

# Initial COVID-19 vaccine shipment to Illinois may be smaller than expected

□ Director of Public Health Ezike says state may only get 80,000 doses at first

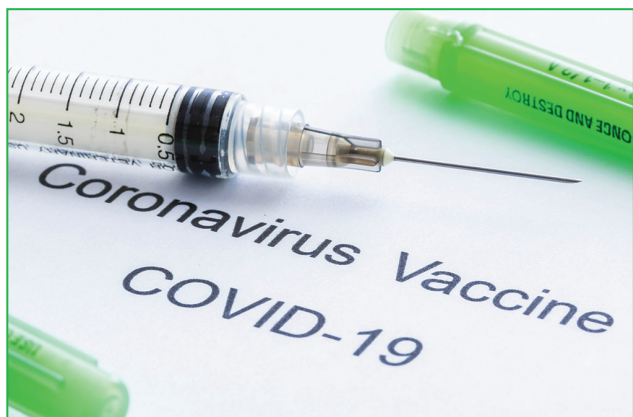
By **PETER HANCOCK**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD — The first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines to the state of Illinois may be less than one-quarter of what officials had originally been told to expect.

Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said last week that the latest word from federal officials is that the first shipment may contain only about 80,000 doses, or one-fifth of the 400,000 doses that state officials were expecting.

“We know that even if everything goes through smoothly in the next couple of weeks and the vaccine is shipped, there won’t be many doses,” Ezike said. “I know I had originally quoted 400,000 doses because that’s what we’ve been told. That number has already been downgraded to something like 80,000. Again, all of these numbers are constantly in flux and so we are staying very nimble in order to adjust. As the feds give us more information, we adjust and tweak our plans.”

Interest in how the state plans to distribute a vaccine has heightened in recent days as a number of phar-



maceutical companies have announced plans to apply for emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Pfizer and BioNTech announced they had submitted an application for two vaccines the companies are developing jointly, and the FDA said it would put those applications on a fast track for approval, which means a limited number of doses could be publicly available by the end of December. Moderna Inc. has also said a vaccine it is developing has shown promising results in clinical trials.

Ezike said the first people in line to receive the vaccines will be frontline hospital workers who treat COVID-19 patients and

other first responders.

Meanwhile, both Ezike and Pritzker continued to urge Illinoisans to avoid gatherings over the upcoming holidays and possibly for the next several months in order to limit the spread of the disease.

“The vaccines that seem to be on the horizon can’t help you if you get sick now,” Pritzker said. “It appears it may just be a matter of months, not years, before it’s safe for all of us to gather with extended family and friends again. Let’s keep each other safe until then. It’s not too late to change your plans if you haven’t already.”

Pritzker also urged downstate cities and counties to take advantage of financial help

that the state has made available through the Local CURE program. That’s a \$250 million program the state launched this year, with money it received from the federal CARES Act, to help local units of government defray some of the costs they have incurred due to the pandemic.

Pritzker said about \$118 million of that money has already been paid out, but more than 350 local governments still have not submitted an application.

The funds are available to local governments outside of Cook County and the surrounding collar counties, which received CARES Act funding directly because they have populations over 500,000.

“We know just about every community in the state has had to deal with new costs this year related to the COVID-19 response,” Pritzker said. “This program ensures that the funds to support those efforts don’t have to cut into local school budgets or roadwork or environmental cleanups or constant local taxes to increase to cover those costs.”

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At least 28 resident deaths related to COVID-19 have been reported at the Veterans’ Home in LaSalle.

## Veterans’ Affairs officials grilled on LaSalle Vets’ Home outbreak

By **SARAH MANSUR**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD — Members of the state Senate Veterans Affairs Committee had pointed questions for officials with the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs about the agency’s response to an outbreak at the LaSalle Veterans’ Home that has resulted in at least 28 resident deaths from COVID-19-related complications.

The committee called for the hearing following reports of the growing outbreak since the beginning of November.

A total of 105 residents and 100 staff at LaSalle have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Currently, there are 40 residents and 24 staff who are actively positive for the virus.

The LaSalle home outbreak was first discovered by staff when a resident was sent to the hospital for a severe urinary tract infection on Nov. 1 and was found to be COVID-19 positive, according to Dr. Avery Hart, a U.S. Air Force veteran and physician with the Illinois Department of Public Health. Hart, who testified during the committee, serves as a medical consultant for the department’s COVID-19 clinical response in congregate living settings.

He said test results returned from the lab on Nov. 3 showed that 22 residents and seven staff identified positive. By Nov. 8, 59 residents and 64 staff tested positive for COVID-19.

Sen. Paul Schimpf’s line of questioning focused on the delay between the outbreak at the facility and the request for an IDPH site visit.

He questioned IDVA Director Linda Chapa LaVia, a former member of the Illinois House of Representatives.

“This is what’s frustrating to me, Director (Chapa LaVia). Your legislative liaison

*“I feel that we’ve tried to move as swiftly as possible. And we have always been in contact with IDPH with each and every step we take, to make sure we’re doing the proper protocol and procedures.”*

— IDVA Director  
Linda Chapa LaVia

sent an email to the senators on this committee and I appreciate the update. But that email talked about the sense of urgency in the sense of trying to do everything that could be done to ensure the safety. But the actions don’t seem to match the rhetoric,” Schimpf, R-Waterloo, said.

“So, the two questions are, when was Gov. (JB) Pritzker notified about this, did he give any guidance and then why again was it not until Nov. 12 that we had IDPH personnel on site?”

Chapa LaVia said she personally did not speak to Pritzker but he was aware of the outbreak.

Chapa LaVia, who served as a First Lieutenant in the Illinois Army National Guard, also pushed back against the charge that the IDVA officials should have moved more quickly to respond to the LaSalle outbreak.

“But I feel that our staff moved as quickly as they could,” she said. “I feel that we’ve tried to move as swiftly as possible. And we have always been in contact with IDPH with each and every step we take, to make sure we’re doing the proper protocol and procedures.”

IDVA also released two reports from two separate

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## Council discusses tax levy, pensions

MENDOTA — The Mendota City Council held a special telephonic meeting on Nov. 25 to discuss the tax levy and pensions.

Alderman John Holland announced that the annual Police and Fire Pensions are continuing to show positive returns. The Police Pension is funded at 59 percent and the Fire Pension is funded at 74.5 percent. He said the tax levy request from the police department is \$620,000 and the tax levy request from the fire department is \$186,000.

The council gave its approval to place the reports on file.

In reporting on the 2021 annual tax levy, Holland said there is no major change from last year. In fact, Holland reported that the levy should decrease from last year, from 2.47 percent to 2.37 percent, which would result in a decrease for homeowners on next year’s property tax bill.

The council will approve the final tax levy in December.



Miriam Hoffman of Earlville was elected a national FFA board member, the first from an Illinois university to hold this distinction in 14 years. (Photo contributed)

## Earlville resident Hoffman chosen to national FFA leadership position

By **JASON FRANCHUCK**

*Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

EARLVILLE — Miriam Hoffman took one disappointing outcome and turned it into a life-altering victory.

The Southern Illinois Carbondale junior will now help oversee the National FFA Organization, which spans nearly 800,000 students across the country. She was chosen from among 40 candidates as the new Eastern Region vice president to the national committee.

The Earlville native, who is studying agribusiness economics, ran for national board member during the 2019-20 academic

year. She did not succeed but learned from the experience.

“Ultimately, it comes down to people and wanting to build relationships and help,” she said. “I can’t say I have focused exclusively on winning an election, because I’ve tried to set goals within the realm of my control. Getting here has taken hard work, talent and definitely luck. I’ve learned that being a leader isn’t about being noticed. It’s about noticing other people.”

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## Sublette Santa Parade Dec. 4

SUBLETTE—Wave and cheer to Santa as he rides past your house on the fire truck in Sublette on Friday, Dec. 4.

Santa will be cruising around town the night of Dec. 4 to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. You can wave hello to him from the comfort of your own home.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be the annual Sublette "Christmas in the Village," but please feel free to drive through downtown Sublette and enjoy the lights of the many Christmas trees on display representing the different businesses around town.

Santa's Christmas Parade will begin at 6 p.m. at the Sublette Fire Station.



Northbrook Middle School Trimester 1 High Honor Roll and Honor Roll students for fifth through eighth grade classes have been announced.

