

Tom Merwin
Gold Star Employee Award



Nancy Bogle, left, is presented the Tom Merwin Gold Star Employee Award by Shelby Weide, president/CEO of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. (Photo contributed)

Gold Star Award winner
embodies team spirit

By BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

MENDOTA—Every year, the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce surprises the recipient of the Tom Merwin Gold Star Employee Award during the Chamber’s annual dinner. Nominated by the general public, this award is given to someone who is considered an outstanding employee.

With cancellation of the Chamber’s 2020 dinner because of COVID-19, the Chamber still found a way to surprise this year’s winner, Nancy Bogle by presenting the award at her workplace, Stonecroft Village. “I was completely surprised – I thought I was doing a move-in when we went outside,” Bogle said, adding with a laugh, “If I had known, I would have done my hair!”

Bogle, who is the Community Relations Director/

Marketing Director at Stonecroft, said her job includes admissions, marketing, and making the residents and their families happy. “Anything that needs to be done, that’s my job,” she said.

In presenting this year’s award on Nov. 6, Chamber president/CEO Shelby Weide read the words of Bogle’s nominator: “She truly embodies what the award represents. In a year that is continually changing, she always makes sure the residents are treated with care, compassion and respect. [She is] dedicated to the community, an outgoing, friendly person and just a joy to meet.”

Bogle has worked with the elderly throughout her career. Originally from the DeKalb area, she attended Northern Illinois University.

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Horace D. Hume Outstanding Service Award

Like father, like son

□ Phalen named Hume award winner 18 years after dad Harry

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA – Despite the pandemic canceling this year’s Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, the Chamber still handed out its annual awards. The recipient of the 2020 Horace D. Hume Outstanding Service Award is Todd Phalen.

Phalen grew up in Mendota, having advanced through the school system from Blackstone Elementary to Northbrook Middle School to Mendota High School, where he graduated in 1983. He had two years of schooling at IVCC before graduating from Illinois State University in 1987. He participated in football, basketball and track at MHS, and football at IVCC. While at MHS, he served on the Student Council, attended Boys State and was the Sons of American Revolution award winner. He is married to Lynn and they have two daughters, Olivia and Mallary. He is the son of Betty Phalen and the late Harry Phalen.

Phalen has been employed as the Director of Sales at Black Bros. Co. in Mendota for 20 years. He currently serves as treasurer of the Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America (WMMA) after serving as a board member.

Phalen’s service to the community and other involvements are many. He started out helping with the Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant, then helped with the Sweet Corn Festival in general before becoming a Chamber Board member and eventually serving as Chamber President in 2003.

“Jeff Simonton and Steve Gahan both helped me to get involved in the Chamber,” he said. “I met and worked with many great people over

the years and formed some friendships with people I would probably not have met otherwise.”

Phalen is currently a member of the Mendota Lions Club, Mendota Elks Lodge and Mendota Moose Lodge. He works in the Lions Club’s famous corn dog trailer every year for Sweet Corn Festivals, the Tri-County Fair and the Fourth of July celebration, plus is a past president of the Lions Club. He has previously been elected to the IVCC Board of Trustees for a six-year term and served on the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Board.

Also, he has been a registered football and basketball official with the Illinois High School Association for more than 35 years, and has coached and officiated for the Mendota Area Youth Soccer league.

The banquet room at the Mendota Civic Center is usually filled with suspense when clues to the identity of the award winners are read during the dinner, but with the dinner not being held this year, Chamber President/CEO Shelby Weide had to come up with another way of giving them the news. In Phalen’s case, his wife, Lynn, made sure he was outside at his house and Weide paid a visit to present him with the award.

“It was very humbling to win the H.D. Hume Award for Outstanding Service, which means so much to our community,” noted Phalen. “When you read the list of former winners it is like the Who’s Who list of business owners and community leaders that all worked to make Mendota the ‘World’s Greatest Little City.’”

Being the recipient of the award was also special



Todd Phalen is presented the 2020 Horace D. Hume Outstanding Service Award by Shelby Weide, president/CEO of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. (Photo contributed)

to Phalen in that his dad, Harry, shared the honor with business partner Dale Fischer in 2002.

“I am very proud to have won this award 18 years after my dad and Dale won it,” he said. “They owned and operated Fischer & Phalen Phillips 66 and Meriden Street Trailer Sales. I worked for both of them growing up in the trailer business. They expected you to work hard and be respectful of not only them, but the customers as well. I learned a lot from both of them.”

While attending ISU, Phalen just assumed he would be locating to a bigger city to enter the job market after getting his Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management, but he was fortunate to find a job at LCN Closers in Princeton. After

getting married, he and Lynn decided there was no better place to raise their children with both of their parents still living in Mendota.

“It was a great experience for our kids growing up with both sets of grandparents being in the same town,” he said.

Being in Mendota also allowed Phalen to give back to the community where he was born and raised, and he plans to continue that as long as he can.

“I am honored to receive this award and appreciate it,” he said. “I enjoyed all the volunteer work over the years and good times working with others for the improvement of our city. I hope I am able to continue to help volunteer in the future and possibly down the road in my retirement years.”

Illinois residents urged to stay home for 3 weeks

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois residents are being urged to stay at home as much as possible for at least the next three weeks as the second wave of COVID-19 outbreaks continues to sweep across the state.

The latest advisory from the Illinois Department of Public Health does not represent a renewal of the stay-at-home order that was in effect this spring, but Gov. JB Pritzker warned that if current trends continue, stricter mitigation orders could be in store.

“With many community

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—Gov. JB Pritzker

leaders choosing not to listen to the doctors, we are left with not many tools left in our toolbox to fight this,” Pritzker said during his daily COVID-19 briefing in Chicago. “The numbers don’t lie. If things don’t take a turn in the coming days, we will quickly reach the point when some form of a mandatory stay-at-home order is all that will be left.”

The latest guidelines urge all Illinois residents to stay at home as much as possible, leaving home only for work or school if they are not working or learning remotely, grocery shopping, visiting a doctor or getting a COVID-19 test.

