant manager at Combined Communication Services the last week in February 1988. He brought 25 years of experience in printing to his new role.

On March 23, 1988, The Mendota Reporter carried a special section devoted to the Mendota Civic Center. It contained much of the history of the center, for which the grand opening was scheduled March 26-27, 1988.

Pictures of the new center were shown, together with pictures of Dora Feik, whose legacy had set the building plans in motion, and of numerous milestones – the groundbreaking on Oct. 23, 1986, with Lt. Gov. George Ryan using a gold-plated shovel for the task – the main beam being installed in July 1987. Committee recorded to posterity in

this issue are the city officials involved, the building committee, the county authority group, the senior and youth advisory boards and the board of directors for the center. It all began with Dora Feik's bequest

of \$348,000, which she stipulated should be matched three to one within a three-year period to build a community center with special emphasis on the needs and wishes of senior citizens. Kay Crisman, co-executor of the will,

explained that before Mrs. Feik entered a nursing home, there had been no place for older people to gather. She thought there should be Mrs. Feik died on May 31, 1982.

During 1984 the Mendota City Council set up a committee to study plans. In 1985, Crisman made it clear that if construction was not started within three years, there was no guarantee that the bequest would go to other local projects. A grant of \$1.5 million (later reduced to \$1.2 million) was secured and ground broken to install a sewer line the last week in May.

Just barely within the deadline

In 1986, the \$1.2 million check was received and bids were let in September. Construction began in the spring

A gala New Year's Eve party was held in the center at the close of 1987. The grand opening in March 1988 was directed by Chere Motter, manager, and her assistant, Sue Ghrist.

On Saturday night, cocktails at five were followed by a dinner planned by Betty Tieman. Kathy Bond was gourmet chef. There was a champagne toast and dancing to music of Johnnie Kaye's Orchestra.

On Sunday following speeches at noon, there was a full afternoon of entertainment - Buttons the Clown in the Feik Parlor, arranged by George Likeness, the Generics jazz band, a preview of "Annie" by Mendota Community Theatre and a youth dance with "Goldy" as disc jockey. The crowd during the grand opening was estimated

Canada is not the enemy

By Rich Lowry

Canada has always been an inoffensive country, and how is that working out for it?

President Trump has made more threatening sounds about Canada than about Russia. He is wielding a weapon -- sweeping 25% tariffs -- that would almost certainly drive our Friendly Neighbor to the North into a recession, while he is making its leaders and people honestly fearful of the

The madman theory has much to recommend it ... when dealing with Hamas or the Houthis. No one heretofore has thought it has similar benefits when handling relations with

It's important to realize the magnitude of the threat Trump is making. About three-quarters of Canadian exports go to the United States, accounting for 20% of Canadian GDP. The Canadian free-market think tank, the Fraser Institute, notes that 25% tariffs would subject the Canadian economy to "the biggest external shock in a century (apart from during the initial phases of the COVID-19 pandemic). This is the kind of thing a much larger country does to

a miscreant nation when it is punishing it for pursuing an illicit nuclear weapon, invading a neighbor or engaging in human rights abuses. Canada's sin is to be party to a free-trade agreement -- the

USMCA -- that it negotiated in good faith with the same U.S. president now browbeating it.

Defenders of Trump's approach to trade tend to cite China as an example of how pure free-trade theory doesn't work in the real world -- China is an authoritarian society, engages in massive intellectual theft and other unfair practices, and can't be trusted not to cut off supply chains on a crisis.

None of this applies to Canada, a friendly, English-speaking country that shares our values and fights wars alongside

That doesn't mean there aren't legitimate complaints about Canada. But the fentanyl trade and illegal border crossings aren't really among them (Canada is not Mexico). It is true that Canada protects politically sensitive sectors of its economy, most notably dairy and lumber.

These matters have long been the subject of U.S.-Canadian negotiations. Whatever else you think of Canada's dairy policy, it isn't an emergency as contemplated under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act that Trump is using as the legal basis for his tariff threats. Such an emergency would be Canada, say, launching an amphibious invasion of the upper peninsula of Michigan.

If nothing else, President Trump is succeeding in deranging Canadian politics. It's not just the possibility of ruinous tariffs, but the talk of Canada as the 51st state, a somewhat amusing joke that -- as Trump keeps talking about it -- now has to be considered half-serious. This is disrespectful at best and threatening at worst.

Why should we care? Well, it is a boost to Justin Trudeau's party in impending elections and a drag on the conservative populist Pierre Poilievre. Trump has suggested that he believes he can use economic

coercion to induce Canada to submit to annexation. The opposite is likely true; the more we troll Canada and disrupt its economy, the greater the anti-U.S. reaction. Trump should take as a win greater Canadian efforts against

fentanyl and on the border (although these aren't hugely consequential), while kicking complaints about Canada trade practices to next year when the USMCA is scheduled to come up for review anyway. At the top of our list with Canada should be pushing it to

spend more on its military. As part of that, we should seek to deepen what is already an incredibly close defense relationship -- with a particular focus on securing our interests in the Arctic -- rather than foundering on gratuitous enmity.

John F. Kennedy said of Canada: "Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies. Those whom nature hath so joined together, let no man put asunder."

The man in the Oval Office, unfortunately, has a different

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Junior high designers dominate IVCC Edible Car Contest

OGLESBY – Junior high competitors packed the leader board in all speed trials and captured several special category trophies at Illinois Valley Community College's annual Edible Car Contest recently.

A record-setting crowd of 190 students and their teachers gathered in the College cafeteria to watch the speed trials and enjoy pizza. Trophies and medals were awarded in categories such as Best Overall, Creativity, Detail, Most Nutritious, Sweetest, Design and Speed.

Spring Valley JFK, Putnam County Junior High, Oglesby Washington, and Princeton Christian Academy earned the top three places in the speed category. Putnam County and Oglesby Washington tied for second

Depue High School swept second and third place for Best Overall (High School), with Ottawa High School taking the top spot in that category.

JFK swept second and third place in Best Overall (Junior High), with Waltham claiming the top spot in that category.

Faculty or staff vehicles from La Moille Junior High, La Salle Peru Area Career Center and IVCC's Cyber Cafe claimed the top three medals in the Best Overall



Junior high school designers dominated IVCC's Edible Car Contest recently, setting speed records and capturing several special classification medals. The annual contest drew a record number of competitors and spectators. (Photo contributed)

staff category, while the IVCC Art Club and IVCC Student Services claimed first and second places, respectively, in the student organization category.

Twelve of the 18 special designation trophies went to junior high teams.

First-, second-, and thirdplace winners were as fol-

Creativity – Ottawa High School, Putnam County Junior High, and Princeton Christian Academy

Detail – Putnam County Junior High, Trinity Catholic Academy, and JFK

Most Nutritious - Ottawa High School, JFK, and Putnam County Junior High Sweetest - IVCC Art

Club, Waltham, and Putnam County Junior High Judges' Call – Ottawa

High School, La Salle Peru Area Career Center, and La Moille Faculty entry. Design-Trinity Catholic

Academy, Waltham, and Putnam County Junior High.

Eighty vehicles were road-tested on the downhill track and displayed. Participating schools included Spring Valley JFK, Trinity Catholic Academy, La Moille Junior High, Waltham, Princeton Christian Academy, Oglesby Washington, Putnam County Junior High, and La Salle-Peru, Depue, and Ottawa High Schools. Two IVCC student organizations and faculty or staff from IVCC and area schools also participated.

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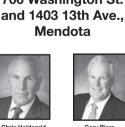
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remove them from the sys-

tem. Luckily, phagocytosis

isn't painful or harmful, but

helps preserve gray matter.

have the same fingerprints.

rotten eggs, urine, burning

a third nipple. Known as

polythelia, it's caused by a

mutation in inactive genes.

bodies. Along with other

echinoderms such as sea

urchins and sand dollars,

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technically classed as heads.