### FIFTH GRADE

**High Honors:** Tyson Barkman, Isaac Caracheo, Cannon Chaon, Cruz Chavez, Olivia Corrigan, Hayden Cunefer, Zariah Escatel, Dalton Gallagher, Khloe Henry, Kevin Herrera, Klaire Knaff, Trevor Lengsfeld, Samantha Nelson, Karlee Organ, Om Patel, Kamilah Preciado, David Reyes, Mason Rich, Grace Schlesinger, Collin Sheppard, Gracie Smith, Ashtyn Stamberger, Haylee Stevens, Tori Stevens, Parker Waldron, Jovan Washington, Rylee Woods

**Honors:** Shelby Arm-

strong, Mia Barringer, Cooper Beetz, Abigail Botts, Lena Cardona, Daniel Correa, Tomas Corrigan, Rubi Donahue, Riley Erlenborn, Kade Jackson, Kaylee Kaufman, Shea Kreiser, Savannah Lenert, Kyra Lindsay, Omar Nanez, Ignacio Ortega, Levin Ossman, Esten Otero, Gage Richey, Colton Rodrick, Samantha Romano, Maddox Rosales, Guadalupe Sandoval, Germain Serrano, Paola Solorzano, Samantha Tunk

### SIXTH GRADE

**High Honors:** Brooklyn Baxa, Drew Becker, Ivan Botello, Abygail Buettner, Lexi Cocanour, Donovan Cox, Kyra Finley, Karen Flores, Harlow Foltyniewicz, Karissa Freeman, Berat Imeri, Marcelah Jackson,

Cole Kleckner, Ada Krull, Rashaad Mayfield, Dawson McPheeters, Madrick Musgrove, Sophia Orozco, Eden Pecher, Addison Perryman, Brianna Russell, Liam Shepard, Kahlyn Sliwa, Emily Sondgeroth, Gavin Stevenson, Kathryn Strauss, Cam Wasmer, Miranda Wheeler, Ryder Woods

**Honors:** Blake Bute, Briza Cervantes, Miley Chavez, Monserrat Chavez, Devin Cooper, Collin Coss, Meghan Dewey, Adam Estrada, Kelly Falcon, Caleb Ganther, Julian Gonzalez, Alyn Guerra, Alexys Melendez, MaKenzie Mumm, Lukas Nelson, Daniel Pierce, Favian Romero, Bailey Ryan, Zachary Schmidt, Karson Sundberg, Cayden Taliani, Kyle Wright

### SEVENTH GRADE

**High Honors:** Johnathan Beaty, John Biggs, Gracie Botts, Sarah Brown, Ally Denault, Harlan Gallagher, Gianna Hall, Alexis Jolly, Hannah Kunz, Katelyn Mikolasek, Ramiro Palacios, Jessica Reel, Leah Stamberger, Sydney Tolley, Talia White

**Honors:** Keegan Beetz, Kate Biers, Janae Carr, Aaden Castle, Litzy Celis, Johan Cortez, Airam Cuevas, Logan Dabbs, Sara Diaz, Caeleb Ensor, Kylie Goldblatt, Sofia Gomez, Brody Kaecker, Colin Kain, Luis Nunez, Janelle Rodriguez, Ariana Sanchez, Brady Schultz, Carlos Toribio, Anna Valdes

### EIGHTH GRADE

**High Honors:** Shelby

Bentley, Ella Coss, Cameron Escatel, Jesus Escobar, Braiden Freeman, Ashley Garcia, Keith Grim, Quin Holland, Kaleb Houle, Anthony Kelson, Cameron Kordick, Brisa Nunez, Sophia Pappas, Gresy Patel, Heli Patel, Maybrianna Schultz, Kaley Siemer, Lea Turner

**Honors:** Eric Aranda, Aiden Arjes, Makenzie Bear, Ava Beetz, Conner Chambers, Sofia Duarte, Crystal Garcia, Claire Hanson, Lidia Hernandez, Andrianna Karahalios, Cameron Kelly, Kennedy Knaff, Dessa Komitas, Luis Magallanes, Guadalupe Maldonado, Samuel Matura, Travis Mumm, Nicholas Reyes, Brenna Rummery, Reyli Sandoval, Lisette Sandoval Rios, Gabriel Vallejo, Jillian Younger

## Christmas Lights Tour Thursday, Dec. 17

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services

Vans will leave MASS at 5 p.m. for Rotary Park in LaSalle. The tour will continue through Peru and return to Mendota to enjoy the season's beauty in our own hometown while listening to the wonderful sounds of Christmas music.

Social distancing on vans. Two to three people per van depending on if from same household. All seven vans will be utilized if necessary.

More nights may be added.

Cost is \$5 per person to cover transportation expenses. Space is limited. To register, call Jean at MASS, 815-539-7700.



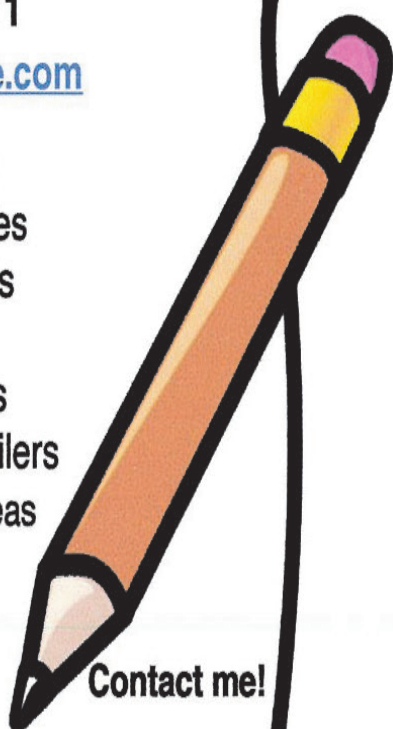
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## Essay contest winner

Quin Holland of Mendota is the winner of the Patriot's Pen essay competition sponsored by the VFW. Holland and other local students wrote an essay on the theme of, "What is Patriotism to me?" Holland will now have his essay move on to district competition this December. (Photo contributed)

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## Conservation Achievement Scholarships offered

SPRINGFIELD - Applications are being accepted by the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) for the 2021 Conservation Achievement Scholarship program. The ICF awards the annual Conservation Achievement Scholarships to encourage the next generation of leaders to preserve and enhance a sustainable outdoor environment.

Up to four one-time scholarships of \$2,000 are given to outstanding high school seniors in Illinois who have demonstrated effective, voluntary and long-term dedication to the preservation, protection, enhancement and/or promotion of Illinois' natural resources.

Applicants must be seniors attending an Illinois high school who are residents of Illinois during the year of the scholarship award. One of the scholarships is earmarked for a qualified applicant who is a dependent of a current employee of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The deadline to apply for the 2021 Conservation Achievement Scholarship is March 1, 2021. Detailed instructions and the application form can be accessed through the ICF website at <https://ilconservation.org/What-We-Do/Scholarships>.

The Conservation Achievement Scholarships have been awarded since 2005 thanks largely to generous donations from numerous organizations and individuals. A total of \$146,000 has been awarded to 71 scholarship winners.

Contact the ICF at (217) 785-2003 or [dnr.icf@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.icf@illinois.gov) for information or to donate to the scholarship program.

## Gamma Phi Chapter to begin holding Zoom meetings

PRINCETON - Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International serving the counties of Bureau, Henry, and Stark is a society of women educators who promote professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education.

The group's recent meetings have been held outdoors but with winter approaching, they will start meeting via Zoom. The Zoom meetings will take place from 4-6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

Please contact Sue Bromme-Winger at [suzie\\_b12@hotmail.com](mailto:suzie_b12@hotmail.com) for questions concerning the organization or to join the next meeting. They invite professional educators to

join them.

During the Chapter's last socially distanced meeting, Early Educators' Awards were presented. The recipients included Maddie Pearson, a first-year language arts teacher from Logan Junior High School in Princeton; Marcia Caldwell, a second-year teacher of special needs children at Douglas Elementary School in Princeton; Tess Heidenreich, a first-year teacher at Ohio Community Schools; and Caseelyn Johnston, a third-year agriculture teacher in the Bureau Valley Junior High and High School district.

Attendees also heard a presentation by Dennis Thompson, who spoke about the Marquis Energy incentive program for



Attending the most recent outdoor Gamma Phi Chapter meeting, left to right, were Marcia Caldwell and Maddie Pearson, who received Early Educators' Awards, and Dennis Thompson, who gave an informative presentation. (Photo contributed)

high schools throughout the county. This program provides mentoring and in-

centives for certain students to make marked progress within their schools.

## 'What's New in the Kitchen?' virtual cooking demonstration

PUTNAM COUNTY - The Putnam County Community Center will host University of Illinois Extension for a free virtual program, "What's New in the Kitchen" on Friday, Dec. 4. The cooking demonstration and discussion will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join Susan Glassman in the kitchen as she discusses modern kitchen appliances for the home kitchen. Thinking

about purchasing a spiralizer, air fryer or an electric pressure cooker? Maybe you have one and don't know how to use it.

Glassman will cover the research and discuss the purpose and functionality of each appliance. Learn the economic and environmental benefits and safe operation of these kitchen appliances.

During the program, she will demonstrate how to make a recipe in

an electric pressure cooker (instant pot) for everyone to see. After class, watch for handouts and recipes to appear in your e-mail along with a quick survey.

For more information, please contact Susan Glassman, Extension Educator, Nutrition and Wellness Program. Please register by Dec. 3 at <https://go.illinois.edu/newinthekitchen> or by calling (815) 224-0889 for assistance.

## Join the Girl Scouts in time for Annual Cookie Program

NORTHERN ILLINOIS - In these changing times, Girl Scouts offers girls a unique chance to be part of something larger than themselves. The organization gives girls the opportunity to experience friendships in-person and virtually, make memories, and build skills to be leaders in their own communities.

**girl scouts**  
of northern illinois

Girl Scouts is perhaps best known for the Girl Scout Cookie Program which empowers millions of girls to become entrepreneurial small business owners. This year, Girl of Northern Illinois (GSNI) is offering a recruit-

ment drive right ahead of the cookie program, so girls who join now will be able to take part in the largest girl-led business in the world! Through the cookie program, girls learn the 5 Skills of goal setting, decision making, money management, business ethics, and people skills. The 2020-21 Girl Scout Cookie Program begins online on Dec. 14.