He also said the state is increasing its testing capacity

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MHS gives plans for 2nd semester

By BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

MENDOTA – Mendota High School students will continue with in-person classes for the second semester. Board members unanimously approved the plan during their Nov. 16 board of education meeting.

Superintendent Jeff Prusator acknowledged that the past two to three weeks have been difficult due to absences but overall, the first semester has gone well. “We feel good up to this point with how we are doing,” he said. “We just have to take each day as it comes.”

Statistically, Prusator said 87 of MHS’s 423 in-person students were absent on Nov. 16, but not all of those students are sick or showing symptoms. Eleven of the

31 students who are quarantined are not sick but they are from the same household as a student who is sick, and 14 of the 33 students absent because of symptoms do not have symptoms themselves but are from a household with someone showing symptoms, which requires staying home 10 days or getting a negative COVID test.

Meanwhile, there are only two staff members currently quarantined so staffing has not become an issue. Prusator said there has been no spread of the virus at school. Contact tracing has shown that students generally have gotten it at work or from family members. “We’re hanging in but it’s been rough,” he added.

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Honoring our Veterans

Members of the Mendota VFW Post #4079 Veterans Memorial Squad and Mendota American Legion Post #540 give the Presentation of Colors during the Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 at Veterans Park in Mendota. The purpose of the program is to honor and remember all Veterans, both alive and deceased, for their commitment and contribution to our present way of life, and the benefits of liberty and freedom on both domestic and foreign soil. (Reporter photo)

Illinois driver services facilities closed until Dec. 7 due to worsening COVID-19 pandemic

◆Driver's licenses & ID card expirations extended until June 1, 2021

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that driver services facilities statewide are closed to the public for in person transactions as of Nov. 17 due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic. Facilities are scheduled to reopen on Monday, Dec. 7. White is encouraging the public to take advantage of online services.

In addition, expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards will be extended until June 1, 2021. This extension includes those who have February, March, April and May 2021 expiration dates. As a result, expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until June 1, 2021. CDL (Commercial Driver License) holders and commercial permit holders are excluded from this extension due to federal requirements.

"The health and safety of employees and the public remains paramount and face-to-face transactions potentially increase the further spread of the virus," said White. We have extended

expiration dates and I am encouraging customers to consider using online services which are available for many office transactions."

Transactions that may be conducted online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com include:

- Renewing a license plate sticker;
- Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers;
- Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have free, non-expiring IDs);
- Obtaining a driver record abstract;
- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports

• Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact adminhearings@ilsos.gov.

Those who are eligible for online driver's license renewal will receive a letter from the Secretary of State's office with a PIN necessary for online renewal. Those whose driver's licenses

or ID cards expired between Feb. 1, 2020 and Jan. 31, 2021, who qualify for online renewal should receive their PIN letter in December 2020 or January 2021. Those whose driver's licenses or ID cards expire after Feb. 1, 2021, will receive their PIN letter approximately 90 days before their expiration date.

White noted that 19 CDL (Commercial Driver License) facilities will remain open for CDL written and road exams. CDL driving tests are by appointment only by calling (217) 785-3013.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been the only government agency open statewide offering in-person transactions," said White. "We have remained committed to serving the public. Protecting the health and safety of our residents is my top priority, and this is the guiding principle of our decision-making."

All other Secretary of State departments are open to serve the public. Check www.cyberdriveillinois.com for more information.

LaSalle Co. real estate tax sale rescheduled

OTTAWA – Due to the Illinois Department of Public Health mitigations regarding the rising COVID-19 infections in LaSalle County, LaSalle County Treasurer James L. Spelich said his office has decided to postpone its delinquent tax sale until further notice. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Because of this postponement, the Treasurer's office will continue to accept payments for tax bills until the tax sale has been rescheduled.

The office will only accept certified funds: cashier's check, money order or cash. Payments will also be ac-

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Virtual program shows how to make a holiday centerpiece

LA SALLE - Learn how to make a beautiful holiday centerpiece when the LaSalle Public Library virtually hosts University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteer Natalie Martin on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Martin will demonstrate how to make a centerpiece using items found around your house. The program will begin at 6 p.m.

During the session, Martin will walk attendees through the creative process using items such as pine cones, fabric, winter evergreens (fake or real), holiday ornaments, and children's crafts to turn them into a fun, DIY creation. At the end of the program, she will answer audience questions via live chat.

This program is free and open to the public. Interested individuals should e-mail Rachael Blomquist at the LaSalle Public Library, rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us to register and receive the program link and viewing instructions.

You may also contact Meg E. Overocker, University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator, at meo@illinois.edu if you have questions, or call the LaSalle County Extension Office at (815) 433-0707.



Beautification Award

Shelby Weide, center, president/CEO of Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, presents the 2020 Beautification Award to Joe and Ana Arteaga of El Zarape Mexican & American Restaurant. The award was presented in-person at the restaurant because of the cancellation of the Chamber Dinner due to the pandemic. (Photo contributed)

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Subscription drive benefits M.A.S.S.
Jennifer Griffith, right, circulation manager at The Mendota Reporter, presents Mendota Area Senior Services director Rayanne Sester with a donation to the senior services program. The donation is a result of funds that were raised for M.A.S.S. during The Mendota Reporter's recent subscription drive. All donations made by subscribers were matched by The Mendota Reporter. (Reporter photo)

Local curbside drop-off site for Operation Christmas Child opens in Mendota

MENDOTA - Mendota will be among more than 4,000 locations offering curbside drop-off for this year's Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 16-23. Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys to children worldwide for over two decades. Everyone can continue being a part of this project even with COVID-19 restrictions. There is still time for individuals, families, and groups to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tan-

gible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the 'How to Pack a Shoebox' at <https://samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

"In the midst of the pandemic, the needs are greater than ever before," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope. A simple shoebox gift opens the door to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

• Mendota drop off

Locally, shoeboxes may be dropped off at Victory Baptist Church, 505 W. 7th Ave., Mendota during the following times:

Sublette approves purchase of sanitizing equipment

By TONJA GREENFIELD

Staff writer

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette will purchase a new automatic hand sanitizer machine and a sprayer that can sanitize rooms, tables and chairs after being in use. Approval for the equipment was given during the Village Board's regular meeting on Nov. 9. All board members were present except trustee Jeff Myers.