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By Lucie Winborne

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"The Residence" (TV-MA) -- This whodunnit series hails from the production company Shondaland, which is run by television guru Shonda Rhimes ("Scandal," "How to Get Away with Murder," and many more). Led by the charming Uzo Aduba ("Orange Is the New Black"), the eight-episode show follows detective Cor-White House. With the vic-(Giancarlo Esposito), Cordelia must inspect 157 suspects, investigate about 132 episodes premiere March 20. (Netflix)

"Happy Face" (TV-MA)

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drama series has two heavy hitters in television -- Ellen Pompeo of "Grey's Anatomy" fame and Mark Duplass from shows like "The Mindy Project" and "The Morning Show." The two leads were great picks to take on the controversial subject matter in this story. A dramatized version of Natalia Grace's real life, this series follows 7-year-old Natalia (Imogen Faith Reid), a girl with dwarfism who gets adopted by Michael and Kristine Barnett. As the Barnetts welcome her into their family, they notice certain oddities with her, which lead them to think that she isn't actually a young girl but a full-fledged adult pretending to be a child, a la "Orphan" (2009). The first two episodes will be released on March 19. (Hulu)

This true-crime drama

story as the daughter of the "Happy Face" killer Keith Hunter Jesperson. Using excerpts from her podcast of the same name, as well as her autobiography "Shattered Silence," this eight-episode series recounts how Melissa (played by Annaleigh Ashford) is forced to reconnect with her serial killer father who is in jail for his heinous crimes. Ready to go public about the reasons behind his crimes, Happy Face claims that he will only speak to Melissa about the crimes he committed. But Melissa must be careful not to let his wickedness and their bond as father and daughter eclipse her judgment. Dennis Quaid, who's been thriving in villainous roles lately, stars as the Happy Face killer in this series amount+)

series was adapted from

Melissa Moore's real-life

premiering March 20. (Par-"Picture This" (PG-13) For their latest original film out now, Amazon Prime enlisted the help of two actors who were sure to bring this rom-com to life: "Bridgerton's" Simone Ashley and "After's" Hero Fiennes Tiffin. Ashley stars as photographer Pia, who receives a prediction from a spiritual guru that she will meet her true love within her next five dates. Her newly engaged sister runs to set up Pia on dates so that Pia can meet her new love in time to bring him to the wedding. But when Pia's ex Charlie (Fiennes Tiffin) reappears out of the blue, Pia becomes laser-focused on what could have been with the one who got away. (Amazon Prime Video)

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Who is the actor playing "Daredevil" in the new series on Disney+? What else has he been in? -- *E.O.*

A: Charlie Cox was born in London and studied drama

there before



landing his first on-screen role in 2001 in the BBC series "Judge John Deed." He followed this with the 2004 film adaptation of "The Merchant of Venice," starring Al Pacino and Jeremy Irons. His first big American series was HBO's "Boardwalk Empire," where he played Owen Sleater before landing the lead role in the Netflix series "Daredevil" in 2015. It was canceled after three seasons, but Disney+ recently launched a new spinoff called "Daredevil: Born Again," with Cox reprising his role.

Next up for Cox is the Amazon rom-com flick "Merv," opposite Zooey Deschanel, about a couple who reunite to take their depressed dog on a vacation to Florida.

Q: I read that Jen Shah from "The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City" will be getting out of prison early. Have there been any other "Real Housewives" besides Shah and Teresa Guidice who have gone to prison? -- L.S. A: Jen Shah and Tere-

sa Guidice (of "The Real Housewives of New Jersey") are the only two Bravo network Housewives to serve time in federal prison, but several others have been to jail. Kim Richards, formerly of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" franchise, was arrested at the Beverly Hills Hotel for public intoxication and other charges in 2015. Four months after this, she spent a night in jail for shoplifting from Target. She avoided any further jail time by going to rehab and being put on probation until 2018. Luann de Lesseps was ar-

rested for battery and disorderly intoxication in 2017 in Florida while she was a cast member of "The Real Housewives of New York City." She's famously quoted as saying to the camera: "I've been traveling. I've been to prison." She spent one night in jail on Christmas Eve for the arrest, then went to rehab twice.

The most recent House-

wife arrest and sentencing is Karen Huger of "The Real Housewives of the Potomac," who wrecked her car and was charged with a DUI in 2024. She's currently serving a one-year sentence at a county correctional facility in Maryland.

Q: I thought the new re-

vival of "Frasier" had been canceled, but now I'm reading that Kelsey Grammer says it will be back. Is this true? -- R.R.

A: Yes, the "Frasier" reboot was recently canceled after two seasons by Paramount+. I think the obvious reason it never caught on like the original series was that it was missing three very familiar faces: David Hyde Pierce as Niles, Jane Leeves as Daphne, and sadly the late John Mahoney as Martin.

Star Kelsey Grammer is hopeful that another streamer or network will pick it up. In fact, he's confident that "Cheers" star Ted Danson will also co-star or at least appear on the series. It's a lot to wish for, but if it happens, I think the viewership will follow the series to its new home.

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Brad Pitt, 61, is currently wrapping the American sports action/ drama film "F1," which he's also producing with Jerry Bruckheimer. It co-stars Oscar winner Javier Bardem. Next, Pitt is jumping right into the action-adventure film "Heart of the Beast," about a former Army Special Forces soldier and his retired dog who battle for survival after a plane crash deep in the Alaskan wilderness. It's being produced by Oscar-winning director Damien Chazelle ("La La Land") and co-stars Oscar winner J.K. Simmons.

Simmons, 70, hasn't slowed down a bit after completing 114 films. His 115th film will be "The Accountant 2," opposite Ben Affleck, which is due on April 25. His 116th will be "The Prince" with Nicolas Cage, Giancarlo Esposito, Andy Garcia and Simon Rex, but there's no release date yet. His 117th will be the historical political drama "Reykjavik," co-starring Jeff Daniels, and his 118th will be the aforementioned "Heart of the Beast."

Simmons won his Oscar

for "Whiplash" (2014), co-starring "Top Gun: Maverick's" Miles Teller, and was also nominated for his performance as William Frawley (of "I Love Lucy" fame) in "Being the Ricardos" (2021). Lest we forget Simmons' recent performances in the "Spider-Man" trilogy, in "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse," and as Santa Clause in "Red One" (2024), which featured action stars Dwayne Johnson, Chris Evans and Lucy Liu. And of course, he's still the spokesman for Farmer's Insurance. Timothee Chalamet is

riding high after winning the Screen Actors Guild Best Actor award for "A Complete Unknown," which did poorly at the box office by only earning \$110 million against a \$70 million cost. Next, he stars with Gwyneth Paltrow; Tyler, the Creator; Penn Jillette; "Shark Tank's" Kevin O'Leary; and "The Nanny's" Fran Drescher in the sports drama "Marty Supreme" (due on Christmas Day).

Patrick Schwarzenegger, son of superstar and former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, has

full-frontal-nude scenes in season three of "The White Lotus." Will this start a trend for male frontal nudity as a prerequisite for actors during their casting calls? This could set a whole new standard for actors to, uh, measure up to the roles they are auditioning for!

Barbara Broccoli won't be picking the next James Bond after all. In fact, she's sold the 007 franchise to Amazon MGM Studios. After 60 years of producing Bond films with her father, Cubby Broccoli, who died of heart failure in 1996 at 87, she sold the rights -- no doubt for a pretty penny. This means that an American company now owns the rights to a British superspy series. Word is that they plan to go younger and make 007 somewhere in the 30- to 40-year-old range.

