

# **THE ROAD TO** *Recovery*

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**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**





## First State Bank boasts 18 branches throughout Illinois



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First State Bank is celebrating over 80 years of community banking in the Mendota area. Founded in 1940, First State Bank has transformed over the last eight decades from a small single-location facility on Washington Street into a 18-branch strong \$1.3 billion financial institution with a presence from Bloomington to St. Charles.

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First State Bank is committed to remain at the forefront of the technology necessary to be competitive in the financial industry, while maintaining our community banking roots.

*First State Bank has three locations in Mendota - the main facility, top, at 706 Washington St., the drive-up ATM, right, at 800 Illinois Ave., and Plaza North at 1403 13th Ave.*



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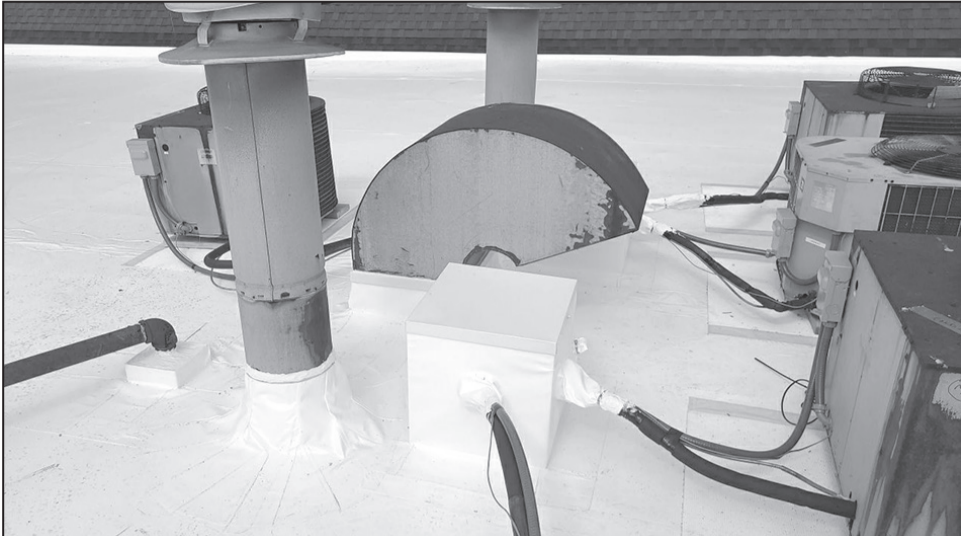
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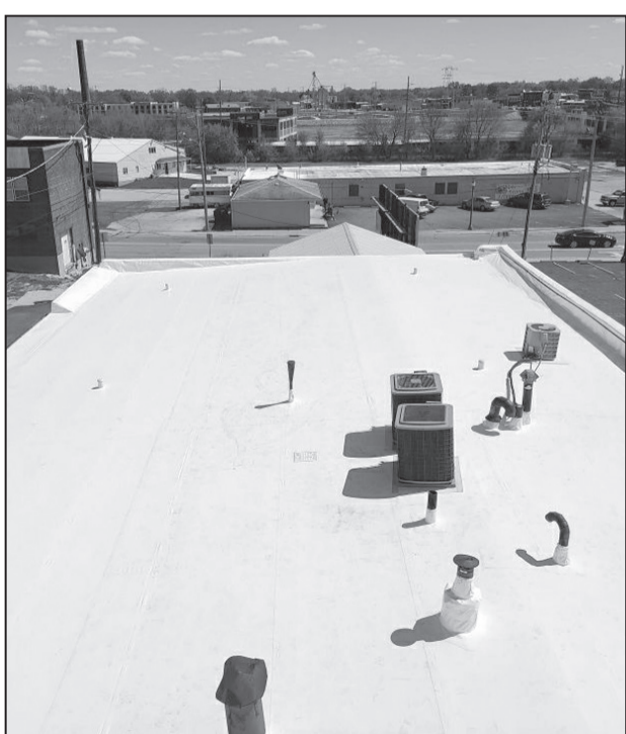
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Above is a good example of overcoming complex roofing situations using Duro-Last's prefabricated accessories. Where most others fail, Northern Illinois Seamless Roofing can prevail.



Lane Mauch, left, lead foreman, Wanda Mauch, accounting, and David Mauch, owner, work together in this family-owned business. From the Mauchs, to the carpenters and certified roofing technicians, to their friendly office staff, you will find hardworking, knowledgeable people eager to exceed your expectations.