Trustee Julie Kessel got a quote from Dixon Paint for the sprayer. She told the board the cost is \$620 and includes the sprayer and a five-gallon bucket of sanitizer.

Kessel also found automatic hand sanitizer machines at Staples, noting that there were two still available in store.

Acting Village Board President John Stenzel suggested the village purchase one automatic hand sanitizer and see if they like it, adding he didn't think the village needed two at this point. It was also noted that the automatic hand sanitizers are moveable. The board approved purchasing one automatic hand sanitizer and one gallon of sanitizer.

Dispose of Village Property

Earlier in the meeting, Stenzel read the minutes from the village property, EDC and Park committee meeting. He reported that during the committee meeting, Chris Klein from Leffelman and Associates expressed interest in the village property located at 109 W. Main St. The issue of disposing of the village property at 109 W. Main St. was on the agenda for the Nov. 9 meeting.

Village of Sublette Trustee Scott Hanson said given there is an interested local business, he thought the village should proceed with the disposal of the property. Stenzel agreed, adding that the village is not in the business of owning property. The board approved a motion to dispose of village excess property.

The next step was hiring a realtor. Kessel made a motion to hire Lori Erbes from Erbes Realty, LLC as the village's realtor for selling 109 W. Main St. The board approved the motion to hire Erbes, and will be holding a committee meeting to discuss price for the property.

Petitions Available

Sublette Village Clerk MacKenzie

Belan has prepared packets for those wishing to run for elected office in 2021. Those open positions include three village trustee positions, village clerk, and village president. Election packets must be turned back into the village clerk by Dec. 21. The village will also be looking to appoint a new village treasurer as current treasurer Theresa Wilson will be retiring. The village trustees whose seats are up at the 2021 election include Kessel, Brian Wilson and Robert Bulfer.

In other board news:

- The board agreed to continue to not take rental agreements for 2021 as of this point.

- The board approved the 2020-21 levy at \$15,363. In October, the board approved to post the levy.

- The village will light a Christmas tree for the holiday season in downtown Sublette, and local businesses are invited to decorate and put up a Christmas tree like previous years.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, at the Ellice Dinges Center.



Thursday, Nov. 19: 5:30-8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20: 1-4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m.-noon

Sunday, Nov. 22: 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23: 9-11 a.m.

• Build a Shoebox Online

Another option is to Build a Shoebox Online. With just a few clicks, an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift can be packed online for a boy or girl in need around the world. Simply select toys and other fun items to include from an array of choices

offered, and personalize your gift with your own letter and photo. The gift will be packed for you and sent on its way for a suggested donation of \$25.

Christmas Child is making adjustments during its National Collection Week. Visit the organization's 'Important COVID-19 Updates' webpage for the latest information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 178 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories. The program is a project of Samaritan's Purse and together with the local church worldwide, seeks to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

CARL'S QUIZ

The Eiffel Tower was originally intended for what city?

The answer to last week's quiz is: On Nov. 10, 1903, Mary Anderson received a patent for her "window cleaning device for electric cars and other vehicles to remove snow, ice or sleet from the window" - now known as windshield wipers. Anderson tried to sell the idea but was told the device had no practical value and was not worth any money. A decade later, mechanical windshield wipers became standard equipment in cars but Anderson never profited from the invention because her patent expired before she found anyone willing to use her idea.

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at www.mendotareporter.com

Tax

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cepted at the drop box on the east side of the County complex on Etna Road. You are asked to not leave cash in the drop box.

Please note that the interest changes on the 16th of each month for the first installment and again after the fifth of each month for the second installment.

If you are unsure of your updated delinquent amount, call the Treasurer's office at (815) 434-8219.

Virtual Farm Economics Summit scheduled

OGLESBY - The 2020 Virtual Illinois Farm Economics Summit (IFES), organized by University of Illinois Extension and the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, will be held in December. Due to COVID-19, the event will be virtual.

IFES is specifically designed for farm operators,

lenders, land owners, and other agribusiness professionals. The summit will consist of five webinars, each covering an individual topic and take place on Dec. 1, 4, 8, 11 and 15. Each webinar will run from 11 a.m. to noon and will include 30 minutes of presentation and 30 minutes of Q&A.

Topics include:

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - 2021 Market Outlook for Corn and Soybeans

Friday, Dec. 4 - 2020 and 2021 Grain Farm Income Outlook with Risk and Rental Implications

Tuesday, Dec. 8 - Farm Program and Crop Insurance Decisions for 2021

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Mendota Weather

Nov. 18, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Sunny
High: 51 Low: 42

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 63 Low: 44

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 60 Low: 46

Saturday
Scattered Rain
High: 57 Low: 42

Sunday
Scattered Rain
High: 51 Low: 37

Monday
Sunny
High: 46 Low: 30

Tuesday
Sunny
High: 50 Low: 36

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 51°, humidity of 47%. South southeast wind 6 to 18 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 72° set in 2016. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 42°. South wind 18 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 35°. The record low for Wednesday night is 6° set in 2014.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	76R	62	50/31	0.00"
Tuesday	75R	39	49/31	0.27"
Wednesday	46	34	49/30	0.00"
Thursday	53	35	48/30	0.00"
Friday	38	27	47/29	0.00"
Saturday	53	31	47/29	0.26"
Sunday	42	35	46/28	0.03"

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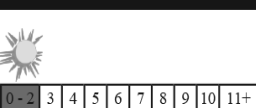
City	Wednesday	Thursday
Aurora	50/41 s	53/45 pc
Champaign	51/42 s	54/48 pc
Chicago	50/43 s	55/48 pc
Freeport	49/42 s	54/40 mc
Joliet	51/42 s	56/46 pc
Moline	55/47 s	59/45 pc
Peoria	54/47 s	58/49 pc
Rockford	51/42 s	55/42 mc
Springfield	55/47 s	58/49 s

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:49 a.m.	4:33 p.m.	10:44 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Thursday	6:50 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	11:37 a.m.	8:56 p.m.
Friday	6:51 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	12:19 p.m.	10:03 p.m.
Saturday	6:53 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	12:54 p.m.	11:08 p.m.
Sunday	6:54 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	1:22 p.m.	Next Day
Monday	6:55 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	1:47 p.m.	12:11 a.m.
Tuesday	6:56 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	1:12 a.m.