Sorry, Henry Cavill, at 41, you've missed it by a year. But this speaks well for Aaron Taylor-Johnson, the perennial front-runner for some time, who is only 34. Barbara has always maintained that she'd carry on the family tradition in her father's memory. So much for "My Bond is my word!"

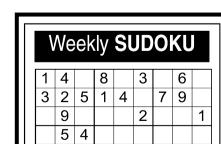
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Jennifer Bias, left, and Stephanie Bias of Camp Aramoni were guest speakers at the Women Inspired Network 2025 Kickoff in Utica. (Photo contributed)

Women Inspired Network event notes the group's growing influence, impact

UTICA – Speakers at a recent Women Inspired Network 2025 Kickoff event in Utica noted the organization's growing influence and impact.

About 40 women attended "Time to Give, Gather and Grow," at August Hill Winery Tasting Room. WIN, a component fund of the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation, is a charitable giving circle of local, philanthropic women.

Scholarship committee chair Jane Goetz said establishment of the Young Women Leaders Scholarship in 2021 was "testament to WIN's commitment to empower the next generation of women leaders."

For the first time this spring, WIN will award two \$3,000 scholarships. A record 40 students applied for the fall 2025 awards.

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the success of the WIN golf outing...we have made a profound impact on the lives of young women in our community," said Goetz. She credited Carol Kuzmich of Ottawa for leading the golf fundraisers.

Goetz also noted, "WIN is more than just a scholarship program: it is a movement to put the power in the hands of the women in our community – a movement to ensure better opportunities, both in the workforce and in our personal lives.

"Together we can stand for change, advocate for equality, and lift up the voices and futures of women who are ready to make their mark."

Other speakers included WIN co-chair and co-founder Cherie Reynolds, grants and events chair Debbie Buffington, and La Salle County Sheriff's Chaplain Dave Van Laar.

Van Laar thanked WIN for making the first significant investment in his program when it granted it \$4,500 to strengthen its ability to assist individuals in crisis by addressing urgent needs such as food, clothing, and transportation. WIN "validated" the work his program is doing, he said.

Guest speakers were Jennifer Bias and Stephanie Bias of Camp Aramoni, the boutique campground in Lowell.

For WIN information, visit Women Inspired Network (WIN) – SRCCF.

Collaborative effort highlights agriculture and educational opportunities for schools AMBOY - Lee County

AMBOY – Lee County Farm Bureau (CFB) recently joined forces with Lee County Ag in the Classroom (AITC), Regional Office of Education (ROE) #47, and Facilitating Coordination in Agriculture Education (FCAE) to highlight agriculture and educational opportunities during the 2025 Cultivating Connections in Agriculture workshop.

Around 50 local school representatives attended the Cultivating Connections in Agriculture symposium, held Feb. 28 at Tetten's Grain in Dixon, to learn more about the value of agriculture education and hear strategies for creating comprehensive agriculture programs.

"Agriculture is Illinois No. 1 industry, yet often those crucial programs are some of the first on the budget line to be cut from a public school district offering," said Ashleigh Erbes, Lee CFB manager. "Cultivating Connections is intended to bring in administrators and local school leaders who don't necessarily have an ag background or full understanding of the ag industry and provide them with an enriching experience that demonstrates the value of an agriculture education and why it is so important and impactful to highlight agriculture as a career pathway."

Cultivating Connections in Agriculture is intended to provide administrators and



Katie Pratt, Lee County Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, kicks things off with her account of time spent in the blue jacket and dedicated community support of Agriculture Education during the 2025 Cultivating Connections in Agriculture workshop. (Photo contributed)

local school leaders with an enriching experience that demonstrates the value of agriculture education and why it is important to highlight the industry as a career pathway for students.

During the event, attendees connected with John Heiser, District 1 Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) program advisor; Katie Pratt, Lee County Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) coordinator; Stacey Dinges, Pathways Navigator, Regional Office of Education (ROE) #47; Ashleigh Erbes, Lee CFB manager; and Dr. Jon Mandrell, vice president of Academics and Students Services at Sauk Valley Community. Sixteen local school districts promoting and showcasing their FFA chapter also attended the event. Additionally, Illinois Rep. Bradd Fritts (Dixon) and Sen. Li Arellano (Dixon) are stopping by to share legislation in support of agriculture education promotion.

"Providing support, at all levels, to an agriculture education program, is essential for student success and teacher retention," said Stacey Dinges, Pathway Coordinator with ROE #47. "The Cultivating Connections in Agriculture event brings together all the local lifelines that are easily accessible for an aged program to thrive."

Katie Pratt, Lee County Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, said, "Cultivating Connections is an avenue to connect all the parts of the Ag Ed family-schools, industry, alumni and community supporters. My hope is that each person left with purposeful information that changes how they see and interact with their school's ag ed program and FFA Chapter."

About Lee County Farm Bureau

Lee County Farm Bureau's mission is to be a positive voice for agriculture through leadership and education to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of our members and community.

IDNR seeking campground hosts for 2025 camping season

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is seeking campground hosts for the 2025 camping season for state parks, recreation areas, and historic sites across Illinois. Hosts are needed at Illini State Park and Starved Rock State Park in LaSalle County

Campground hosting is a perfect position for anyone who enjoys camping and helping other people. Hosts are often the first face to greet state park visitors. They check on arrivals and departures, write camping permits, acquaint campers with park facilities and regulations, answer questions about local

and statewide attractions, help visitors plan outings, and more.

Campground hosts have the privilege of free camping in their own RVs, motor homes, or trailers at designated spots within state parks.

"Above all, the quality all campground hosts possess is a passion for working with the public," said Calvin Beckmann, chief of parks and recreation for IDNR. "If hosting sounds appealing to you, we would love to hear from you."

Anyone interested in being a campground host can complete and submit a campground host program packet. Questions can be di-



rected to the superintendent at the appropriate site.

For more information, log on to www.dnr.illinois.gov.

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POLICE BLOTTER

DRIVING WHILE

LICENSE SUSPENDED Meghan A. Richards, 35, of 605 Seventh Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Eighth Street and Fourth Avenue at 1:39 p.m. March 11. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Victor R. Escamilla, 39, of 104 Second Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 8:07 p.m. March 12 on a LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/ driving while license revoked. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

TWO CHARGES

Juan P. Santizo Aranda, 31, of 503 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with criminal trespass to residence and disorderly conduct after police officers responded to a call for service in the 1200 block of Indiana Avenue at 4:11 a.m. March 15. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Zachary A. Jones, 36, of 409 12th Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 3:45 p.m. March 17 on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear/burglary. The subject was transported to the Lee County jail.

2025 Farmland Values Conference scheduled **March 27 in Bloomington**

BLOOMINGTON -The 2025 Illinois Land Values Conference is set for Thursday, March 27 in Bloomington. The annual event is sponsored by the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton. According to Luke Worrell AFM, ALC, overall chair of the annual Land Values project, the program will get underway at 8 a.m. and conclude just before noon.

Worrell stated that this year's keynote message will be from Dr. David Kohl, professor emeritus at Virginia Tech. He will address 'The economic pulse of agriculture." That will be followed by a presentation on Section 180 tax deductions for farmland. This will be presented by Alec Bean, CEO and owner of Agricultural Soil Management, based in Champaign. He will address how land buyers can maximize tax savings through residual fertility deductions and smart farmland investment plans. Bean will present strategies to implement

this program on farmland purchases.

The final event of the morning will be discussion on the results of the recently-completed survey among ISPFMRA members, farmers and others allied with the industry on current farmland values and trends across Illinois. All attending the conference will receive a printed copy of the Farmland Values and Lease Trends Report.