## Mauch Carpentry and NI Seamless Roofing deliver quality craftsmanship

Mauch Carpentry is a 36-year-old family business. David Mauch founded the business in April of 1985 to meet the growing needs of the area.

Mauch noted that they use top-line products like the Certain Teed complete line of products, Pella windows and doors, Tempco products, Decra steel shingles, Exceptional Metals steel roofing and custom-formed metal detail parts for roofs and walls.

In 1997, Mauch expanded with a sister company, Northern Illinois Seamless Roofing, Inc. The company specializes in flat and low slope commercial roofing by installing the Duro-Last family of roofing systems. Duro-Last is the world's largest manufacturer of pre-fabricated single-ply roof systems. This system is ideal for any flat or low-slope roof.

Both companies are members of the Better Business Bureau and National Roofing Contractors Association. The NRCA sets

standards of workmanship for all types of roofing. They also have training for workers and information to educate the consumers.

Mauch stated that the crews are certified and or authorized installers of the products they install.

Mauch has watched his children grow up and be a part of the business, too. Lane Mauch is the field foreman, and during snow-removal weather, his other two sons work alongside him. His wife, Wanda, takes care of accounting.

"It is amazing how quick these past 35 years have gone," remarked Mauch.

Mauch Carpentry and Northern Illinois Seamless Roofing are located at 705 Illinois Ave., Mendota. Visit them online at [www.mauchcarpentryinc.com](http://www.mauchcarpentryinc.com) or [www.northernillinoisseamlessroofing.com](http://www.northernillinoisseamlessroofing.com). Mauch Carpentry can also be reached at 815-539-7867. Contact Northern Illinois Seamless Roofing at 815-539-5142.

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Since 1858

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## 143 Years

Since 1878

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Since 1882

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## 95 Years

Since 1926

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## 83 Years

Since 1938

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## 81 Years

Since 1940

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## 76 Years

Since 1945

**Mendota Area  
Chamber of  
Commerce**  
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## 76 Years

Since 1945

**Schimmer,  
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## 75 Years

Since 1946

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Construction  
Co.**  
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## 73 Years

Since 1948

**Cross Body  
Shop**  
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## 71 Years

Since 1950

**Triple Service  
Heating, Plumbing,  
Air Conditioning &  
Electric**  
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Mendota

## 71 Years

Since 1950

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Jon Krenz, DMD**  
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## 70 Years

Since 1951

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## 67 Years

Since 1954

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## 60 Years

Since 1961

**Floralcrest, Inc.**  
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Mendota

## 60 Years

Since 1961

**Ridley Feed Ingredients**  
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## 58 Years

Since 1963

**Meyers Furniture**  
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## 50 Years

Since 1971

**Walter Bros. Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling**  
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## 50 Years

Since 1971

**Woodhaven Lakes Association**  
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Sublette

## 49 Years

Since 1972

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## 47 Years

Since 1974

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## 46 Years

Since 1975

**McConville Realty & Auctioneering**  
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## 44 Years

Since 1977

**Pohl's Office Supply**  
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## 44 Years

Since 1977

**The Setchell Agency Ltd.**  
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Circa 1948



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Since 1978

**East Lane Kennel**  
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## 42 Years

Since 1979

**First State Insurance**  
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## 42 Years

Since 1979

**Sports-N-Stuff**  
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Mendota

## 41 Years

Since 1980

**Ramer Automotive**  
815-539-5321  
Mendota

## 41 Years

Since 1980

**Town & Country Realty**  
815-539-6635  
Mendota

## 40 Years

Since 1981

**H&R Block**  
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Mendota

## 38 Years

Since 1983

**Kaleel Law Office**  
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## 38 Years

Since 1983

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Since 1983

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Since 1985

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## 34 Years

Since 1987

**JC's  
Headquarters**  
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## 32 Years

Since 1989

**Main St.  
Station Bar &  
Grill**  
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## 30 Years

Since 1991

**Echols &  
Associates P.C.  
Taxes & Accounting**  
Carrie Echols, CPA  
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## 29 Years

Since 1992

**Mendota Child  
Development  
Center**  
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## 28 Years

Since 1993

**Carriage  
House  
Electric**  
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## 24 Years

Since 1997

**Northern Illinois  
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## 23 Years

Since 1998

**Gahan Goy  
CPA's LTD**  
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## 23 Years

Since 1998

**Baker's  
Computer &  
Office Services**  
815-538-6290 • Mendota

## 22 Years

Since 1999

**ARS  
Auto Repair  
Inc.**  
815-538-2412  
Mendota

## 20 Years

Since 2001

**Stonecroft  
Village**  
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Mendota

## 17 Years

Since 2004

**West Side  
Family  
Dentistry LTD**  
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Mendota

## 14 Years

Since 2007

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Van De  
Wyngaerde  
Optometrist**  
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## 10 Years