Local UV Index



UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 59 in Quincy, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 79 in Key West, Fla. The central United States will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 83 in Roma, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers, highest temperature of 65 in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 90 in Tucson, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

The National Weather Service is under what federal department?

Answer: The Department of Commerce.

Weather History

Nov. 18, 1957 - A tornado, 100 yards in width, traveled a nearly "straight as an arrow" 27-mile path from near Rosa, Ala. to near Albertville, Ala., killing three people. A home in the Susan Moore community in Blount County was picked up and dropped 500 feet away.

Nov. 19, 1921 - The Columbia Gorge ice storm finally came to an end. In Oregon, 54 inches of snow, sleet and glaze blocked the Columbia River Highway. Apart from traffic on the river itself, all transportation between Walla Walla, Wash. and Portland, Ore. came to a halt.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Timothy L. Pakenham

MENDOTA - Timothy L. "Tim" Pakenham, 64, of Mendota passed away Nov. 12, 2020 at St. Margaret's Hospital, Spring Valley.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17 at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Susan Presley officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

Tim was born Jan. 24, 1956 in Mendota to Daniel and Lillian (Krizel) Pakenham.

Survivors include two daughters, Kelly (Evan) Donahue of Cape Canaveral, Fla. and Lyndsey (Jose) DeLao of Mendota; three grandchildren, Kya, Aliya and Kannon DeLao, all of Mendota; and two brothers, John (Bonnie) Pakenham of Mendota and Edward "Punk" Pakenham of Triumph.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Danny and Joe; and his beloved dog, Charity.

Tim grew up on the family farm in Triumph. After attending Mendota High School, he began working for the LaSalle County Sheriff's Department in Ottawa. He was a deputy from 1978 until his retirement in 2007. After his retirement, he worked at Precision Auto Wash in Mendota where he thoroughly enjoyed staying busy and interacting with old and new friends. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle in his spare time.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Shirley A. Klein

CHERRY - Shirley Ann Klein, 89, a resident of Spring Valley Living Center, formerly of Cherry, passed away Nov. 9, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

A Mass of celebration was held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 12 at Holy Trinity Church with visitation from 9 to 11 a.m. and burial at the Miner's Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers were her grandchildren. Dysart-Cofoid Funeral Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

Shirley was born June 18, 1931 to Richard and Anna Gillan. She married Harold Robert Klein on Nov. 26, 1953 at Holy Trinity Church in Cherry after dating for five years.

Survivors include by her husband of nearly 67 years; one son, Mike (Lynn) Klein of Cherry; four daughters, Lori (Jack) Dippel of McNabb, Julie (Frank) Niewinski of Mark, Colleen (Ted) Kuziela of Naperville and Tracy (Jim) Gallagher of Bloomington; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Renee (Bud) McAllister; one son, Marty Klein; and 11 siblings.

Shirley attended Cherry High School and graduated from LaMoille High School in 1949. Prior to becoming a homemaker, she worked at Westclox in Peru. She was an avid cook and baker who enjoyed spoiling her family with her delicious breads, cinnamon rolls and pies. Although she raised seven children, her door was always open to help care for and spoil the many grandkids and grandpuppies to come. She was a member of Holy Trinity Church and their Ladies Auxiliary. A life long resident of Cherry, she and Harold called Spring Valley Living Center home the last four years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Servants of the Pierced Heart of Jesus & Mary (religious order of her granddaughter) or IVAR for her love of furry friends.

Online condolences may be left for her family at www.defunerals.com.



Steven W. Weidner

EARLVILLE - Steven W. Weidner, 54, of Earlville passed away Nov. 15, 2020 at Aperion Care in Marseilles.

Due to concern about COVID-19, there will be no visitation. A family graveside service will be held at Precinct Cemetery, rural Earlville with Pastor Denise Rode officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home in Earlville.

Steven was born May 29, 1966 in Mendota to John and Nancy (Davis) Weidner.

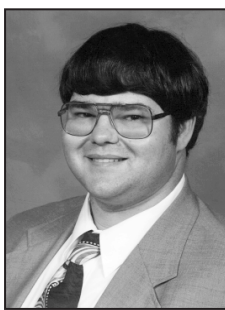
Survivors include his parents of Earlville and two brothers, David Weidner of Earlville and Rodney (Kaly) Weidner of Belvidere.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lester and Alta Weidner and Delos and Helen Davis.

Steven graduated from Earlville High School with the class of 1984. He attended IVCC for two years and received his Associate degree in agriculture mechanics. He was employed at the Earlville Community School. Steven was stricken with an illness, which took his life down a different path. He was a very kind person and will be missed.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Earlville or to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

For more information or to sign the online guest book go to www.eighnerfuneralhomes.com.



Betty L. Shaw

MENDOTA - Betty L. Shaw, 87, of Mendota passed away Oct. 25, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. Private graveside services will follow at Restland Cemetery. Due to COVID-19, masks are required and social distancing practiced. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Betty was born Nov. 24, 1932 in LaSalle to Andrew and Ethyl Mae (Moody) Frey. She married Billy M. "Arkie" Shaw at the First Baptist Church, Mendota on Sept. 24, 1953. He preceded her in death on July 24, 1988.

Survivors include one daughter, Dessa (Keith) Collings of Mendota; six grandchildren, Justin Collings, Meghan Caley, Chelsea Maunu, Adam Hamilton and Jacob Hamilton; two step grandchildren, Ian Hamilton and Valerie Humphrey; and six great-grandchildren, Mason, Madison, Toby, Madalynn, Layne and Freya.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Linda Hamilton on March 17, 2012; one son, Edward J. Shaw on Jan. 3, 2020; one brother, Andrew "Brick" Frey; and one brother, Edward R. Frey in infancy.