Due to recent health and safety guidelines, GSNI is using technology to provide girls with the necessary benefits of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Interested families can check out the Girl Scout program during Girl Scout SnapShots - 20-minute virtual activities for girls in kindergarten and grades 1-3 and their families. Girls meet new friends

online in real time while choosing between activities like building an edible campfire, making a robot friend, crafting a bird's nest or designing a fairy house. SnapShots are available in English and Spanish.

After participating in a SnapShot event, interested families are invited to an online family meeting where they can choose to register their girl as a Girl Scout. Families can sign up for a Girl Scout SnapShot that fits their schedule or get more information at [www.girlscoutsnl.org/snapshot](http://www.girlscoutsnl.org/snapshot).

## HOLY CROSS HONOR ROLLS

### Holy Cross Honor Roll 1st quarter 2020-21

#### 8th High Honor Roll

Lily Bokus—4.0, Kirby Bond—4.0, Alondra Delao, Ava Eddy, Bailey Engels—4.0, Cassandra Gonzalez—4.0, Lauren Holland, Libby Huffaker—4.0, Korinne Miers—4.0, Izzy Rosales, Grace Royer—4.0, and Kenley Wilson—4.0

#### 8th Honor Roll

Benjamin Bresley, Natalie Hanaman, and Ella Martin

#### 7th High Honor Roll

Maren Atherton, Alex Beetz, Anna Cyrocki, Laylie Denault, Dane Doyle, Mae Hagenbuch, Brody Hartt, Alex Holland, Addisyn Jones, Grady Jones, Ella Lewis, Peri Manning, Kooper Novak, Lily Soliman, Ryan Soliman, Joe Stewart, and Aden Tillman

#### 7th Honor Roll

Addyson Allensworth, Breanna Martinez, and Nick Sheridan

#### 6th High Honor Roll

Emily Diaz, Emma Huffaker, Elaina Koch, Kara Miers, Alexandrew Tillman

#### 6th Honor Roll

Nolan Hagenbuch, Abbie Kreiser, James Whitmore

#### 5th High Honor Roll

Charlee Dankenbring, Komen Denault, Hayley Diaz, Corbin Doll, Karson Doyle, Giselle Gonzalez, Leah Henkel, Kaylee MacDonald, Abby Magallanes, Gaby Martinez, Ashlynn Rickels, Elsie Soliman, Ross Sondgeroth, Cole Tillman, and Charles Wilson

#### 5th Honor Roll

Emily Diaz, Nolan Hagenbuch, and Abbie Kreiser

## Obituary

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### Gerald T. Shannon



MENDOTA - Gerald T. "Jerry" Shannon, 93, of Mendota passed away peacefully on Nov. 23, 2020 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

There will be no visitation or services at this time. Cremation rites have been accorded. Plans are being made for a graveside memorial service with full military rites conducted by Mendota VFW Post 4079, burial at Restland Cemetery, Mendota and a "celebration of life" to follow. The services and burial are scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 3, 2021. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family and handling the arrangements.

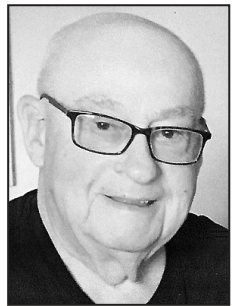
Jerry was born July 4, 1927 at home on the family farm in Troy Grove Township to James P. and Anita M. (Warren) Shannon. He married Rosalie M. Haremski at Saint Hyacinth Catholic Church in LaSalle on March 31, 1951. They were blessed to be married 61 years before she preceded him in death on Aug. 19, 2012.

Survivors include his children, Barbara A. (Larry "Mick") Hartley of Mendota and James A. Shannon of Eureka; three grandchildren, Jesse (Cynthia) Hartley of Montclair, Calif., Heather (Gregg) Mumm of Troy Grove and Shannon Hartley of Mendota; five great-grandchildren, Karina, Justin and Aiden of Montclair, Calif. and Travis and Makenzie Rose of Troy Grove; two sisters, Ella B. ("Baynie") Mahar of Mendota and (B.) Joyce Setchell of Princeton; one sister-in-law, Ann M. Zemenski of Oregon, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, "Rosie;" one brother, James P. "Pat" Shannon; one sister, Helen S. Reppin; and several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Jerry attended the Pohl School and the Gorman School, both of which were little country schools in Meriden Township. He graduated from 8th grade in 1941 and then attended Mendota Township High School until 1943 completing through 9th grade. He was an honorable World War II veteran serving with the U.S. Army from 1945-1947 and received a World War II Victory Medal during his active duty service. He spent 35 years as a diesel mechanic working first at the (FS) Farm Supply Shop in Mendota and then at the Growmark, Inc. Shop in Yorkville before retiring in the fall of 1986. Then for several years, he worked for the News Tribune in LaSalle as a rural newspaper courier/carrier and then for the Schimmer Pontiac-Buick-Olds-Chevrolet dealership in Mendota (now Schimmer, Inc. Chevrolet-Buick) as a part-time driver for the dealership. His favorite hobby and passion for many years were his "Spring and Fall" annual fishing trips to Minnesota or Wisconsin with his fishing buddies, Abe and Bob. He also enjoyed a good card game of euchre with his friends and also his family at the annual Shannon holiday gatherings. But mostly, he enjoyed and loved his family especially visiting and telling his stories to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a lifetime member of Mendota Moose Lodge 714 and Mendota VFW Post 4079. He also was a parishioner of Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mendota. Jerry will greatly and sadly be missed by all of his family and friends. May he now rest in peace with his wife in heaven amongst the angels.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mendota Moose Lodge 714, Mendota VFW Post 4079, the Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle or directed to the family.



### CARL'S QUIZ


**What country has the most forest land?**

*The answer to last week's quiz is: Since 1950, the top three most recorded songs in the U.S. have been "St. Louis Blues," "Tea for Two" and "Body and Soul." (Source: Old Farmers Almanac)*

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at [www.mendotareporter.com](http://www.mendotareporter.com)

## Mendota Weather Dec. 2, 2020


Seven Day Forecast



Wednesday

Partly Cloudy


High: 40 Low: 23



Thursday

Partly Cloudy

High: 39 Low: 24



Friday

Partly Cloudy

High: 40 Low: 23

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 40°, humidity of 52%. West southwest wind 2 to 6 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 64° set in 1970. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 23°. Light winds. The record low for Wednesday night is -1° set in 1976. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 39°, humidity of 64%.

Regional Cities

City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	42/23	s	41/26	pc
Champaign	43/27	pc	43/29	mc
Chicago	43/28	s	43/28	pc
Freeport	41/21	pc	39/23	pc
Joliet	42/24	s	42/26	pc
Moline	42/23	pc	40/25	mc
Peoria	43/24	pc	42/24	mc
Rockford	42/23	s	41/24	pc
Springfield	43/29	pc	43/28	mc

Last Week's Local Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	44	28	41/25	0.00"
Tuesday	45	35	41/24	0.38"
Wednesday	48	43	40/24	0.03"
Thursday	46	35	40/23	0.00"
Friday	42	31	39/23	0.00"
Saturday	52	27	39/22	0.00"
Sunday	48	34	38/22	0.00"

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week				
Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:05 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	9:11 a.m.
Thursday	7:06 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	7:14 p.m.	10:03 a.m.
Friday	7:07 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	8:17 p.m.	10:49 a.m.
Saturday	7:08 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	9:24 p.m.	11:29 a.m.
Sunday	7:09 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	10:33 p.m.	12:04 p.m.
Monday	7:09 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	11:44 p.m.	12:34 p.m.
Tuesday	7:10 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	Prev Day	1:02 p.m.

Local UV Index	National Weather Summary This Week
UV Index 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure <a href="http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com">www.WhatsOurWeather.com</a>	The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow, highest temperature of 50 in Yarmouth, Mass. The Southeast will experience mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 74 in Key West, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 74 in Harlingen, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 54 in Grants Pass, Ore. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 72 in Ontario, Calif.

Weather Trivia	Weather History
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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Mary Patricia Westfall

LEMONT - Mary Patricia (Fitzgerald) Westfall, 82, of Lemont, formerly of Mendota and Bolingbrook, died Nov. 26, 2020 after battling a short but serious illness.

She was born Sept. 10, 1938 in LaSalle to Chance and Margaret (Kaufman) Fitzgerald. She married Lenny Westfall on Sept. 5, 1959. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include three children, Joel (Karyn), Dave (Cathy) and Tim (Dianne); four grandchildren, Nikki, Taylor, T.J. and Paige; one great-grandson, Harrison; and one brother, Jerry (Toni) Fitzgerald.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Matthew Westfall; and one sister, Andrea Benson.

Mary Patricia was a graduate of Mendota High School. She worked at the CBQ Railroad in Chicago and for decades, worked at the Bolingbrook Metropolitan Newspaper. Later in life, she worked at the Mendota Lutheran Home. She was a member of the Troy Grove Grange and the Sauk Valley Humane Society. She was a very determined woman and raised four sons. She often used the idiom "By Cracky!" to emphasize what she was saying. She was an enthusiastic baker, and delighted in making homemade cookies, cakes and pies for her sons and the other kids in the neighborhood. She produced homemade jelly from hand-picked grapes almost every year over the last 50 years. She shunned television throughout her life but was a passionate radio listener. She loved public radio shows such as "Car Talk" with Click and Clack and "Jazz with Dick Buckley." She loved listening to jazz music, especially free form jazz. Mary Patricia was both a spiritual and religious person throughout her life and held onto her core beliefs in spite of changing her faith from Catholicism to Baptist and then back to Catholicism. She will be remembered as a kind, generous spirit that touched the lives of many with her warmth and a no-nonsense approach to everything.