New for this year is the Report will be made available free of charge as a downloadable pdf from the ISPFMRA website at www. ispfmra.org after this event. Printed copies will still be available for purchase. Extra copies picked up at the Conference will be \$8 each. Copies that will need to be mailed will cost \$20 each.

The fee for attending the conference is \$90 for Society members and those associated with the Realtors Land Institute, \$100 for others. This includes one copy of the printed Report. No advance registration is required to attend and individuals may pay at the door the day of the event.

City Ordinance

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

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

Paw Paw residents to see a decrease in water bill

PAW PAW - The Paw Paw Village Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 12

Demolition of 311 Chicago Road will begin March 26. Fencing and barricades will be set up around the building and on the sidewalk.

The town residents will see a decrease on their bi-monthly water bill under the Debt Service section. The Board voted to decrease this fee from \$8 to \$2 per billing cycle. They will see this decrease on their April water bill. The Debt Service fee was constructed to help pay for a loan the village had with the EPA, and to help pay for EPA permit fees. The village was able to pay off the loan, so it was decided to decrease the fee.

State Representative Brad Fritts will host a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, July 9, from 6-7 p.m. at the community center.

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SPORTS

Lady Trojans have good start to '25 track season

Mendota takes 1st place in 4 events

STERLING – It was an impressive opening to the track season for the Mendota girls' track team as it captured four first-place finishes in the First Chance Invitational on March 15 at the Sterling Westwood Indoor facility. No team scores were kept.

Sophomore Mariyah Elam led the way with three of the four top finishes. She ran a winning time of 9.67 in the 60-meter dash, claimed the high jump with a measurement of 5-4 and finished first in the triple jump with a distance of 34-2. The other first-place effort went to Aby Buettner in the long jump with a leap of 15-2. March 15 @ First Chance Invitational

Mendota 1st place: Mariyah Elam, 60m dash, 9.67; Elam, high jump, 5-4; Elam, triple jump, 34-2; Aby Buettner, long jump, 15-2

Mendota 3rd place: Elam, 200m dash, 27.83; Rylee Woods, high jump, 4-8

Mendota 4th place: Kate Strouss, 400m dash, 1:12.8; Savannah Lenert, 800m run, 2:57.22

Mendota 5th place: Payton Stavropoulos, 1600m run, 5:56.96; Harlow Foltynewicz, high jump, 4-6

Mendota 6th place: 4x200m relay (Foltynewicz, Strouss, Christionah Brown, Buettner), 2:04.37

Mendota 7th place: 4x200m FS relay (Reushawna Durr, Sofia Duarte, Riley Erlenborn, Klaire Knaff), 2:17.26; 4x400m relay (Kara Miars, Strouss, Eden Pecher, Hannah Kunz), 5:12.31

Mendota 8th place: Rylee Woods, 400m dash, 1:16.58; Lenert, 1600m run, 6:42.31

Mendota 9th place: Buettner, 200m dash, 29.46; Kunz, 1600m run, 3:03.08; Buettner, 60m dash, 11.87; 4x200m FS relay (Sam Tunk, Brooklyn Baxa, Lily Prentiss, Ambrielle Oquendo), 2:24.01; Pecher, triple jump, 24-8

Mendota 10th place: Pecher, 400m dash, 1:20.13



NCAA basketball Tournaments lead off notable spring events

Spring is widely considered a season of rejuvenation. The warmer post-winter air that is a hallmark of spring certainly adds an extra hop to the steps of millions of people each year, but a number of notable events also lend a festive feel to this beloved time of year.

• St. Patrick's Day: Though the holiday itself occurs on one of the final days of winter, St. Patrick's Day celebrations tend to take place throughout the month of March. Many communities host St. Patrick's Day parades after the spring equinox, and celebrations of the patron saint of the Emerald Isle have a reputation for being especially convivial. A St. Patrick's Day celebration at a local Irish pub featuring live music and food that would be at home on any dinner table in Ireland can mark the perfect way to close out winter and usher in spring.

 March Madness: Basketball fans get their fix and then some each March, when the 68-team, single-elimination NCAA Tournament tips off. Affectionately known as March Madness, the college basketball tournament that unfolds over three weeks from mid-March to early April features its fair share of buzzer beaters, upsets and, of course, busted brackets. Regional contests ensure that just about everyone across the United States is within driving distance of the ex-

citing, if maddening, action. • Major League Baseball Opening Day: Another hallmark of early spring,

Opening Day of the baseball season embodies the seasonal spirit of rejuvenation. Baseball fans across the globe know that every team has a chance come Opening Day, when millions of fans return to stadiums to see their favorite teams kick off the six-month campaign.

• Kentucky Derby: The annual "Run for the Roses" is held on the first Saturday in May and attracts more than 100,000 visitors to the race track at Churchill Downs. Often referred to as "The Fastest Two Minutes in Sports," the Kentucky Derby serves as the first leg of the Triple Crown and inspires men to don their best seersucker suits and women to showcase their most elaborate, and typically largest, hats as they sip a mint julep and watch the thrilling race unfold.

· Memorial Day weekend: Memorial Day is an American holiday that honors and mourns United States military personnel who died while serving in the nation's Armed Forces. Though there's a solemnity to Memorial Day events that is not present with other notable celebrations each spring, the weekend itself also has become a time to gather with friends and family for backyard barbecues. Beachside communities also have come to see Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial beginning of summer.

time of year is so special and

enjoyable.

Lohmeier 770 There are no shortage of events each spring that serve as reminders of why this

Elks 9 Youth League Standings as of March 8

Spring trout fishing season opens April 5

☐ Lake Mendota, I&M Canal Lock 14 in LaSalle among sites open for anglers

SPRINGFIELD - The 2025 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open Saturday, April 5 at 58 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at select trout sites - the spring catch-and-release fishing season - will open Saturday, March 22. No trout may be kept during the catch-andrelease period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning April 5. The daily harvest limit for each angler is five trout.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program receives funding support by those who use the program through the sale of inland trout stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring season. An additional 80,000 trout will be stocked for the fall trout season, which begins in October.

For the 2025 spring trout season, no trout may be taken from any stocked sites between March 15 and the season opening at 5 a.m. April 5. Anyone attempting to harvest trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites are open for trout catch-and-release season and not all sites open at 5 a.m. opening day.

The spring trout season offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Resources are available online for taking youth fishing. All anglers, including those who intend to release fish caught before April 5, must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp unless they are younger than 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. Fishing licenses and trout

stamps can be purchased by using a credit card online. Visit ifishillinois.org for more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities.

Among the 2025 Illinois Spring Trout locations are:

• Bureau County - Hen-

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MHS's Carlos wins 400m at Sterling indoor meet 4:54.35 in the 1600-meter run.

MENDOTA - The Mendota boys' track team began the season by competing in the First Chance Invitational on March 15 at the Sterling Westwood Indoor facility. No team scores were kept.

Sebastian Carlos led the Trojans with a first-place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.2. Anthony Kelson picked up a second-place finish for Mendota with a time of March 15 @ First Chance Invita-Mendota 1st place: Sebastian

Carlos, 400m dash, 52.2

Mendota 2nd place: Anthony Kelson, 1600m run, 4:54.35 Mendota 3rd place: Carlos, 200m

dash, 23.96 Mendota 6th place: Anthony Seablom, 400m dash, 1:00.68

Mendota 8th place: Komen Denault, 400m dash, 1:01.7

Mendota 9th place: Jayden Lesley, long jump, 17-3; 4x200m relay (Jayden Lesley, Robert Botello, Danny Correa, Seablom), 1:46.51; 4x400m relay (Denault, Aiden Fisher, Hector Gonzalez, Kelson), 4:16.81; 4x800m relay (Gavin Stevenson, Carlos Toribio, Gonzalez, Kelson), 9:41.92

Little 10 names top boys' hoop players for '24-25 • Indian Creek: Confer- Sexton (Sr...G)

LaMOILLE – The Little Ten Conference boys' basketball coaches have selected players for All-Conference honors for the 2024-25 season.