During her work career, Betty was employed at HCC, Inc. as a coating remover - or as she said, "They called me the stripper." She was involved in the American Legion Auxiliary, serving as vice president and sergeant-at-arms, and was a Junior Auxiliary Leader for the American Legion for eight years. She was involved in Campfire Girls, Cub Scouts, her Local U.A.W., the Women of the Moose, and the First United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be directed to donor's choice. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Angelo L. Martinez

SUBLETTE - Angelo L. Martinez, 69, of Woodhaven Lakes Sublette died Nov. 6, 2020 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A private family prayer service will follow. Arrangements are being handled by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

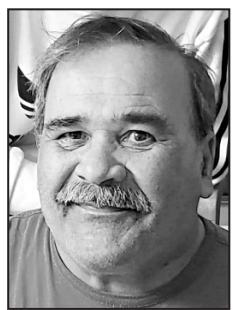
Angelo was born Sept. 27, 1951 in New York City to Angelo and Otelia (Rodriguez) Martinez. He married Joanne Sowa on Feb. 10, 1973 in Chicago.

Survivors include by his wife; four children, Anthony Martinez of Mendota, Kevin (Helen) Martinez of Mendota, Matthew Martinez of Sterling and Krystin Martinez of Sublette; five grandchildren, Brianna, Gabriel, Riley, Cassandra and Kyle; two brothers, Rafael Martinez of Franklin Park and David (Julie) Martinez of Huntley; and one sister, Yvette Martinez of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Angelo worked for K&R Express in Hinsdale for 22 years and then at USF Holland for three years prior to his retirement. He was a member of Teamsters Local 710.

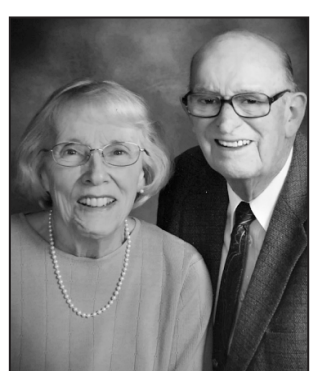
Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.



Betty & Jim Jamison

MENDOTA - A combined memorial service for Betty and Jim Jamison will be held virtually at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28. The service may be viewed live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpcmendota or at a later time of your choosing.

Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Mendota.



Richard A. Chapman

MENDOTA - Richard Allan Chapman, 88, of Mendota passed away Nov. 13, 2020 at St. Margaret's Hospital, Spring Valley from complications from COVID-19.

A private service will be held for the family. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting with arrangements.

Richard was born March 31, 1932 in Frederick, Ill. to Maurice and Julia (Smedley) Chapman. He married Donna Park on April 7, 1979 in Mendota.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; three children, Patricia Pickett of Springfield, Richard (Lori) Chapman of Tallula and Norman (Tracy) Chapman of Springfield; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, John Allan Chapman.

Richard worked as a truck driver.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Farm

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Friday, Dec. 11 - Straining the Alphabet Soup: Post-election farm policy outlook after three years of

ad hoc farm payments

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC offering day ESL classes

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Adult Education program will offer day-time English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to accommodate students not able to attend class in the evening at Ottawa Center, 321 W. Main St., in spring.

The program received additional funding of \$14,500 under the CURES Act to purchase technology to support remote learning.



For the second year, and in conjunction with IVCC's Career and Technical Education program, they also received an Integrated Education and Training (IET) grant for \$20,000 to help adult students obtain their High School Equivalency (HSE), transition to certificate programs and earn stackable credentials in healthcare and manufacturing.

Adult Education director Sara Escatel said, "The additional funding will really benefit our ESL and HSE students, especially those unable to attend classes face-to-face."

For information, contact Escatel at (815) 224-0355.

Gold Star

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Before coming to Mendota 15 years ago, she was an Elder Abuse Supervisor for DeKalb County. "I love my seniors – I'm an old soul. I don't think I would do so well working with kindergartners," she laughed.

Her first job in Mendota was at Stonecroft, where she worked for 11 years. She then worked at Heritage Health for two years, before going back to Stonecroft this past July. For Bogle, the best part of her job is meeting the residents and their families. "They all have great stories.

I love to listen to them," she added.

Throughout her years in Mendota, Bogle has also served on the MASS board. "That organization is near and dear to my heart – I love that group. It is a wonderful service," she said.

While working with seniors during the pandemic, Bogle said she and the other staff have had to be more creative, flexible and empathetic. "It has been very difficult especially for the frontline workers," she noted. "Without the team we have here, this wouldn't get done – they are amazing and

so was the staff at Heritage. If you have good people around you, you can do anything."

Usually not at a loss for words, on the day Bogle was presented with the award she did not recall saying much except thank you.

"I was actually very humbled by this because it's not me alone – this is a team and this award goes to everybody here," she emphasized. "Our director, Laura Glazebrook, is fantastic and a pleasure to work for. I also love the Mendota community. It's a pleasure to be here and if there's anything we can do for the community, we try to do it."

Home

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at the most-visited testing sites in the state – Aurora, Arlington Heights and Harwood Heights. A full list of available testing sites statewide can be found at the Illinois Department of Public Health's website, <http://dph.illinois.gov/testing>.

"With the rising prevalence of this virus, attending even the smallest gathering that mixes households or traveling to surrounding areas, that increases the risk of further spread of this virus," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said during the briefing. "Again, our goal is to reduce transmission. It's always been our goal, but especially as we head into the holidays so that businesses, so that schools, so that our veterans' homes can be safe."

Ezike also spoke of recent outbreaks that have occurred at a number of state-run veterans' homes, including one in LaSalle, where more than 150 cases of COVID-19 and nine virus-related have been confirmed among residents and staff.

As the number of infections and hospitalizations have been rising in recent weeks, new unemployment claims continued pouring in

to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

During the week that ended Nov. 7, IDES reported, 67,158 workers filed first-time unemployment claims, down roughly 9 percent from the previous week, but still more than six times the number who filed such claims during the same week a year ago.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 338,899 Illinois workers were receiving continuing unemployment benefits during the week, down about 1 percent from the previous week.

In addition, another 9,726 people filed initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, a federally-funded program for gig workers, independent contractors and others who don't normally qualify for traditional unemployment insurance.