## Edith Mitchell

BYRON - Edith (Longcor) Mitchell, 100, of Byron, formerly of Mendota, died Nov. 28, 2020.

Celebration of Edith's long and full life will be held in the future, due to COVID-19. Grace Funeral & Cremation Service, Rockford is assisting the family.

Edith was born Jan. 11, 1920 in Galesburg to Charles and Jessie (Hoots) Longcor. She married Warren Preston Mitchell on Jan. 18, 1941. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Allan (Linda) Mitchell; two grandchildren, Carrie (Lou) Luttrell and Christopher (Peg Kruger) Head; four great-grandchildren, Derek and Kirsten Luttrell and Brittani and Adam Head; one sister, Eva (Merle) Brown; nieces and nephews, Jennifer, Alvin, Thomas, Charles, Sammantha, Michael and their families; and an extended circle of family.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Elizabeth Mitchell; and one nephew, Jeffrey.

Edith was employed as a nurses aid at Heritage Health in Mendota, where she worked until the age of 75. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Mendota. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, word searches and playing bingo.

Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).



## Mary Kathryn Sondgeroth

MENDOTA - Mary Kathryn Sondgeroth, 87, of Mendota passed away Nov. 26, 2020 in the family home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mass of Christian burial will be private. Pallbearers will be Patrick Cashner, Daniel Cashner, Stephen Cashner, Andy Sondgeroth, Josh Randolph and Joel McComber. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to be assisting the family.

Mary was born Aug. 30, 1933 in Ohio, Ill. to Orville and Kathryn (Sharkey) Schultz. She married Robert Sondgeroth on April 7, 1956 in Ohio.

Survivors include her husband of Mendota; one son, John (Patricia) Sondgeroth of Mendota; two daughters, Susan (Jeffrey) Spanier of Mendota and Rosemary Cashner of Chicago; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Alice O'Brien of Princeton and Patricia McDonald of Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Kevin on Nov. 27, 1980; and one granddaughter, Katie Sondgeroth on Feb. 18, 2019.

Mary graduated from Ohio High School in 1950 and worked for Citizens First National Bank in Princeton until she and Bob began their family. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and was involved in the Altar and Rosary Society, and was a member of the LaSalle County Home Extension.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross School.

Condolences may be sent to [wasmerfuneralhome.com](http://wasmerfuneralhome.com).

## Karen L. Coffman

PERU - Karen Lynn Coffman, 70, of Peru, passed away Nov. 22, 2020 at Illinois Valley Community Hospital, Peru.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 27 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Susan Presley officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Karen was born March 13, 1950 in Wood River to Robert and Irene (Tirello) Coffman.

Survivors include three sisters, Robin Coffman of Alton, Dawn Coffman of East Alton and Debbie (Frank) Fouts of Amboy; two nieces, Shawna (Frankie) Macchio of Merritt Island, Fla. and Laura (Andrew) Carr of Mendota; and her great nieces and nephews, Jackson Carr, Jacob Carr, Janae Carr and Jessie Carr, all of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Karen worked at SunRay Café in Cottage Hills for 15 years and at Specialized Services in Alton. She deeply loved her family and was adored by her nieces, Shawna and Laura who have sweet and happy memories that she made with them. Karen was a Child of God and made Jesus her Savior, was baptized and was faithful going to church as long as she was able. She was a precious soul who faced numerous challenges in her life and has received her Crown in Heaven that she so richly deserves. She will be greatly missed not only by her family but many that cared for her at Manor Court. The sun shines a little less bright as Karen has left this earth but oh how it glows even brighter in Heaven.

Memorials may be made the Mendota Food Pantry.



## Marjorie J. Nance

MENDOTA - Marjorie J. Nance, 87, of Mendota passed away Nov. 27, 2020 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Due to COVID-19, a memorial service will take place at a later date. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to be assisting the family.

Marjorie was born April 19, 1933 to Lucille (Erbes) Eddy Holman. She married Oscar Sessler on Jan. 1, 1949 in Mendota. On March 17, 1972, she married Edward Nance in Ottawa.

Survivors include one daughter, Gail Sessler of Mendota; three sons, Ronald (Barbara) Sessler of Hennepin, Gary (Pat) Sessler of Mendota, and Rick Sessler of Mendota; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and many grand cats.

She was preceded in death by both husbands; her parents; one sister, Eleanor Zolper; one granddaughter, Staci Sessler on June 29, 2020; and one great-granddaughter, Skye Hennen on May 2, 2006.

Marge was self employed over 22 years with Sessler Garbage Disposal in Mendota. She worked as a waitress at Sam's Steak House and was a shift supervisor for Caron Yarn Factory in Mendota. She also spent time working at Del Monte and was a cook at "The Loft" for many years. She was then able to land a job with the Illinois Department of Corrections as a correctional officer until her retirement in 2001. She was born and raised as a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where she was famously known for her ability to make unique quilts, and attended church faithfully. Marge loved to send cards, whether wishing someone a happy birthday or anniversary, saying we are thinking about you or sending get well wishes.

Marge was very involved in her community and gave countless hours of her time to various organizations. She was a member of Mendota Elks Lodge 1212, serving as the second female Past Exalted Ruler; Mendota VFW Auxiliary 4079, where she held many different officer positions; Women of the Moose 1567; Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; and Independent Order of Odd Fellows-Rebekah, where she held every local and district level office but was best known as recording secretary. She held a certificate in food management and was an Illinois Police Associate Member. She was a former member of TOPS and held officer positions. She was an avid bowler at the Bowl-Air in her younger years. She loved to bake pies and cook and collected bells and cookbooks. Always a hard worker, she bought the land and built the home she lived in since 1955. When not working or giving back to her community, she enjoyed quilting, crocheting, art painting and reading. She especially loved her cats. In her later years, she could be found at the gambling machines or playing the tickets.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church for quilts, youth or music, or to any organization helping animals in distress. Marge loved her cats and animals and would never allow an animal to starve.

Condolences may be left at [wasmerfuneralhome.com](http://wasmerfuneralhome.com).



## Petra Perez

MENDOTA - Petra Perez, 66, of Mendota passed away Nov. 24, 2020 at Heritage Health Mendota.

A Memorial Mass was held at 1 p.m. on Nov. 28 with Rev. Peter Pilon officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Burial of ashes will be private.

Petra was born April 22, 1954 in Jalisco Mexico to Jose Maria and Filibertha (Chavez) Perez. She married Joaquin Diaz on May 3, 2016.

Survivors include her husband of Mendota; two sons, Jose (Veronica) Diaz of Mendota and Ricardo (Juana) Diaz of Mendota; two daughters, Alejandra Diaz of Montgomery and Maria Socorro (Enrique Santana) Diaz of Mendota; 19 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Enrique (Guadalupe) Torres of Reno, Nev., Angel Torres and Eduardo Torres, both of Mexico; and two sisters, Magdalena Salazar of Carson City Nev. and Dolores Torres of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, her twin Refugio Perez, Eugenia Perez and Irma Torres; and one brother, Jose Perez.

Petra was a homemaker.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Wasmer Funeral Home was privileged to assist the family.



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on-site visits at the LaSalle home — the first conducted by an official from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Nov. 12, and then by an official from the state Department of Public Health on Nov. 17.

The reports documented areas for immediate change, including replacing all non-alcohol based hand sanitizers with alcohol-based sanitizers, performing COVID-19 tests for residents and staff twice weekly, rather than once per week, and requiring staff to follow strict personal protective equipment guidelines.

Sen. Laura Ellman, D-Naperville, asked about the specific examples in the U.S. VA official's report of staff violating PPE protocols.

For instance, the report mentions staff were observed in full PPE walking through an administrative area of the home, as well as three staff members being seen in the facility's kitchen with masks around their chins, eating, and all less than six feet from each other. The report also mentions staff seen wearing gloves to touch patients and multiple surfaces without changing or performing hand hygiene.

"I'm just concerned that for those veterans that are receiving treatment, some of these practices could worsen their condition, which can be quick changes. What are the things that are being done at this facility to ensure that, on the treatment side, they are getting the proper care with the proper protocol?" Ellman asked.

Hart acknowledged that breaks in protocol were observed during the site visit, and said staff within the facility now are tasked with monitoring and enforcing proper PPE guidance.

Employees failing to properly wear PPE could increase the likelihood of virus transmission between employees, but Hart said it can be difficult to pin down the precise origin when the virus is rampant in the community.

"Let's say two staff members came down with COVID within a certain period of time. You don't know if one of them is married to a frontline worker, or another one was in a bar downtown or they were just shopping for their groceries and had the bad luck to encounter the virus," he said.

IDVA Chief of Staff Anthony Kolbeck said five employees at LaSalle continued to work at the home after being notified that they tested positive.

"In general, it was notification late at night. They were the only people there for that position. If they went home, it would create another

issue and they volunteered to stay," Kolbeck said during the hearing.

He said the five employees were working with patients who already tested positive.

The Senate hearing kicked off shortly after the IDVA announced the Acting Inspector General from the Illinois Department of Human Services will conduct an independent investigation into the outbreak at the LaSalle home and IDVA "will immediately address any findings from that investigation," according to an agency press release.

Chapa LaVia said the investigation could take between four to six months.