 Hinckley-Big Rock: Conference Co-Champs, Conference Tournament Champs, IHSA Class 1A Regional Champs - **Martin Ledbetter (Sr...F)--Three ence 3rd Place, Conference Time Unanimous Selection; **Max Hintzsche (Sr...G)

• Newark: Conference Co-Champs, Conference Tournament 3rd Place -**Dylan Long (Sr...G); Reggie Chapman (Jr...G)

Tournament Runner-Up Everett Willis (Sr...F)

• Serena – **Beau Raikes (Sr...G)

• Earlville - **Adam

Waite (Sr...C)

• Somonauk – **Brock

• IMSA – Lota Onwuameze (So...C)

Leland – Geno Schwa-

ger (Sr...F)

• LaMoille - Tyler Bill-

horn (Sr...G/F)

(**Denotes a unanimous

selection)

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Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of March 5 - 1. Novak Farms 29-15; 2. Black Brothers 24-20; 3. Maybe Next Week 22.5-21.5; 4. O'Donnell Excavating 22-22; 5. Man On! 20-24; 6. First State Bank 14.5-29.5

High team game (scratch) Novak Farms 1066, Man On! 994, O'Donnell Excavating 962

High team game (hdcp) – Novak Farms 1305, Maybe Next Week 1179, First State Bank 1177

High team series (scratch) - Novak Farms 2992, Man On1 2918, O'Donnell Excavating 2747

High team series (hdcp) Novak Farms 3709, First State Bank 3473, Man On!

High individual game (scratch)—Kasen Novak 267, Marr Novak 267, Matt Avery & Tim Dessing 247 High individual game

(hdcp) - Kasen Novak 304, Matt Novak 295, Matt Av-High individual series

(scratch) – Matt Novak 729, Nate Bradford 679, Tim Dessing 661 High individual se-

ries (hdcp) – Matt Novak 813, Matt Avery 783, Jake − 1. Team 4 36-20; 2. Team 1 28-28; 3. Team 3 25-31; 4. Team 2 20-36

High team game (scratch) Team 4 239, Team 1 228, Team 3 223

High team game (hdcp) Team 1 586, Team 2 585, Team 3 568

High team series (scratch) Team 4 694, Team 3 616, Team 1 538

High team series (hdcp) – Team 2 1683, Team 4 1669, Team 3 1651

Boys'high game (scratch) -Landyn Welch 79, Grayson Kent 72, Michael Eames 68 Boys'high game (hdcp)-

Henry Schoepf 203, Grayson Kent 192, Landyn Welch 188 Boys'high series (scratch)

-Grayson Kent 188, Landyn Welch 184, Michael Eames Boys'high series (hdcp)-

Henry Schoepf 565, Grayson Kent 548, Michael Eames Girls'high game (scratch)

 Lainey Ramer 83, Brooklyn Bejster 76, Addyson Girls' high game (hdcp)

- Addyson Fahr 199, Lainey Ramer 198, Brooklyn Bejster 189

Girls'high series (scratch) Lainey Ramer 227, Brook-Fahr 144

Bejster 506

lyn Bejster 167, Addyson Girls' high series (hdcp) Lainey Ramer 572, Addyson Fahr 534, Brooklyn

Elks 11 Youth League

Standings as of March 8 - 1. Team 4 38-18; 2. Team 1 37-19; 3. Team 2 23-33; 4. Team 3 14-42

High team game (scratch) Team 401, Team 1 333,

Team 3 233 High team game (hdcp) - Team 4 649, Team 1 642,

Team 3 595 High team series (scratch)

Team 4 1133, Team 1 876,

Team 3 690 High team series (hdcp) – Team 4 1877, Team 1 1803,

Team 3 1776 Boys'high game (scratch) - Parker Ramer 220, Jaxen

Daley 133, Bentlet Bejster Boys' high game (hdcp)

- Parker Ramer 269, Jaxen Daley 238, Cooper Klein 216 Boys'high series (scratch) – Parker Ramer 590, Jaxen

Daley 238, Lyncoln Daley Boys' high series (hdcp) Parker Ramer 737, Jaxen

Monday Night Mixed League

Daley 663, Cooper Klein

Standings as of March 10 − 1. Bad Kats 36-24; 2. The Struggle is Real 35.5-24.5; 3. Ramer Inc. 33-27; 4. Split Happens 28-32; 5. Leagal Beagles 27.5-32.5; 6. CM Farm 19-41

High team game (scratch) – Split Happens 815, Ramer

Inc. 719, Leagal Beagles 698 High team game (hdcp)

- Split Happens 1028, The Struggle is Real 989, Leagal Beagles 978 High team series (scratch)

-Split Happens 2174, Ramer

Inc. 2089, Leagal Beagles High team series (hdcp) The Struggle is Real 2888,

Ramer Inc. 2854, Bad Kats Men's high game (scratch) - Matt Ramer 256, Mike Smith 225, Ron

Westphal 221 Men's high game (hdcp)-Ron Westphal 281, Brendan Ramer 279, Matt Ramer 275

Men's high series (scratch) – Matt Ramer 678, Ron Westphal 614, Mike Smith 582

Men's high series (hdcp) Ron Westphal 794, Bob Moench Jr. 762, Bob Thomas

Women's high game (scratch) - Emily Thomas 210, Gail Sessler 204, Hannah Westphal 192 Women's high game

264, Kim Smith 262, Gail Sessler & Audrey Holocker Women's high series

(hdcp) – Hannah Westphal

(scratch) - Emily Thomas 571, Gail Sessler 560, Hannah Westphal 517

Women's high series (hdcp) - Kim Smith 741, Hannah Westphal 733, Gail Sessler 719

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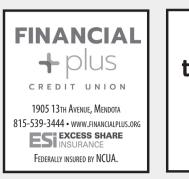
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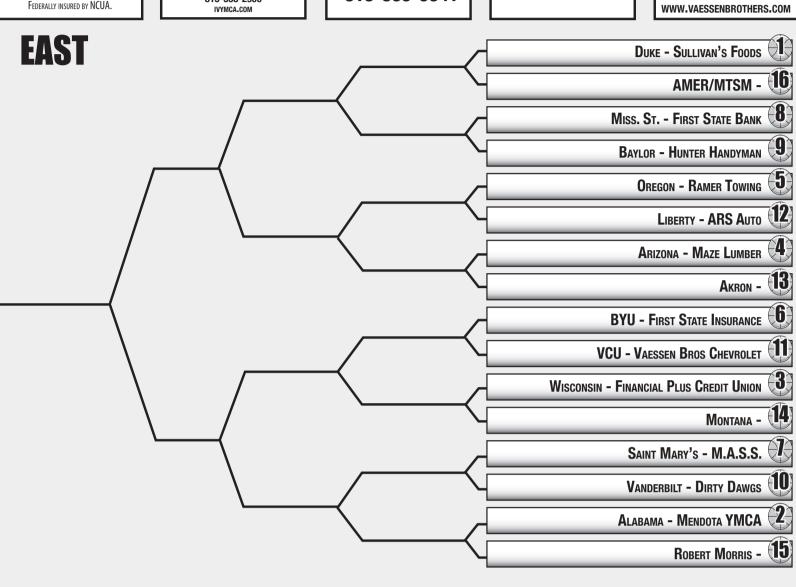
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I remember a time years ago when I wanted to serve God and witness for Him, telling others about Him, but I didn't have His power in my life to be a witness. I was going to church every week and was part of the group that went out in the city and handed out Gospel tracts to people on the street about how you can become a Christian. But I didn't enjoy it, and I was just doing it to fulfill an obligation to witness for God.