During his briefing, however, Pritzker noted that the PUA system has been plagued by fraud nationwide, and he blamed federal officials for failing to enact adequate controls to prevent fraud when Congress established the program earlier this year.

Meanwhile, Pritzker also used some of the strongest language yet in talking about local elected officials who

have so far refused to enforce the state's mitigation orders aimed at controlling the spread of the virus.

"To the elected officials who have chosen to disregard public health guidance, those who have stood up at press conferences to question the data and fuel conspiracy theories, those who have taken their absurd crusade to the courts and lost nearly every single time, those who have flat-out told the businesses in their communities to ignore what their local and state public health departments and experts, some of the best in the nation, are telling them, what is it going to take to get you to be part of the solution?" Pritzker said.

"There may be a vaccine on the way in just a few months, but a lot of lives can be saved before that happens," he added. "And when this is over, there will be an accounting by your constituents of who worked to keep the public safe and who just ignored the science."

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MHS

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Although second semester will continue the same for in-person students, remote learning has been a challenge and some changes are planned for those students. Principal Denise Aughenbaugh said more emphasis will be placed on participation and bi-weekly progress reports will be sent to parents.

Despite the high school trying to make attendance calls and doing home visits, Aughenbaugh said remote learning is not a great success and she is worried about students having to make up credits. "The students who did well in school are doing well with remote and students who did poorly in school are doing poorly, so that's the same," she said. "I'm worried about students who were in the middle. Some kids need to be in school. They need that direct engagement and encouragement from teachers. Not everyone can handle remote learning."

Prusator pointed out that the positivity rate at MHS is only 1 percent. "If the state was at that level, everything would be open. If it increases in our building, we will have to re-examine our plan," he said.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2020 Mendota School Report Card

Although many reporting requirements for the 2019-20 Illinois Report Card were waived due to the COVID-19 pandemic, graduation rates were still provided. The four-year graduation rate at MHS was 89.6 percent, which is above the state average of 88 percent. Aughenbaugh said the state allowed some graduation requirement adjustments during the school closure, and it was rewarding to see that MHS could graduate more students on time.

The five-year graduation rate at MHS was 89.2 percent, also above the state average of 88.4 percent.

Academic Awards

The 61st Annual Academic Honors Breakfast, scheduled for March 18, could not be held due to statewide mandatory school closure. MHS had hoped to hold an in-person event at a later date but that has not been possible. In its place, socially-distanced presenta-

tions are being held this week to honor the Semester 1, 3, and 5 Honor Roll recipients. The awards presentations will be videoed for parents and families to view.

"We are very proud of our students' achievements, and we hope the Virtual 61st Annual Academic Honors Presentation will be shared with family and friends," Aughenbaugh said.

Parent-Student Teacher Conferences

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, virtual parent-teacher student conferences will be held this year on Nov. 23-24. Thanksgiving break will be Nov. 25-27.

Parents will sign up for individual conferences in 10 minute increments on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents may also request a phone conference call.

Commendations

Aughenbaugh thanked the Mendota FFA for preparing and serving FFA pork chop burgers for the entire school on Nov. 10. "What a great morale booster and service to our school," she said. "Thank you Mr. Meyer and all of the FFA members."

Aughenbaugh also

thanked Mr. Artman and Mrs. Baker for preparing a Veterans Day video to share with the student body.

PERSONNEL

The board approved Tyler Schmitt as the boys' bowling coach and Kassidi Guerrero as the girls' bowling coach. Aughenbaugh noted that last spring the Athletic Committee requested that the bowling coach position and stipend be split into two. She also noted that the bowling alleys have various restriction numbers on participation, so the coaches and Mr. Hanson will determine the safest way for students to compete.

OTHER BUSINESS

• The board approved the health insurance renewal for Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021. Prusator noted that the initial renewal had an increase of 8.34 percent but the school's insurance brokers were able to negotiate and reduce it to a 2.94 percent increase. "We are thrilled with that," he said.

• Colonel Eiten was hired for snow removal.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held at the high school on Monday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.



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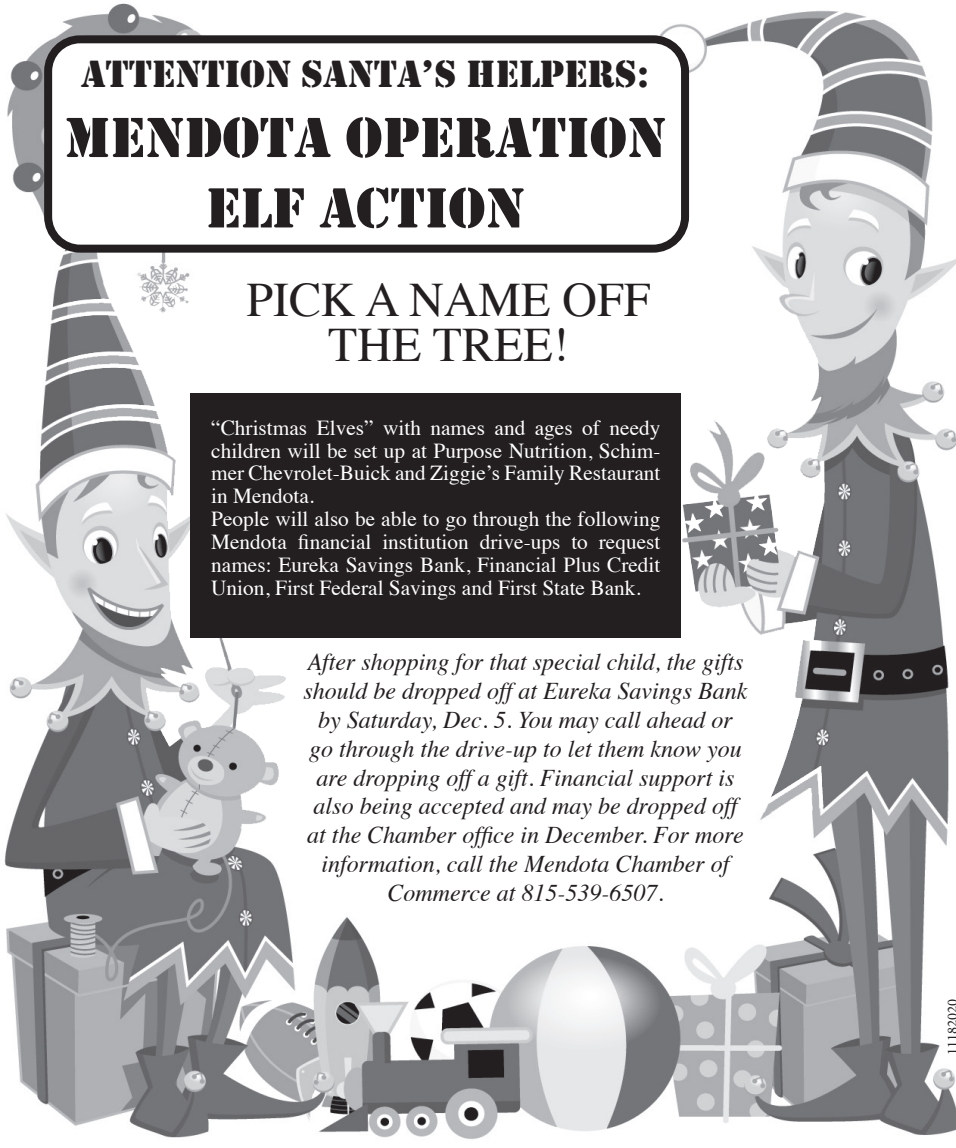
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After shopping for that special child, the gifts should be dropped off at Eureka Savings Bank by Saturday, Dec. 5. You may call ahead or go through the drive-up to let them know you are dropping off a gift. Financial Plus is also being accepted and may be dropped off at the Chamber office in December. For more information, call the Mendota Chamber of Commerce at 815-539-6507.