Since 2011

**Cindy's  
on 34**  
815-539-9000  
Mendota

## 9 Years

Since 2012

**Dirty Dawgs  
Grooming**  
815-538-2550  
Mendota

## 8 Years

Since 2013

**Mendota Area  
YMCA**  
815-538-2900  
Mendota

## 4 Years

Since 2017

**Quality Inn  
of Mendota**  
815-538-3355  
Mendota

## 4 Years

Since 2017

**Jurassic  
Bark Mobile  
Grooming**  
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Mendota



## 2 Years

Since 2019

**Purpose  
Nutrition**  
815-503-3853  
Mendota

## 1 Year

Since 2020

**Wasmer  
Funeral Home**  
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Mendota



## Dr. Tara can handle your eye care needs

All types of eye problems can be treated by Mendota optometrist Tara Van De Wynngaerde, O.D.

"A lot of times people don't realize they can come here when their eyes are red or irritated, when they have an infection, or if they get something in their eye," Dr. Tara said.

Although glasses and contacts are one aspect of her business, Dr. Tara is also trained to treat eye diseases such as glaucoma and macular degeneration. "Anytime there's pink eye, red eye, a foreign body in the eye, those are all things we do every day," she said.

Dr. Tara also emphasized that she is available to treat all types of eye emergencies. "If someone wakes up with eyes crusted, call us. If people notice they have floaters all of a sudden or they can't see, that's what we're here for," she said. "We're here to see all of the eye emergencies - we're not just here for glasses and contacts."

In the case of an eye emergency, Dr. Tara said they are able to see those patients that day. "We do that all the time. That's what we're here for," she said. "If your eye hurts, if you have an eye infection, why wouldn't you go to the eye doctor? We prescribe medications, antibiotics."

When emergencies arise outside of office hours, Dr. Tara can be reached on her cell phone. "I do what I can to accommodate people as quickly as possible, whether it's after hours or the weekend," she pointed out.

Now in her 13th year providing eye health in Mendota, Dr. Tara is especially proud to have worked with the same staff during all that time. "We take pride in that we know the community well and I think people feel comfortable knowing they're

always going to see the same people when they come to us," she added. "We thank all of our patients for continuing to choose us and helping us thrive in the community. We appreciate that. I feel that we have a very loyal patient base, which helps small businesses thrive."

Tara Van De Wynngaerde, O.D. is located at 700 14th Ave., Mendota; phone (815) 539-6291. Office hours are Monday and Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday 8:30-11 a.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; every third Saturday 8 a.m.-noon (closed the Thursday of that week).



Clockwise from front, Dr. Tara, Julie McConville, Deb Cheek, Kim Hight, Peggy Halbmaier.



Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet in Sublette has been satisfying the needs of car and truck buyers for 95 years.

## Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet still going strong since 1926

Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet, Inc. was started in 1926 by Paul and Ralph Vaessen as an auto repair shop. In 1933, the Vaessens obtained the franchise with Chevrolet. In 1953, the dealership expanded. While repairs were still being made at the first location, the new building (currently known as Rt. 52 Roadhouse) consisted of a showroom, office and a three-bay service station. By 1976, the dealership was ready for expansion again to where they are currently located. In 1977, Ralph Vaessen retired and his son, Neal joined the business.

When Paul retired, Neal and his wife, Donna, became full owners of the business. Their three sons, Greg (Fixed Operations Man-

ager), Jeff (Parts Manager) and Nick (Sales Manager) have all joined the business. In 1998, the business underwent a remodel in the current building. Greg's daughter, Kourtney joined the business as the Internet Manager and is the first of the 4th generation to join the business. In the year of 2012, the dealership underwent a full remodel of their building and expanded the showroom by adding a new-car delivery stall and two more sales offices. The remodel was fully finished in 2014.

Today the second, third and fourth generation all work together to help provide the customers with the best car buying experience in the area.

"We are a family owned and operated business pro-

viding the best in the area service department, a great parts department and wide selection of new Chevrolets and used vehicles."

This year, Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet, Inc. will be celebrating 95 years of business. Their most recent remodel in 2012 changed the front of the building and the inside from top to bottom. Come see how great their building looks for yourself.