"We will make sure that we reconvene, so we can go over those findings, but we want to make sure that we get to the bottom of this. I thought it very important to go above and beyond," she said, noting the review would be independent and conducted from outside the department.

Chapa LaVia pointed to the increasing spread of the virus in LaSalle County as an explanation for the outbreak at the veterans' home.

Beginning Oct. 23, LaSalle County's COVID seven-day average positivity rate jumped from 7.2 percent to 13.1 percent in just one week, according to the IDPH website. By Nov. 6, the county's productivity rate reached 18.5 percent and, by the following week, it rose to 20.5 percent. As of Nov. 21, it was 16.2 percent.

"The people who care for our heroes in the homes live within the communities they serve," she said. "But when community spread of this virus is high, staff can fall prey to infection, no matter how conscientious they have been about following protocols."

Schimpf said the other veterans' homes located in similarly affected communities have not seen cases and deaths spike, as they have in the LaSalle facility.

Specifically, he cited Adams County, where the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy is located, and Kankakee County, where the Manteo Veterans' Home is located.

"The reason I think that's relevant is you have COVID running rampant through places besides LaSalle, but yet the Veterans Home in a Manteo and Quincy have been able to largely avoid the type of tragedy that we've seen in LaSalle," Schimpf said.

The Quincy home has reported one COVID-19 related resident death, and it currently has 13 positive residents and 18 positive staff.

The Manteo home has reported 17 COVID-19 related resident deaths, and it currently has zero positive residents and eight positive staff.



**Sublette Christmas tree**  
Village president John Stenzel and some of Santa's helpers erected and decorated the village Christmas tree recently in downtown Sublette. The tree is lighted nightly and adds a festive spirit to the town. Local businesses will be adding decorated trees to the area to add further to the holiday décor. (Photo contributed)

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By Mike Weilt

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## Hoffman

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Hoffman went through a weeklong set of interviews in mid-October, then waited four days for the grand announcement on the FFA convention's video conference.

"This is an extreme honor for Miriam and SIU," said Susan Graham, the assistant to the dean in the College of Agricultural, Life and Physical Sciences. "For SIU to be represented by one of our outstanding students demonstrates the quality of students the university attracts on a national level. SIU had the attention of hundreds of thousands watching during the election process. It was a great night for all of us, and it will be a great year for Miriam."

### Empathy and ideas

Hoffman is also a Provost Scholar and part of the University Honors Program — not to mention a member of the first all-female state officer team for FFA in Illinois (2018-19). She quips that the way her brain works can "be exhausting."

"I can see all sides of an issue," she said, believing that empathy will be one of the strongest characteristics she'll bring to a post that hasn't been held by an FFA member from an Illinois university since 2006.

Hoffman, who had transferred from Illinois Valley Community College, has certainly been noticed in her time in Carbondale. Professors and peers rave about her leadership qualities, feeling fortunate to have her. Likewise, Hoffman said she appreciates the support and community, and the nearby head-clearing hiking.

**"I think I have a lot to offer, and it'll be exciting to be around a great group of people."**  
—Miriam Hoffman

### Facing the future with confidence

Soon, she will move to Indianapolis to focus on her national board responsibilities and resume her studies at SIU in spring 2021.

"I really think there's an opportunity for our group to step up and serve," she said.

Normally, the work at FFA would include a lot of travel. Now, it'll likely feature more online interactions. Hoffman laughs at how far she's come in accepting any type of meeting.

"I've generally been very shy, and all of the personality tests I've ever taken label me an introvert," she said. "But I do think leadership takes all styles, and I think I've grown up and gained a lot of independence."

She recently read that the best time to be a leader is in difficult or uncertain times.

Hoffman said her confidence and sense of mission have built since losing the previous election, plus serving a valuable internship last summer as a consultant at Continuum Ag, a company that works with producers (and examines trade policy) from southeast Iowa to South Africa.

"I was everywhere, from running social media to going out to the cornfields," she said. "I think I have a lot to offer, and it'll be exciting to be around a great group of people."

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Brad Cole, executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, however, said many communities haven't applied because they have "limited to no staff that can navigate the multiple steps put in place by (the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) to receive their allocation."

He also said the state will not allow local governments to use the funds to aid local businesses that have suffered due to the pandemic.

"Some of the communities that are not applying for their allocation did not have specific costs that could be reimbursed, but they do have businesses that could have received the local economic support," Cole said. "DCEO's rules to restrict the usage of the funds left many communities unable to qualify for the money."

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## Is Madigan machine done?

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – The political obituaries for Mike Madigan may well be premature.

Don't be surprised if come January he rises Lazarus-like from his civic grave to be elected to another term as speaker of the House.

That's not a prediction. It's more a statement of political reality in Illinois: expect anything.

After all, no state – or federal -- legislative leader in the history of the United States has led a chamber longer than Madigan.

His secret? He is void of any deep-seeded political principle – other than winning.

Over the years, he's been both pro-life and pro-choice. He railed against Rod Blagojevich's dishonesty. Then he co-chaired his re-election campaign. And then he led the charge to have him impeached.

Some years, he has been a bust-the-bank, big-spending liberal. Other years he plays the role of the fiscal conservative. Republicans and Democrats alike scratch their heads, wondering where in the political spectrum he will land.

Today, he is in more political danger than at any time in his political career, which spans half a century. He has been speaker of the House for all but two years since 1983.

Members of his caucus began to openly turn on Madigan during the summer, after the inquiry into influence peddling by the behemoth electric utility Commonwealth Edison came to light. But things began to really unravel after two ComEd executives and lobbyist with a close friendship with Madigan were indicted.

So far, 18 Democrats have announced they will not support reelecting Madigan as Speaker in January. This presumably leaves him with 55 votes – five short -- of the 60 needed to retain his leadership post.

Despite the apparent vote shortfall, Madigan issued this statement: “The decision on the next speaker of the Illinois House will be made at a caucus, after a full discussion of the issues facing our state and the qualifications of the candidates. I plan to be a candidate for speaker, and today I confirmed that I continue to have support from a significant number of House Democratic caucus members.”

And there is the rub. He may lack the votes to at least initially get himself elected, but with the support he does have, he could effectively deny anyone else the post.

At a time when the state is in a fiscal crisis and bearing the brunt of a deadly pandemic, the House could be at loggerheads over who will lead it for the next two years.

“It would be very difficult for any of those members who have publicly said they won't support Madigan to change their position,” said Charles Wheeler III, a longtime statehouse reporter and retired journalism professor at the University of Illinois-Springfield.

Any flip-flopper would almost certainly draw a challenger in the next primary or general election.

But if it becomes a prolonged battle to elect a speaker, some of those who defected from the Madigan camp may be lured back just to end the nightmare of a deadlocked House. For example, in 1975, it took three weeks and 93 votes of the Illinois House before Bill Redmond was elected Speaker.

If such a marathon election were to happen again, some members might abandon their publicly stated positions just to bring the acrimony to an end.

I don't see Madigan leaving the Speakership without a fight. During the past half century, he has repeatedly reinvented himself. When he was first elected to Springfield, he was a law-and-order Democrat. Later he voted to abolish the death penalty.

He earned a reputation as a fierce ally of the trial lawyers. But he shoved a medical malpractice reform measure through the House over their objection, when he perceived it would benefit his caucus.

Organized labor has long adored Madigan, but that didn't prevent him from forcing through a pension reform measure over their strenuous objections.

His only consistent principle is that Democrats should control the House and he should be speaker.

Even love couldn't dislodge him from the post he holds.

In early 2013, his daughter, Lisa, was considering a run for governor and raising campaign money for such a bid. Then in July of that year she announced she would instead seek a fourth term as attorney general rather than challenge then-Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn.

“I feel strongly that the state would not be well-served by having a governor and speaker of the House from the same family and have never planned to run for governor if that would be the case,” she said in a statement. “With Speaker Madigan planning to continue in office, I will not run for governor.”

The following month Mike Madigan told reporters, “Lisa and I had spoken about that on several occasions, and she knew very well that I did not plan to retire.”

“She knew what my position was,” he said. “She knew.”

So, if he wouldn't retire as speaker to help his own daughter, don't expect him to call it quits to help his own party.

We're in for a fight.

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## Airing parking meter problems – 1947

*(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Dec. 3, 1997.)*

By Jessica Nashold

There were simultaneous meetings of the Mendota City Council and the Chamber of Commerce Businessmen's Council on the evening of Dec. 1, 1947. Mayor Glenn Momeny and Ald. R.W. Lipke met with the businessmen. Ald. Fred Welsch acted as mayor pro tem for the city council.

Alderman Welsch reported on complaints being received because of flaws in the performance of the Karpark parking meters. The Karpark accepted pennies for the first hour, but would take only nickels in the second hour. Some meters didn't operate even when the coins were inserted properly.

**Alderman Welsch received very little support from the rest of the aldermen on his objections.**

The council adjourned, but before the alderman left the building they were joined by the businessmen. The council meeting was resumed and Frank Gulick, Chamber secretary-manager, suggested checking out other meters before the six-month trial period for Karpark expired. The council then voted to ask Karpark if it had developed meter that would register pennies and nickels in any order. If not, other meters would be investigated.

Santa's first visit to Mendota during 1947 holidays occurred on Dec. 6. He arrived by plane at the Mendota airport, piloted by Chance Fitzgerald, and was driven to the business district. He was joined by Maralyn Ashley, who had been crowned Miss Merry Christmas at the Kanteen, by Mayor Momeny. After a parade through downtown Mendota, Santa was established in his headquarters tent in the park.