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Dedicating the new fire station – 1982

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Nov. 20, 2002)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 20 years ago, on Nov. 14, 1982, that 501 signed the guest book at the dedication of Mendota's new fire station on Main Street. Flying outside was a flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol on Sept. 21, 1982. It was donated by U.S. Representative Tom Corcoran of Ottawa. It was presented by a Corcoran aide. Inside the building was a flag too large to be flown from a pole. It was donated by Thelma Pottinger, grandmother of triplets born to the David Bends, a short time before. Landscaping had been donated by 11th Street Nursery and fire extinguishers by Marty Spitz, Triple Service and Phalen Steel.

Dignitaries present were Mayor Ken Roling and Alderman Don Jones, who have brief talks at the 1 p.m. dedication ceremony. Other aldermen present were Charles Schnuckel, Rod Campbell, Paul Norris, Russell Miller, James Strouss and Martin Masear. Fire Chief Jim Johnson expressed the sentiment of all

He said he was 'awful proud.'

On dedication day, the Civil Defense basement was open and would be finished in the near future.

A bid of \$3,310 for the old fire station, from Tom Kindler, was presented to the city council and taken under consideration.

A fall concert was presented by the music department at MHS on Nov. 18, 1982. The orchestra was conducted by Hugh Richardson and Robert S. Baile. The program featured American Folk, Mexican Dance and themes from popular movies. Guest conductors were Amy Heckert and Jackie Kellen.

A \$22,788 grant made possible for Head Start classes to begin in Mendota. The first classes were held in the First Baptist Church, with 16 4-year-olds. Lunches were supplied by the grade school. Areas to be addressed were language, cognitive skills, art, block building and dramatic play. Parents interested in enrolling their children were instructed to inquire at the office of the Tri-County Opportunities Council/Head Start at 618-7841, or Tri-County

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Head Start/Outreach worker, Mrs. Leatrice Hitchins in Mendota, 539-6181.

Do not inquire at church.

Arrangements for setting up the program had been negotiated by Randy Moore.

DAR and SAR Good Citizenship Awards were presented to MHS students Bev Burke (DAR) and H. Todd Phalen (SAR).

The city council, after making a complaint, was assured that railroad ties scattered around the Milwaukee depot would be removed by Nov. 19. The Sportsman's Club was given permission to install a second aerator, provided the work did not cost more than \$80. The Sportsmen were planning to restock Lake Mendota. At Lake Kakusha, the plan was to drain the lake to a low level so green sunfish would die out without being poisoned.

In city matters, the council voted to hire a part-time police officer at \$5 per hour. It was made clear that he would not work regular hours and might not work at all.

Only when needed.

Because of their excellent performance during the 1982 season, Mayor Ken Roling declared Nov. 19, 1982 as Spikers' Day.

The Optimist Club reported completion of the ice skating rink at Blackstone Park, on the east side.

Junior Woman's Club sponsored "Breakfast With Santa" at the home of Jan Casteel on Nov. 8 from 9-11:30 a.m. "Babes in Toyland" was the theme.

Ruth Dunlap showed slides of her June trip to Kenya during the Nov. 15, 1982 meeting of Kiwanis, at LeBistro. She said the population of Kenya was largely English-speaking since it was a

former British colony. She was thankful June was not the "rainy season" in Kenya.

The Trojan Tattler staff managed to raise funding to attend the National School Press Association conference in Chicago. The students were able to talk to representatives of major journalism schools. Headed by Jerilyn Dickey, the Tattler sponsor, they boarded and bus and spent Friday and the weekend at the conference. To finance the trip, they sold candy bars, received help from the Steve Warren Memorial Fund and Mendota Rotary. The school board provided bus fare. One of the features for the journalism students was an opportunity to compete in write-offs on feature writing, news writing and sports writing.

Judging was by journalism school professors.

Mendota police stopped a Colorado driver when he crossed the centerline several times near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Washington Street. It was found that a Bible on the front seat had been hollowed out and contained a derringer. There was ammunition in a separate container. They also found a bag of marijuana.

Four Mendota passengers in the car were not charged.

After a new bus garage was built for the high school, the fate of the old garage building became the subject of extensive deliberation. The final decision seemed to satisfy most. The board would sell and remove the bus garage, then sell the lot on which it was located.