In the sales department, they have sales consultants who have received the Mark of Excellence Award for their outstanding work, and in the service department they have ASE and GM Certified technicians.

They are family owned and operated - let them treat you like family too!

## Earlville continues to improve streets

The citizens and businesses of Earlville have adjusted to guidelines dealing with the pandemic in a positive manner. Numerous streets were cape-sealed over the summer and more are being planned for this year. The city remains committed to improve its streets.

Renovations to City Hall, a new sound system in the Council Chambers, a new police squad and replacements of sidewalks at Dodge Park are improvements that were made in 2020 and will allow the city to continue to serve its citizens at a high level. City government and its em-

ployees remain committed to meet the citizens' needs and to maintain fiscally responsible spending.

Community events were cancelled in 2020 because of the virus. With the outstanding support of the Earlville community, these events are expected to resume this year.



L-R: Tony Ayala, Erica Escatel, Jennifer Smith



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L-R: Peter Vaessen, Mitch Mullis, & Ben Vaessen. Not pictured is Brian Quest & Chuck Stemmet.

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## Despite challenges, Sublette enjoys prosperous year in '20

Despite COVID-19, Sublette again enjoyed a prosperous year. The year started with a very successful Machine Shed Open golf tournament. Then as plans were completed for the annual Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show, the country began to shut down due to the Coronavirus, so the show had to be cancelled the day before it was to take place. From this point forward, no community events were held. Though there was no Christmas Walk, Santa did arrive in Sublette on the fire truck and rode around the village greeting a lot of the children.

Even with the slowdown, the camping resorts around Sublette had very good attendance and this, in turn, helped the local merchants continue to do well. Retail sales in Sublette were the third highest in Lee County.

Home sales also have been good in the village with a number of new

families moving to the town. By year-end there were very few homes on the market.

One new business started during the year. Abbi Vaessen began a photography business and everyone is wishing her well. It is hoped that 2021 will bring additional new businesses to the community.

The village was proud of Margaret Vaessen as she was selected State Reporter for FFA. She is a recent graduate of Amboy High School. A sign was erected at both entrances to Sublette on U.S. Route 52 noting the fact that she is a Sublette resident.

The community did well in adhering to the safety rules of social distancing and wearing masks. Everyone is anxiously awaiting the vaccine, as things can go back to normal.

Residents are looking forward to a safe and prosperous 2021.

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## Mendota Y serves all walks of life

February membership drive includes no joiner fees

Since opening in October 2013, the Mendota Area Y has had many changes and additions to better provide for its members. As a branch of the Illinois Valley YMCA, members receive many benefits for the both of facilities. For the month of February, the Mendota YMCA is having its annual membership drive with no joiner fees for new members.

The Mendota Y recently hired Steve Donnell as its new manager. Donnell is a 1998 graduate of Mendota High School and is looking forward to working with the community to make the Y a destination for youth all the way up to senior citizens.

Life Fitness and Hammer Strength brand equipment is available at the Mendota Area YMCA and includes circuit machines, a large free weight area and cardio equipment such as treadmills, elliptical, recumbent bikes, upright bikes, StepMills and Nu Steps. All cardio machines are equipped with individual televisions for members' enjoyment.

The facility also boasts a group exercise room, the Kanteen Room, which houses spin bikes, exercise mats, body balls and individual weights. Free group fitness classes such as Monday Mix, Morning Stretch, Morning Dance, Senior Fitness, Body Strength, and Evening Dance are offered to all members. Yoga Flow, and Yoga Novice are offered Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Worried you will not be able to attend a live instruction class? Don't worry. Mendota Area Y members can take advantage of Fitness On Demand any time a live class is not in session. Fitness On Demand has 1,000s of



options for a group fitness type class ranging from yoga to MMA. Members simply select a workout from the Fitness On Demand kiosk and their workout is played on a 65-inch HD TV.

Currently, the Mendota YMCA is holding Youth Strength and Conditioning for middle and high school students. This program is perfect for those youth that are looking for getting stronger, better balance and coordination, or the athlete that is working to up their game. Additionally, a personal trainer is available for youth, adult and senior members. The cost is \$25.00 for one hour, or \$15.00 for 30 minutes.

Multiple youth sports programs are planned throughout the year, as well. Preparations are already underway for t-ball, flag football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and other programs the community is anxious to resume. The YMCA is working diligently in hopes to begin these programs this spring.