Then, in 1976, God touched my life in a major way when I was crying out to Him for something more. I knew there had to be more than what I was experiencing in my relationship with Him at that point. God heard my prayer and He did a work

in my heart that actually changed my desires so that more than anything else, I wanted to be what He had created me to be.

This is when I got really serious about studying the Bible, and I discovered the key to having true freedom in Christ.

In John 8:31-32 (AMPC), Jesus said, "If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free." These verses clearly show us that it's not possible to be free without facing the truth.

It's important for us to understand what truth really is. Truth is the way things really are—not the way we think they are or would like them to be or wish they were. It's reality from God's point of view, and it is a central theme in His Word. Jesus is the Word of Truth (John 1:14, 17). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, and He guides us into all the Truth (John 16:13). And as children of God, we belong to the Truth (1 John 3:19).

But if you want to have the freedom to be who God has created you to be and have the life Jesus died for you to have, then you have to face the truth. And it starts by facing the truth about yourself. I know about this from personal experience, because when I started studying the Word, the Holy Spirit went to work



in my life.

I remember one day when I was praying for Dave to change. God spoke to my heart and said, "Joyce, Dave is not the problem." I thought, "Well then, who is? There's just me and him, so if it's not Dave, then who is it?" Isn't that amazing? I was so self-deceived that it didn't even occur to me that I could be the problem.

For the next three days, God showed me what it was like to live with me. I was so sorry for the attitudes I had, the way I behaved, the anger I displayed every time I didn't get my way... and it was so hard! But I needed to face the truth about myself so I could have freedom from sin and the things that were keeping me from the love, peace, wisdom, and joy that God had for me in Christ.

It took time for me to change; 2 Corinthians 3:18 says that as we look into God's Word, we "are constantly being transfigured into His very own image...from one degree of glory to another..." (AMPC). But each day as I spent time with God in prayer and studying His Word, I made progress little by little.

You know, sometimes we hide things in our heart that are hard to face or deal with. And when we don't deal with them, they cause problems in our relationships and steal the joy from our daily lives. But God wants us to invite Him—the Spirit of Truth—into our hearts to deal with us... to reveal the truth so we can be set free.

Psalm 51:6 says, "Behold, You desire truth in the inner being; make me therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart" (AMPC). And Psalm 26:2 says, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; test my heart and my mind."

I want to encourage you not to settle for anything less than the best life Christ has for you. If you're ready to do that, then pray this with me: "Lord, in Jesus' name, I pray that You would examine me, prove me, and test me, so that Your Spirit can lead me into all truth." Now get ready,

because God wants to reveal truth to you and make you everything He's created you to be!

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By William Arthur Ward

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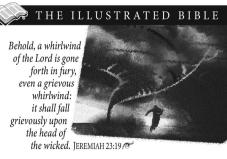
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or New Testament or neither? From what book does a woman

call on the north and south wind to blow on her garden? Proverbs, Daniel, Hebrews, Song of Solomon 3. What was Herod's last name who had John the Baptist beheaded?

Pilate, Laban, Herod, Antipas 4. Who said in Deuteronomy 6, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord"? Moses, Joshua, David,

5. From Exodus 16, what bird served as food for the Israelites in the wilderness? Dove, Quail, Duck, Robin

6. In Revelation 9, what sort of creatures had tails like snakes? Sheep, Oxen, Horses, Fish ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Song of Solomon, 3) Antipas, 4) Moses, 5) Quail, 6) Horses

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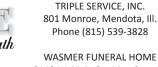
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LISA MARIE BOR-REGO, 4220 SLOANE ST APT 1046, CAR-

ROLLTON, 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 ROBIN-SON, 315 MONTEREY WASHINGTON, IL 61571, according to the Deed dated April 21. 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 15, 2007, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0010 Even year, Use Period Number(s) TERESA BRASHERS

and BRIAN ROBIN-SON 3908 N IIII-NOIS AVE, PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL 61616, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007- 11549, corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 15, 2007. are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0010 Even year, Use Period Number(s)

C/O SHI-TAHAN. MANOVSKY MOS-CARDINI LLP, 205 W 1405, CHICAGO, IL 60606, according to the Deed dated April 24, 2008 and recorded 10460, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 09, 2008, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit LaSalle County, Illinois, No. 0205 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 9. Phase 4 QUENNIE CASINTAH-

AN, 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,

LEE A. CLARK and DIANA CLARK, 178 MIAMI ST, PARK FOR-EST, IL 60466, accord-

ing 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 timeclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0108 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 LEE A. CLARK and DIANA CLARK, 12427

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 ularly described as Unit No. 0108 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 and any Unknown

S STEWART AVE.

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

Unknown and Legatees and JOYCE D. DAN-IELS 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 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 DELAGAR-ZA, 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, IIlinois, 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. DUN-CAN. 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, **FRANKS**

Phase 1 RENARD and NICOLE E COLE-MAN-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,

and NICOLE E COLE-MAN-FRANKS. FAIRWAY CT. UNIVER-SITY PARK, IL 60484, according to the Deed dated April 12, 2008 and recorded under File No. 2008- 09431. corder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 29, 2008, are the owners of the timeclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0057 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 29, REBAF FREEMAN and FRANCES M FREE-MAN, 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 for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 31, 2007. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be ularly described as Unit No. 0374 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 3 DIANA GARCIA and 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 La-Salle County, Illinois, on September 18, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-No. 0148 Even year, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 2 DAVID H GRESH-

Heirs and Legatees and HATTIE J GRESH-AM, 8149 S MANIST-EE 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 GRIM-ONE, 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, IIlinois, 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 Num-

ber(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, IIlinois, 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, IIlinois, on February 19, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0413 Annually, Use Period Num-

ber(s) 44, Phase 7

WILLIE C HALL and

any Unknown Heirs

and Legatees, PO BOX as Unit No. 0147 Annu-438602, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated December 26, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2015-03025, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, II-2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0138 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 2 MARTIN W HAUER-SPERGER and RAMO-NA M HAUERSPERG-

NATIONAL ADV INC. 13465 CAMINO CAN-ADA, STE 106-464, EL CAJON, CA 92021 according to the Deed dated March 10, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2016- 17229 corder of Deeds for LaSalle County. nois, on April 03, 2001. are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0066 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 34, MARTIN W HAUER-SPERGER and RA-

MONA M HAUER-SPERGER, 15 PARK PESOTUM, 61863, according to the Deed dated March 10, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2016-17229, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 03, 2001, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0066 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 34,

SHARON HAYES-HOP-KINS and MARCUS L HOPKINS, 3861 217TH ST, MATTESON, IL Deed dated October 25, 2007 and recorded under File No. 2007-27876, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illi- LYN nois, 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 Num-

ber(s) 1, Phase 1 SHARON 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. 0073 Even year, Use Period Num-

ber(s) 1, Phase 1 SALVADOR HERNAN-DEZ and MARIA HER-NANDEZ. 2215 S 32ND ST, MILWAUKEE, WI 53215, according to the Deed dated June 10, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012-14373, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 03, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0019 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 8, Phase 1

ERIC JACKSON SR. a/k/a ERIC J JACKSON SR., LATANZAYUA JACKSON, JEAN-NETTE JACKSON and THELMA L BONNER, 3110 W 77TH AVE, MERRILLVILLE, 46410, 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, IIlinois, on January 31, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more AVE.