Prior to Santa's arrival, youngsters had enjoyed a free show at the State Theatre – “Life With Blondie.” Each child received a small gift.

The Elks received a phone call from the manager of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender bowling team, the Mineralites, on Dec. 4, 1947. He said they could play in Mendota on Dec. 20. A match with the top five bowlers at the Elks was arranged. The Reporter printed scores of the Big Twelve each week, usually headed by Marty Masear. The 1947 match would be the 14th consecutive time the Mineralites had played at the Elks alleys.

The American Legion memorial book with pictures and records of area servicemen was nearly ready for the publishers.

**Any others wishing to be included should act immediately.**

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## Pritzker warns of looming crisis if jobless programs aren't extended

By **PETER HANCOCK**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker warned of another looming economic crisis for the state and nation if Congress does not act soon to reauthorize extended unemployment benefits for people displaced from their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I can't overstate the implications of this," Pritzker said. "Without assistance from Congress, four weeks from now there will be no way to replace these benefits for the hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans impacted by these programs, which have become an essential lifeline for people who lost their jobs

due to the pandemic. This is incredibly dire."

Pritzker was referring to two programs created under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act, which Congress passed in March.

They include the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, which provides an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits for people who have exhausted their regular jobless benefits, and the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, which provides benefits to gig workers, independent contractors and other self-employed individuals who don't nor-

mally qualify for traditional unemployment insurance.

Both of those programs are 100-percent funded by the federal government, although they are administered through state unemployment agencies like IDHS, and both are set to expire Dec. 26.

According to U.S. Department of Labor data, more than 204,000 Illinoisans filed new claims for extended benefits under PEUC during the last week of October while another 177,000 self-employed workers were receiving continuing benefits under PUA.

Those numbers were in addition to the more than 337,000 Illinoisans who were receiving continuing benefits

under the traditional unemployment insurance program at the end of October.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security reported last week that the state's unemployment rate fell to 6.8 percent in October, down from 10.4 percent in September. At the same time, however, the total number of nonfarm jobs in the state declined by about 1,100, to just over 5.7 million, a sign that a large number of people have fallen out of the workforce.

Although the Democratic-controlled U.S. House passed a bill earlier this year to extend those programs as part of a broader economic stimulus package, the Republican-controlled Senate has not.

Among the issues separating the two sides is whether to provide direct financial help to state and local governments, which

many Republicans in the Senate oppose, and whether to provide employers with civil immunity from lawsuits by workers who contract COVID-19, which Republicans have sought but many Democrats oppose.

"So unless the Republican Senate gets a stimulus bill moving in December, Republicans will be putting a big lump of coal in the Christmas stockings of a whole lot of American families," Pritzker said.

Amid the surge in unemployment claims during the pandemic, IDHS has been beset with backlogs and delays in processing the unprecedented volume of claims coming in each week, but the head of that agency said it has been making significant progress to improve the work flow.

Kristin Richards, acting director of IDHS, said that

during the peak of the pandemic in May, the agency received about 1.8 million phone calls in a single week — or about three per second — with only about 100 staff workers to answer them.

Since then, she said, IDHS added hundreds of in-house and contractual staff, set up a "callback only" system in which calls are returned in the order they were received, and implemented other changes to streamline the handling of calls based on the nature of a claimant's issue. As a result, she said, many claimants are now receiving callbacks within seven to 10 days.

"There are complex issues in our adjudication process that may require some more patience," Richards said. "But we're happy to say that in many cases, claimants can hear from us within one to two weeks or less."

Richards and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul also noted that IDHS has been dealing with an unprecedented volume of fraudulent claims, mainly as a result of nationwide data breaches that have enabled some to file claims using stolen identities and Social Security numbers.

Raoul reminded Illinoisans that if they receive anything in the mail about an unemployment claim that they did not file, either a debit card or a letter saying they've been approved for benefits, it likely means that an application was filed by an identity thief, and the recipient should not try to access those benefits.

He advised all Illinoisans to closely monitor their financial accounts and credit reports and to put a freeze on their credit cards if they suspect improper activity.

Information about how to report suspected identity theft and how to protect a consumer's information is available on the Attorney General's website.

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For every \$10 spent in a participating business, you will receive one sticker. In order to qualify, you must turn in a full card and each card must have stickers from at least three of the participating businesses.

Bring in your full cards to the Mendota Chamber Office at 800 Washington St. by noon Monday, Jan. 4, 2021. Drawing will take place Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021. The Grand Prize includes over \$1,000 in merchandise & gift cards from our participating businesses. Three consolation gifts baskets worth over \$300 in merchandise & gift cards. Ten additional consolation winners will receive \$20 in Chamber Gift Certificates.



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## POLICE BLOTTER

### NUMEROUS CHARGES

Connor J. Carreon, 27, of 812 Main St., Apt. 11, Mendota, was served with five traffic citations at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 23 stemming from a crash investigation that began in the early morning hours of Nov. 22. Two of the traffic citations are Class A misdemeanors – leaving the scene of a property damage accident and reckless driving. The other citations are operating an uninsured motor vehicle, disobeying a stop sign and driving on the wrong side of the road. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### ALCOHOL CHARGE

Henry L. Thompson, 20, of 812 Main St., Apt. 7, Mendota, was charged with

possession of alcohol under 21 at 6:20 p.m. Nov. 24. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### ILLEGAL ALCOHOL SALES

Jo A. Muro, 51, of 704 Iowa Ave., Mendota, was charged with selling alcohol to someone under 21 at 6:20 p.m. Nov. 24. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DOMESTIC BATTERY

Jennifer M. Francis, 32, of 1011 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to the area of 10th Avenue and Sixth Street for the report of a disturbance at 10:36 p.m. Nov. 26. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail to await a court date.

### WARRANT ARREST

Andrew D. Cordova, 26, of 410 11th Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 2:57 a.m. Nov. 29 on a valid Vermilion County arrest warrant for possession and delivery of meth after police officers responded to the report of a disturbance at Uncle Joe's Gaming, 900 Washington St. The subject was transported to Vermilion County.

### AGGRAVATED BATTERY

Ethan A. Brown, 24, of 728 ½ Main St., Mendota, was charged with aggravated battery after police officers responded to 1009 Steve Bowne Drive in reference to a fight at 3:28 p.m. Nov. 29. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail for a bond hearing.

### City Ordinance

#### Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance

The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the City of Mendota so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

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Plots include cereal rye, cereal rye and radish, oats and radish, and annual ryegrass, turnips, and radish.

“Students will monitor the plots for biomass production and changes to soil conditions while studying the impact of cover crops



IVCC agribusiness major Luke Lovgren of Princeton prepares the seedbed prior to seeding cover crops on the college farm. (Photo contributed)

on soil health,” said IVCC ag program co-coordinator and instructor Willard Mott.

The plots are on the cam-

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# SPORTS

## Second firearm deer hunting season is Dec. 3-6

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“We want to encourage hunters to make safety their first priority as they head out to enjoy what we hope will be a successful hunting season for everyone,” said Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Director Colleen Callahan. “Illinois’ hunting heritage is best celebrated by making sure hunters can spend their time experiencing the bounty nature provides for us and returning home safely to plan for their next hunting adventure.”

Each year, Illinois’ busiest hunting season is the firearm deer season. The second firearm deer season is Thursday, Dec. 3 through Sunday, Dec. 6. The Illinois Archery Deer Season opened Oct. 1 and continues through Jan. 17, 2021. Archery deer season is closed during the firearm deer weekends except in those counties where firearm deer hunting is not permitted.

The IDNR Office of Law Enforcement, which administers the state’s Hunter Safety Education Program, has investigated seven hunting incidents so far during 2020. In 2019, there were 20 hunting incidents reported in all hunting seasons in Illinois. Among the hunting incidents reported last year, 10 involved hunters using elevated tree stands.

“Many mishaps involving elevated tree stands are preventable, and that’s why we remind hunters to use a Fall



Arrest System (FAS) safety harness, no matter the type of elevated stand they are using,” said Jeff Hopkins, IDNR Safety Education administrator.

When utilizing a tree stand, hunters should check that their stand is installed properly. Hunters should check the harness and straps and replace worn straps if needed—and check the ladder and other equipment before they hunt to make sure they are in working order. Hunters also need to be mindful of weather conditions that could make stands and steps slippery, and they should have a cellphone within easy reach to call for help, if

needed. Hunters can review tree stand safety online at <http://www.huntercourse.com/treestandsafety/>.

Safety educators and IDNR Conservation Police also remind everyone hunting with a firearm to:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded, and never assume a firearm is unloaded;
- Always point a firearm in a safe direction;
- Be sure of the target, and make sure there are no other hunters, homes, buildings, vehicles or other animals beyond the target; and
- Keep their finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until they are ready to shoot.

Other safety considerations include ensuring heating sources are properly ventilated in hunting cabins and boats, wearing appropriate, high visibility clothing while hunting (including blaze orange or blaze pink when required), and being familiar with the area being hunted.

For more details on Illinois deer, waterfowl, upland game, furbearer and other hunting seasons this fall and winter, check the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/Hunt-TrapDigest.aspx>.



## Spring turkey hunting applications now open

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is now taking applications from youth and adult turkey hunters for 2021 spring turkey hunting on private land through the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP).