Babysitting services are still on hold due to COVID-19 mitigation poli-

cies. As soon as it is permissible, those services will be available for members to use while they work out during specific scheduled hours.

The Mendota Area YMCA accepts many corporate memberships including Silver Sneakers, Blue Cross Blue Shield Prime and Blue Cross Blue Shield Vanco. The YMCA encourages you to check with your insurance provider for opportunities they offer to assist in membership fees.

A membership with the Mendota Area YMCA also works as a dual membership with the Illinois Valley YMCA in Peru. The Illinois Valley YMCA is home to a large wellness center, basketball courts, racquetball courts, babysitting services, therapy pool and spa, Family Fun Water Park, and a multipurpose lap pool. Mendota members are welcome to participate in IV YMCA events such as free family nights, youth sports leagues, adult sports leagues, tumbling and trampoline, Tae Kwon Do, Dolphin Swim team and many other programs.



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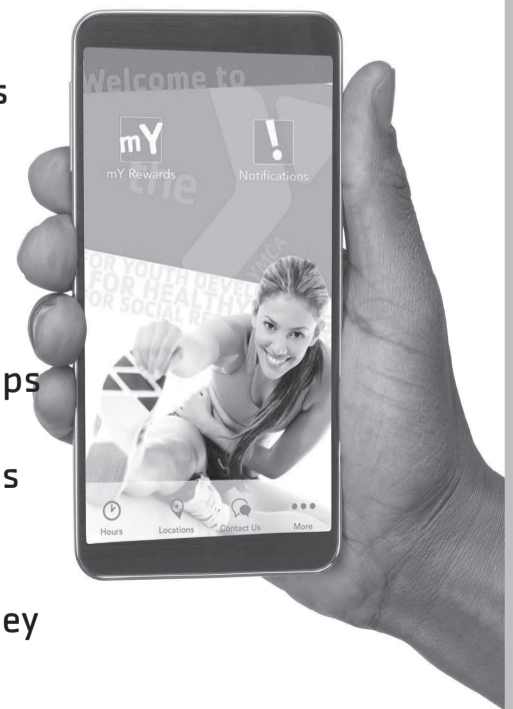


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## Triple Service constantly meeting needs of its customers

Triple Service Inc. of Mendota has been providing quality plumbing, heating, cooling and electric service to customers in Mendota and the surrounding area for 71 years.

Throughout that time, Triple Service has adapted to and seen numerous changes in the HVAC and electrical service industry. One of the most trying times was this past year when Triple Service focused on the needs of its clientele as the world was thrust into the challenges of a pandemic.

"2020 was challenging for many," said Gabe Wade, owner of Triple Service. "Safety and comfort has been a key to many families more this year than ever. We have continued to provide those solutions to keep all of our clients' minds at ease."

Founded in 1950, Glen Wade of Mendota began serving customers for their heating, cooling, and plumbing needs. In 1972, the business was purchased by Jim Wade, who ran the business until 2012 when his son Gabe Wade bought the business. Being a third-generation company, the business is most known for its excellent reputation of high quality work, integrity and dependable service.

"Twenty years ago, we had four vehicles on the road, and three service techs (including myself)," said Gabe Wade. "Today, we host a 14-vehicle fleet, have 13 service experts, and a full administrative team. What once was just a small local shop has now evolved into a team of professionals."

When Gabe started to handle more of the operations of Triple Service, he made it his mission to service the area through greater comfort and health. He strongly believes in constant training, to always be better each day, in order to serve their clients. Triple Service serves a much



Gabe and Michelle Wade, owners of Triple Service Inc., stand in their modern showroom at 801 Monroe St. in Mendota. Triple Service has been serving the needs of customers in Mendota and the surrounding area for 71 years.

larger service area, and with more service experts they are able to offer a vast variety of services.

Triple Service boasts a modern, versatile and impressive showroom at its location on Monroe Street in Mendota. The showroom features a one-day bath solutions display, air quality products, heating and cooling equipment, and many family heirloom tools, advertising materials and historical items from not only the industry but their hometown.

"Once we expanded the building, we wanted clients

to feel comfortable when shopping for solutions. We are excited to have space to host live demonstrations, and set up equipment for customers to inquire about. There are so many options in the home maintenance world, and we want to offer guidance. We invite the public to come in, ask questions, and at the very least walk away with more knowledge," said Michelle Wade, Administrative Director.

Call 815-539-3828 or stop in to 801 Monroe St. You can also visit Triple Service on its website, [tripleserviceinc.com](http://tripleserviceinc.com) or Facebook page.



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