particularly described

ber(s) 19, Phase 2 ERIC JACKSON SR. a/k/a ERIC J JACKSON JACKSON, JEAN-NETTE JACKSON and THELMA L BONNER, 8663 VIDA LN, RIV-ERDALE, 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

Phase 1

Phase 1

GREGORY

LIGHT CT. SPRING-

FIELD, IL 62703, ac-

cording to the Deed

dated May 02, 2003

and recorded under

File No. 2003- 22748.

in the Office of the Re-

GREGORY

ally. Use Period Num-

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, Illi-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

any Unknown Heirs and

Legatees and JOYCE

MCDONALD. 540

E MCDONALD, 515 REDTAIL RDG APT A. ELGIN. IL 60123. according to the Deed 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 partic-No. 0123 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2 KUFN-

RICHARD A

MARI-

CIARAMITARO

KUENS a/k/a MARILYN

STER

CIARAMITARO KUEN-STER, C/O RICHARD A KUENSTER LLM, 2721 MODAFF RD, NAPER-VILLE, 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,

RICHARD A KUEN-

Phase 1

STER and MARI-LYN CIARAMITARO KUENS a/k/a MARILYN CIARAMITARO KUEN-STER, 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, IIlinois, 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 LAU-CHAGOLLA-LU-NA, 7346 OAKDALE

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 HAMMOND, IN foreclosed, more partic-46324, according to ularly described as Unit

Phase 7

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 ularly described as Unit No. 0012 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 45, SCOTT MCCLANAHAN Unknown Heirs Legatees, C/O HART SOUTHWORTH & WITSMAN, 1 N OLD STATE CAPITOL PLZ. STE 501. SPRING-FIELD. IL 62701. according to the Deed dated May 02, 2003 and recorded under File No. 2003- 22748. and Legatees, 104 S in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, nois, 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. SCOTT MCCLANAHAN any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 85 COACH-

LaSalle County, nois, on July 08, 2003. are the owners of the timeshare estate to be ularly described as Unit No. 0055 Odd vear, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1 MCCURDY, **KEYSHA** MCCURDY and SEDRICK MC-CURDY, 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 partic-

Period Number(s) 9, Phase 7 ANDRE MCCURDY, KEYSHA MCCURDY and SEDRICK MC-CURDY, 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. MC-GUIRE. Wife And Hus-

PAIGN. IL

No. 0421 Annually, Use

band, As Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, 1112 CEN-TENNIAL DR, CHAM-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, JULIE MELCHOR and OSVALDO MELCHOR, PO BOX 463, BOUR-BONNAIS, IL 60914, according to the Deed

Period Number(s) 46. Phase 1 JULIE MELCHOR and OSVALDO MELCHOR, ST APT A. BOUR-BONNAIS. IL 60914 according to the Deed File No. 2001- 08695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-No. 0057 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 46. Phase 1 PAUL R MONTEITH and MARY R VELTRI and any Unknown Heirs

EDISON AVE. ELGIN. IL 60123, according to 14, 2001 and recorded under File No. 2001-34763, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds nois, on November 16, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate ally. Use Period Number(s) 15. Phase 1 PAUL R MONTEITH and MARY R VELTRI and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 303 N CATINO 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

ularly described as Unit No. 0068 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 15, 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, ularly described as Unit 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,

November 16, 2001,

are the owners of the

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 ALTHAUSER 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

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Period Number(s) 11. JUDY M NELSON and ERICA NELSON, 821 ALTHAUSER DUBUQUE, IA 52001. according to the Deed dated January 24, 2010 and recorded under File No. 2010- 02769, in the Office of the Reon February 10, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be No. 0381 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 3

NICOLE NICHOLSON and WILLIAM HAST-INGS, 3168 TERESA ST, PORTAGE, IN 46368, according to the Deed dated February under File No. 2015-03329, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on February 23, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly as Unit No. 0093 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 30. Phase 2 NICOLE NICHOLSON and WILLIAM HAST-

INGS, 3838 N 500 E ROLLING PRAIRIE, IN 46371, according to the Deed dated February 07, 2015 and recorded 03329, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, 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 CONSTANCE

PAPPAS and any Unatees. 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 PAP-PAS 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, ROBERT K QUIETT

Phase 2 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 partic- and WYATT J SU-

No. 0128 Even year. Use Period Number(s) 1, Phase 2 MARTIN L RICE and SHANTELLA DALE.

52678 ARBOR DR. 46635, according to the Deed dated May 14. 2006 and recorded under File No. 2006the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 13, 2006, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0057 Even year, Use Period Number(s) MARTIN L RICE and SHANTELLA DALE.

275 HERITAGE PKWY, ROMEOVILLE, the Deed dated May 14, 2006 and recorded under File No. 2006-17405, in the Office of 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)

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SHELLEY ANN VICK-REY and/or SCOTT EUGENE SMITH. TRUSTEES U/T/A ROY E SMITH, JR. and LOIS J SMITH IR-REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 10-22-14, 5276 N FARM ROAD 243. STRAFFORD, 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

STARNES. 1500 N MONITOR AVE, CHI- J SUGRUE, 5219 N CAGO, 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, SHEILA

Phase 3 BOBBY B STARNES and STARNES, 1500 N MONITOR AVE, CHI-CAGO, 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 SU-GRUE, C/O SCRIV-NER 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, IIlinois, 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

ularly described as Unit GRUE, 5638 N AR-TESIAN AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60659, 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 foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 7, CATHERINE SUGRUE, SUGRUE. KERRY JOHNNY P SUGRUE,

> and WYATT J SU-GRUE, 7437 N OL-COTT AVE. CHICAGO. IL 60631, according to 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2014-00573, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds linois, on August 13, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 7, Phase 7 JOHN P SUC

CATHERINE SUGRUE,

SUGRUE.

SUGRUE.

CONNOR D SUGRUE

JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SU-GRUE, 6557 N OLIPH-ANT AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60631, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded 00573, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on August 13, of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annuber(s) 7, Phase 7 JOHN P SUGRUE,

CATHERINE

GRUE, KERRY SU-JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT 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,

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JOHN P SUGRUE, CATHERINE SUGRUE, KERRY SUGRUE. JOHNNY P SUGRUE, CONNOR D SUGRUE and WYATT J SU-GRUE, C/O SCRIV-NER 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, IIlinois, on October 29, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described

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Period Number(s) 52,

Phase 7

KERRY

CATHERINE SUGRUE. SUGRUE. JOHNNY P SUGRUE. and WYATT J SU-GRUE. 7437 N OL-COTT AVE CHICAGO the Deed dated July 27, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013-24271, in the Office of for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on October 29, 2013, are the owners

of the timeshare estate 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 SUGBUE and WYATT J SU-

GRUE, 6557 N OLIPH-ANT AVE. CHICAGO. IL 60631, according to the Deed dated July under File No. 2013-24271, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, II-2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate

to be foreclosed, more particularly described ally, Use Period Number(s) 52. Phase 7 JOHN P SUGRUE CATHERINE GRUE, KERRY SU-GRUE. JOHNNY 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 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit No. 0417 Annually, Use Phase 7 JASON D TERP and 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, IIlinois, 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, CHRISTINA G THOM-AS and RODNEY W THOMAS. C/O TOM NORRID LAW OFFIC-ES, 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, IIlinois, 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 THOMand RODNEY W THOMAS, 305 N WASHINGTON ABINGDON, IL 61410, according to the Deed dated January 20, 2013

and recorded under

File No. 2013- 02607,

JOHN P SUGRUE, in the Office of the Re-

foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0026 Odd year, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 1 SHIRLEY B VERKLER. C/O SCRIVNER LAW FIRM, 1440 STATE HWY 248, STE Q451, BRANSON, MO 65616.