“We’ve had many hunters and anglers use the program and continue to come back year after year,” said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. “IRAP has been extremely popular and continues to expand as it adds more private property for access by hunters. Through IRAP, landowners allow public access to their property in exchange for a lease payment, a habitat management plan, and assistance with habitat restoration of their property. It is an ideal public/private partnership that delivers wins for the habitat, participants and landowners.”

The IDNR has leased nearly 19,000 acres of private land for the upcoming 2021 Spring Turkey Hunting Season through IRAP, creating 582 public access turkey hunting sites on those properties in 39 counties. Sites are available during the youth turkey season and during the third and fourth segments of the regular spring turkey season at no cost to the participant.

To take part as a youth hunter (age 17 and under), hunters and their supervisors must complete an IRAP application online and submit it by Feb. 17, 2021 to be eligible for the youth drawing. A total of 224 sites are available for the two-weekend youth season (March 27-28, 2021 and April 3-4, 2020).

Applications for IRAP Turkey Hunting sites can be found online at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP/Pages/First-time-Adult-turkey-hunting.aspx>

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## Celebrity Extra

**By Dana Jackson**  
**Q:** When is the new “Wonder Woman” movie coming out? Will it be in theaters or just pay-per-view at home? I really want to see it on the big screen. I miss going to the movies. -- **Y.G.**



Gal Gadot

**A:** Some cinemas are still open across the country, but there aren’t many new releases. Many are showing re-releases with limited seating. “Wonder Woman 1984,” again starring Gal Gadot in the title role, was originally set to premiere last December. Since then the film has had six release dates, with the latest being Dec. 25, 2020, both in theaters and available for streaming for up to 30 days for HBO Max subscribers.

As you can gather from the title, “Wonder Woman 1984” is set in the 1980s. In this sequel, the golden-las-so-swinging superhero faces two new adversaries: Cheetah, played by Kristen Wiig (“Saturday Night Live”), and Max Lord, played by Pedro Pascal (“Game of Thrones,” “The Mandalorian”).

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**Q:** I love the thrilling mystery series “The Fall” with Gillian Anderson (“X-Files”) and Jamie Dornan (“Fifty Shades of Grey”) as the serial killer she’s pursuing is now airing on the Ovation cable channel in the U.S. Like most British shows, the number of episodes each season is very limited, just five to six each. It’s kind of like watching a little miniseries and doesn’t drag on long past its prime. “The Fall” earned much praise during its run. Ovation just began airing the second of three seasons this month. The third and final chapter is scheduled to air in the first quarter of 2021.

If you’re a fan of Anderson’s, be sure to check her out in the new fourth season of “The Crown” on Netflix, in which she plays British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

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**Q:** My sister and I have a luncheon bet based on your answer. Did Ron Howard star in the film “The Music Man” with Shirley Jones and Robert Preston before he was a regular on “The Andy Griffith

Show”? -- **M&E in Spokane**

**A:** Before he became an Oscar-winning film director (“A Beautiful Mind”), Ron Howard was an actor. I remember him as teenager Richie Cunningham on the sitcom “Happy Days,” but before that he was one of Hollywood’s most employable child actors and went by the name of Ronny Howard.

Ronny was just 8 years old when he sang a cute but off-key rendition of “Gary, Indiana” in “The Music Man” (1962). He’d started playing little Opie Taylor on “The Andy Griffith Show” in 1960 and continued until 1968. The youthful-looking Howard played Richie Cunningham on “Happy Days” from age 20 to 30.

He first gained prominence as a director with the mermaid love story “Splash,” starring Tom Hanks and Darryl Hannah, and he hasn’t stopped since. His daughter, Bryce Dallas Howard, is following in his footsteps, starting out as an actress and has now begun directing.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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## Hollywood

**By Tony Rizzo**  
HOLLYWOOD -- Movie distributors are more than ready to put films into theaters again, but moviegoers aren’t ready to take a chance yet. Ryan Reynolds’ “Free Guy” was to open July 3, 2020, then Dec. 11, but in November it was pulled. “Death on the Nile,” with Kenneth Branagh (as Hercule Poirot), Gal Gadot and Armie Hammer, was due Dec. 18, but was pulled as well. “A Quiet Place: Part 2,” starring Emily Blunt, was set to open March 8, 2020, with billboards up and TV ads running, but was sidelined by the coronavirus and rescheduled for April 23, 2021. Undaunted, plans are set for a threequel to open in 2022.

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Sophia Loren, one of the last four stars of The Golden Age of Hollywood, scored excellent reviews for her Netflix remake of “Madame Rosa,” called “The Life Ahead,” which began streaming Nov. 13.



S. Loren

The Washington Post said, “Madame Rosa is a prostitute who becomes a caregiver and mother figure for children of her colleagues in the sex-work industry. Sophia Loren inhabits the role with vulnerability and majesty. As one of the four final links to cinema’s Golden Age, she is simply magnificent. She’s still got it, and as this performance reminds us, she always did!”

In 1956, Sophia was signed to a five-picture deal by Paramount Pictures. Her first American movie was “Boy on a Dolphin,” filmed in the Saronic Islands off Greece in 1957, with Alan Ladd and Clifton Webb, followed by “The Pride and the Passion,” shot in Spain and starring Cary Grant and Frank Sinatra. Since she didn’t speak any English, she learned her role and all her lines phonetically. During filming, Cary Grant fell in love with her, and in 1958 he replaced his then-wife, Betsy Drake (who actually wrote the script), in “Houseboat,” with Sophia. Drake divorced Grant, but in the end Sophia jilted him and returned to her real love, producer Carlo

Ponti, in 2007. They were married until his death.

Her role in “The Life Ahead” is akin to “Two Women,” for which she won a best actress Oscar in 1962. She skipped the Academy Awards that night because of extreme stage fright. Later, she mustn’t have realized how big “Dynasty” would become, because in 1981 she turned down playing Alexis Carrington Colby, which went to Joan Collins and made her a major international television star.

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Zac Efron, who recently lent his voice to “Scooby!” (as in Scooby-Doo), with Mark Wahlberg, Will Forte, Tracy Morgan, Ken Jeong, Amanda Seyfried and Gina Rodriguez, has found his next project, the survival thriller “Gold,” with Anthony Hayes. They play two strangers traveling through a desert who stumble upon and have to protect the biggest gold nugget ever found. Hope it’s a bigger gem than his last film, “Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile”!

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## Strange But True

**By Lucie Winborne**  
\* Adult mayflies have no functional mouth. Because of this, they die of malnutrition. This is an evolutionary occurrence that happens so aging mayflies don’t pass on genetic defects to the next generation.

\* Steven Spielberg, who executive-produced the film “Gremlins,” requested the effects team make Gizmo’s fur orange and white to match his beagle, Chauncey.

\* If you do a Google search on the word “askew,” the resulting content will tilt slightly to the right.

\* St. Lucia is the only country in the world named after a woman. Originally called the Island of the Iguanas by early Carib settlers, the name was later changed after French seamen were shipwrecked there on Dec. 13, the feast day of St. Lucy.

\* The color of Facebook is blue because Mark Zuckerberg is red-green colorblind.

\* Ever noticed how some mass-produced ballpoint pens, such as the Bic Cristal, have a hole in the cap? No? Well, in case you someday do, now you’ll know why -- it’s not just to prevent leaks, but choking as well. Lots of folks like to chew on pen lids, and in the event they accidentally swallow the cap, the hole ensures it won’t completely block their airway.

\* After an 8.0 magnitude earthquake hit Mexico City in 1985, nearly all newborn babies survived a collapsed hospital for seven days without nourishment, water, warmth or human contact.

\* Major League Baseball umpires are required to wear black underwear while on the job in case they split their pants.

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1. TELEVISION: What kind of pet did Robert Blake have on the 1970s series “Baretta”?

2. MOVIES: Which 2002 movie tagline was, “With great power comes great responsibility”?

3. GEOGRAPHY: Which Balkan nation’s capital is Sophia?

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What day of the week did the ancient Romans refer to as “dies Saturni”?

5. LANGUAGE: What is the word that stands for “N” in the NATO phonetic alphabet?

6. U.S. STATES: Which state features a body of water named Lake Lanier?

7. HISTORY: When did World War II begin?

8. MEDICINE: What is trepanning?

9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many days did William Henry Harrison serve as president of the United States?

10. ANATOMY: What is the largest part of the human brain?

Answers

1. A cockatoo named Fred

2. “Spider-Man”

3. Bulgaria

4. Saturday (Saturn’s Day)

5. November

6. Georgia

7. Sept. 1, 1939

8. Making holes in the skull to relieve pressure

9. 32

10. Cerebrum

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### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 “Grand”

5 Letterman’s network

8 Out of control

12 Suspend

13 Weeding tool

14 Wise one

15 Killer whale

16 Lineage

18 Astronauts’ descent to Earth

20 Locations

21 Comic

22 DeLuise

23 Satchel

24 “Forget it!”