corder of Deeds for

LaSalle County. Illinois.

on February 06, 2013,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be

according to the Deed dated March 20, 2008 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for County, nois. 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 SHIRLEY B VERKLER. 100 E PENDEXTER 60970, according to

the Deed dated March 20, 2008 and recorded the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 05, 2008, are the owners of the foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0385 Annually, Use Period Number(s) 48, 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 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 vear. Use Period Number(s) 4. Phase 2

JOSE VIRELLA and MARIA VIRELLA, 585 S WILSON AVE, BAR-TOW. FL 33830, ac-ANN E OERTLEY, 4838 cording 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. WAL-LACE, LISA A. WAL-LACE, BRYAN W. MC-DONALD and MURIEL MCDONALD, 8340 S ABERDEEN ST. CHI-CAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2000 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, LAWRENCE M. WAL-LACE, LISA A. WAL-LACE, BRYAN W. MC-DONALD and MURIEL

DONALD and MURIEL

S PRINCETON AVE,

CHICAGO, IL 60621,

according to the Deed

7226

ber(s) 25, Phase 7

MCDONALD,

File No. 2003- 22764, 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 fore-MCDONALD, 4628 S closed, more particular-LEAMINGTON AVE, ly described as Unit No. CHICAGO, IL 60638, 0054 Even year, Use according to the Deed Period Number(s) 27, dated April 21, 2000 Phase 1 and recorded under JOHN E ZASTOUPIL File No. 2000- 14576, BETTY in the Office of the Re-ZASTOUPIL, 731 W STATE ROAD corder of Deeds for JANESVILLE, LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 02, 2000, 53546, according to are the owners of the the Deed dated July timeshare estate to be 26, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit 22403, in the Office of No. 0121 Annually, Use the Recorder of Deeds Period Number(s) 31, for LaSalle County, II-Phase 2 linois, on October 04, LAWRENCE M. WAL-2013, are the owners LACE, LISA A. WALof the timeshare estate LACE, BRYAN W. MCto be foreclosed, more

corder of Deeds for public auction to the LaSalle County, Illihighest bidder for cash. nois, on June 02, 2000. The timeshare estates will be sold in individuare the owners of the foreclosed, more particno individual bidders, in ularly described as Unit which case, they may No. 0121 Annually, Use be sold as a group. In Period Number(s) 31, the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is 1208 ROCKVIEW RD, the purchaser of one or DYER, IN 46311, acmore of the timeshare cording to the Deed dated August 09, 2015 and recorded under its authorized agent File No. 2015- 16344, may offset against the in the Office of the Repurchase price of the corder of Deeds for timeshare estate(s) an LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 26, 2015, a portion of the amount are the owners of the due under the managtimeshare estate to be ing entity lien(s) (and foreclosed, more particthus, credit bid). No. 0139 Even year, Use Period Number(s)

9. Phase 2

JERRY L

JONESBANKS

KENT JONES.

MORET, CARKISTER

N GRAY, MARIE A

218TH PL, SAUK VIL-

cording to the Deed

dated December 10.

2005 and recorded

under File No. 2006-

00514, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, II-

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-

MORET. CARKISTER

N GRAY, MARIE A

COLFAX AVE, CHICA-

GO. IL 60617, accord-

ing to the Deed dated

File No. 2006- 00514,

in the Office of the Re-

corder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois,

on January 06, 2006,

are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be

foreclosed, more partic-

ularly described as Unit

No. 0076 Even year,

Use Period Number(s)

MORET, CARKISTER

N GRAY, MARIE A

MADISON, MS 39110,

according to the Deed

dated December 10,

2005 and recorded

under File No. 2006-

00514, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, II-

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-

DARRIN WILKENING

and BETH WILKEN-

ING, 108 S ELM AVE,

SAINT ANNE, IL 60964,

according to the Deed

dated June 14, 2003

and recorded under

ber(s) 29, Phase 1

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DR.

29. Phase 1

JERRY L

JONESBANKS

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KENT JONES.

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1901

and recorded under

File No. 2000- 14576.

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(Mar. 5, 12 and 19, 2025)

NOTICE FOR **PUBLICATION** No: 2022-JA-07 TO: Peter Dancy III,

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26th day of February, 2025, a petition to terminate your parental rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by David A. Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Peter Dancy IV, a minor', and that in the Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 8th day of October, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Termination Hearing will under Section 5/28-4 be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the You are entitled to have

an attorney represent you at all stages of these proceedings. If you are financially unable to afford a private attorney, the court will appoint an attorney for Unless you appear you

the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judge-

ment entered. Dated March 4, 2025 Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 0305 (March 12, 19 and 26,

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NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH** JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LA SALLE COUNTY,

OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

particularly described IN THE MATTER OF as Unit No. 0417 Annu-THE ally, Use Period Num-ESTATE OF Diane Musgrove, Deceased TERMS OF SALE: At Case No. 2025-PRdated April 21, 2000 the time and location

CLAIM NOTICE noted above, the timeshare estates listed Notice is given to legatees of the death of Diane Musgrove of Mendota, Illinois, Letsued on February 24, 2025 to Damon Musgrove of 328 Zimmerman Road, Mendota, IL Executor, whose Attornevs of record are Guilfovle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Divi-Courthouse, 119 W Madison Street. Ottawa, IL 61350, or with from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice

> is later. Any claims not filed within the above tory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an

of the above estate,

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in the above entitled

cause within 3 months

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Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be ad-

supervision, unless of the Probate Act (III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. No. 0306

NOTICE

(March 12, 19 and 26,

2025)

The regularly schedwill not be entitled to uled Mendota Township further written notices or publication notices of Board meeting of Monday, April 14, 2025 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:30p.m. Linda Corrigan Township Clerk

> No. 0308 (March 19, 2025) **NOTICE**

Mendota Township Board meetings

are held on the second

Monday of every month

at 5:00p.m. unless otherwise posted. The dates for 2025-2026 are as follows: May 12; June 9; July14; August 11; September 8; October 13; November 10; December 8; January 12; February 9; March 9; April 13. Linda Corrigan Township Clerk No. 0309 (March 19, 2025)

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Dated March 17th, 2025 Linda Corrigan (Town Clerk) No. 0310 (March 19, 2025)

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE** THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY. OTTAWA, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD A. NURN-BERG, JR., Deceased. Case No.: 25 PR 45

CLAIMS NOTICE Notice is given of the death of HAROLD A. NURNBERG, JR., of Mendota, Illinois. issued on March 12, 2025 to GREG NURN-BERG. 904 Meadowview Drive, Mendota, IL 61342, and whose attorney is David M. Kaleel. 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division. LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison or with the Independent representative, or both,

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mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of Court. Dated this 12th day of March. 2025. Greg Vaccaro Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350

with the Clerk must be

David M. Kaleel Attorney for Executor 806 Jefferson St Mendota, IL 61342 815-539-5616 kaleel5@frontier.com No. 0311 (March 19, 26 and April 2, 2025)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Dolores Jones, ceased Case No. 2025-PR-34 **CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice given creditors, claimants, heirs unknown and legatees of the death of Dolores Jones of Mendota, Illinois. Let-St., Ottawa, IL 61350, ters of Office were issued on February 28, 2025 to James Jones within 6 months from of 1508 Illinois Avenue, LaSalle County Courtthe date of the first pub- Mendota, IL 61342, as house, 119 W. Madi-

Independent Executor, whose Attorneys of record are Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota. IL 61342.

Claims against the es-

tate may be e-filed in

the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred.

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with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be ad-

ministered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division.

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by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. No. 0312 (March 19, 26 and April

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