26 Nation

30 Lawyers’ org.

31 Sly one

32 Nay opponent

33 Racism, e.g.

35 Aden’s land

38 Bill and —

39 Adams or Ameche

40 Clean software

43 Turducken, e.g.

47 Immoderate devotion

49 Met melody

50 Taj Mahal city

51 Trouble

52 Ring up

53 Lecherous

**DOWN**

1 Valhalla VIP

2 Aesopian also-ran

3 Formerly

4 Landlocked African nation

5 Amulet

6 Skeletal

7 Moment

8 Delegate

9 Dillon or Damon

10 Shrek, for one

11 Jailer’s janglers

17 Jacob’s brother

19 Plaything

22 Carton

23 Apprehend

24 Japanese sash

25 Witty one

26 Coquettish

27 Scot’s hat

28 Deli bread

29 Longing

31 To and —

34 Eye-related

35 Forum garment

36 Second person

37 Intertwine

39 Senior member

40 Soap brand

41 Advantage

42 Drill

43 Front of a ship

44 Snare

45 Irritate

46 New Haven campus

48 Pair

**By Amy Anderson**  
Were you pressured to spend Thanksgiving not with a whole passel of siblings, cousins and in-laws but at home isolating with the members of your household? Well, thank you. Whether you are relieved or saddened by the current state, we’re all doing our part and making sacrifices. It will get better.

To do my part, I’m offering you a slate of films that feature an isolated main character. Not to make you sad, but for some commiseration, if you will. Whatever your current situation, you haven’t been accidentally left behind on Mars, so you have to feel good about that!

“127 Hours” -- Director Danny Boyle’s riveting depiction of one man’s adventure turned wrong: Mountaineer Aron Ralston (James Franco) is hiking in remote Utah and his arm is pinned by a boulder. He spends five days trapped, facing exposure and dehydration, before confronting his worst-case choice: cut

off his own arm or remain trapped and die.

“Cast Away” -- Tom Hanks (and a volleyball) star in this survival drama from director Robert Zemeckis. FedEx exec Chuck (Hanks) is washed up on a deserted island when his plane crashes en route to a post in Malaysia. He learns to survive and remains put for years with only his trusty companion Wilson, the aforementioned volleyball.

“Life of Pi” -- In a lush sea fantasy by director Ang Lee, Pi, the son of zoo owners, is the sole survivor of a shipwreck -- he and a Bengal tiger -- spending months adrift on an unforgiving expanse of ocean.

“Locke” -- You have to be Tom Hardy to pull this film off. Hardy stars as Ivan Locke, a construction engineer who is on the eve of a superimportant job and who finds out rather unexpectedly that a one-night stand resulted in a child to be born that night. He undertakes a drive to London to be with the mother. How much can

change over a long drive? Turns out, a lot.

“The Martian” -- Matt Damon stars as astronaut Mark Watney, who is inadvertently left behind at a base camp on Mars when the mission crew must vacate the planet. He doesn’t have enough supplies, he doesn’t have any tools to communicate with Earth. But he’s got jokes and some starter potatoes!

“Wild” -- A divorced woman (Reese Witherspoon) decides to run into the wilderness and hike the Pacific Crest Trail despite any significant experience hiking. Ahead of her is a difficult but rewarding journey.

“The Road” -- Viggo Mortensen and Kodi Smit-McPhee are just a guy and his son facing danger every moment in a post-apocalyptic wasteland. There is no one to trust, no food and safe spaces are hard to come by. Based on the soul-crushingly sad book of the same name by Cormac McCarthy.

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### King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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First John 2:27 (AMP) says, "As for you, the anointing [the special gift, the preparation] which you received from Him remains [permanently] in you...." Notice how this scripture says that the anointing remains permanently—it won't go away.

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So, what is it that needs to be broken in us? Things like rebellion, stubbornness, pride and a spirit that's independent from God are a few areas of disobedience that can keep the anointing from working through us. This is because the vehicle that carries the anointing is the soul—our mind, will and emotions. And when we are led by our natural carnal or fleshly impulses, we are not being led by the Holy Spirit.

But as we grow up and mature in Christ, we can be what God wants us to be and live every day empowered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

### *It's Not Just for Spiritual Things*

It's important to understand that we need God's anointing every day, in everything we do. And there's an anointing for everything

we need to do. It's not just for ministers or for spiritual areas of life.

The anointing is what enables and equips us to do what God asks us to do. You have an anointing to be a parent, husband or wife...to be in business or some kind of organization... whatever you are gifted to do with your life. And it's amazing when God uses someone to do something that you know they don't have the ability to do on their own. That's the power of the anointing!

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Philippians 2:10 (AMP) says, "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow [in submission], of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth." He is God, and He is all-powerful! Yet, He is also our example in humility.

Verses 5-8 in this same chapter tell us we are to have the same attitude that He demonstrated: Although He is one with God, He stripped Himself of all privileges and became a servant; He abased and humbled Himself and was obedient even to the extreme of death on the cross.

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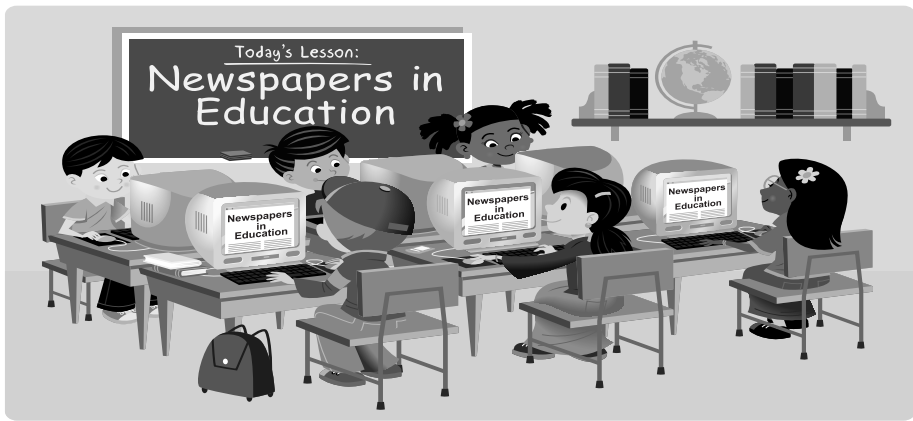
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ESTATE OF )  
DONNA L. CRAFT, )  
Deceased. )  
2020 P 00217

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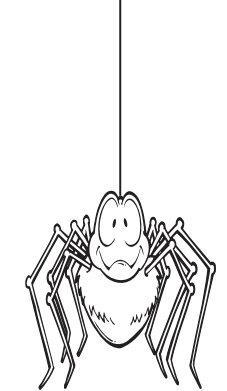
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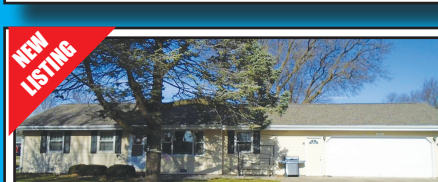
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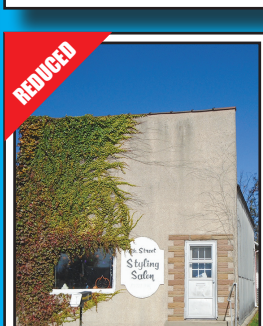
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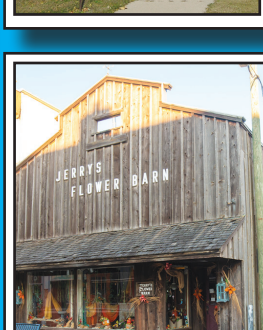
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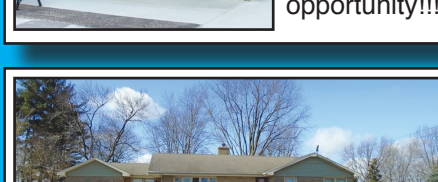
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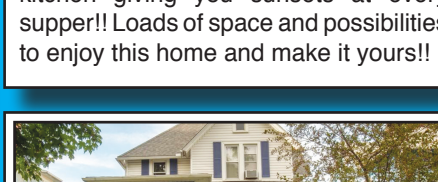
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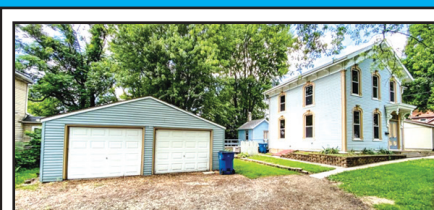
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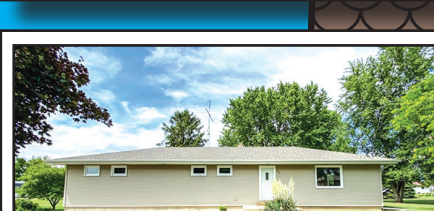
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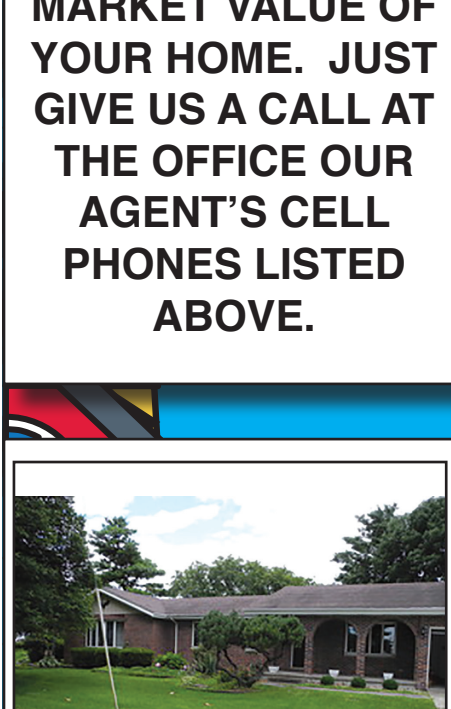
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