The 1982 Christmas Walk, on Nov. 21 from noon to 4 p.m., was enjoyed by hundreds on an unexpectedly spring-like afternoon. Most stores offered samples of food treats from around the world. Santa arrived on the Mendota fire engine, in the absence of snow for his sleigh. Treats for the children were dispensed at The Mendota Reporter office. Santa heard many gift requests, including some for the popular Rubik's Cube.

He listened, but made no promises.

The wave of the blue trickle

By Rich Lowry

Ordinarily, it's not possible for a party to win the presidency and have a bad election night, but the Democrats managed it.

Pending the outcome of two Senate runoffs in Georgia, Joe Biden looks set to become a caretaker president who won't be signing any legislation that doesn't pass muster in Mitch McConnell's Senate first.

He isn't riding into the White House on the strength of a Blue Wave, as was so often predicted, but a Blue Trickle that saw Democrats fail to win control of the Senate (they need to win both Georgia seats in January to get to a 50-50 tie), suffer shocking setbacks in the House, and lose ground in state legislative races after investing heavily in them.

Biden clearly owes his victory (which President Donald Trump, of course, is still contesting) in large part to Trump's personal unpopularity. In races where the president wasn't on the ballot, in contrast, the weakness of the Democratic Party stood exposed and it paid the price.

If the former vice president succeeded in making the presidential race a referendum on Trump, Republicans succeeded in making House races, in effect, a referendum on Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the woke socialism that animates Democratic activists and draws so much attention. (Nancy Pelosi posed for a cover of Rolling Stone with members of the Squad, and Ocasio-Cortez is on the cover of the latest issue of Vanity Fair.)

Bolstered by the media, Democrats were so certain they were riding the tide of history to inevitable pickups in the House that they didn't pause to take note of the unpopularity of their agenda and the left of their party.

Republicans took the socialist label and hung it around the neck of Democrats. It was especially devastating in South

Florida, where voters from Cuba, Venezuela and Colombia came to the United States to flee socialism. Republicans knocked out incumbent Democratic Reps. Donna Shalala and Debbie Mucarsel-Powell in heavily Hispanic districts.

In New York, Republicans used the most idiotic slogan of our times, "defund the police," and the state's law curtail cash bail to pummel Democrats on law and order, and likely defeat two House incumbents. The GOP wielded the Democrats' anti-fossil fuel agenda in the Southwest and Biden's tax increase in California to defend their seats and make pickups across the map.

When all is said and done, Nancy Pelosi's House majority may be the smallest in 20 years, and it will certainly be highly vulnerable in 2022.

It is usually the losing side that is beset by a bitter civil war after an election. Make no mistake, there is plenty of that to come in the Republican Party. But despite winning the White House, the Democrats will be riven by recriminations and fights over the path ahead.

It is always a danger for a political party to believe its own PR. That's a risk especially hard for Democrats to avoid when practically every instrument of the culture celebrates left-wing causes and works to create the sense that their triumph is inexorable.

This year, Democrats thought they were marching from strength to strength, when they were really on thin ice with an electorate that was prepared to reject Trump, but not to empower a party that has elevated socialists and outlandish ideas from defunding the police to the Green New Deal.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

LOCAL AND AREA

Obituary

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Laurine Harms

ELCHO, Wis. — Laurine (Amfahr) Harms, 92, of Elcho, Wis., formerly of Mendota, died Nov. 12, 2020 at home with her family.

A private graveside service will be held at the Elcho Cemetery.

Laurine was born May 26, 1928 to Laurence and Josephine (Sondgeroth) Amfahr. She married Dean Harms on Sept. 13, 1952. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol (Ken) Brooks of Post Lake, Wis.; three grandchildren, Steven Brooks (Nichole) of Hartland, Wis., Laura (Ed Christensen) Brooks of Milwaukee, Wis. and Ryan (Claire) Brooks of Wausau, Wis.; two great-grandchildren, Lily and Collin Brooks of Hartland, Wis.; a son-in-law, Ron (Nancy) Heuert of St. Charles; four sisters, Verona Whitmore, Carol Fischer, Doris Mellott and Roberta Lauer, all of Mendota; and a brother, Henry Amfahr of Merced, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Nancy; and her parents.

Laurine grew up on the family dairy farm, the oldest of six children. She graduated from Mendota High School in 1946 and St. Charles Hospital School of Nursing in Aurora in 1949. She met her husband after graduating from nursing school and they married in 1952. She left hospital nursing and moved with Dean to Elburn, where they worked to grow a small family business into Harms Chevrolet, a dealership known throughout the Fox Valley for almost 50 years. In addition to raising their two daughters, Laurine became the dealership's business manager. Their success in business was recognized through numerous awards that included travel around the country and Europe. Her calm and friendly spirit and her abundant generosity made her an exceptional nurse, and she took great satisfaction in caring for others, both as a registered nurse at St. Charles Hospital and in providing at-home nursing for many members of her family. Laurine's interests were many, and with Dean's encouragement, they multiplied. She learned to fish on their honeymoon in northern Wisconsin and over many years of fishing, she caught more than her fair share. She and Dean became water skiers and snowmobilers when both sports were in their early days. After many years of camping along the Rock River in Illinois, they preferred more permanent shelter and bought a log cabin on Upper Post Lake. It became their permanent home and was the core of year-round activities that drew their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and friends to them. They became members of Bass Lake Country Club, where they taught their grandchildren to golf and where with luck and determination, Laurine scored and registered two holes-in-one.

Laurine was known for her exceptional cooking and baking, and even into her 90s, she served plentiful meals to a large family and many friends. Her cookies and cakes were crowd favorites, and she thoroughly enjoyed giving them to others. In addition to food, she could be counted on whenever there was a need, great or small. She and Dean shared their generosity and love of fun with family and friends in many, many ways.



Elks announce Mendota area Teens of the Month for October

OHIO - The Elks recently announced their October Teens of the Month, Meghan Davis and Sean Fitzpatrick.

Meghan, a senior at Ohio High School, is the daughter of Misty Davis. She is currently 2nd in her class, has been on the high honor roll every year of high school and has been in National Honor Society since sophomore year.

Meghan played on the volleyball team and was a co-captain (freshman through junior), played softball (freshman and sophomore) and was All-Conference Academic for volleyball and softball sophomore year.

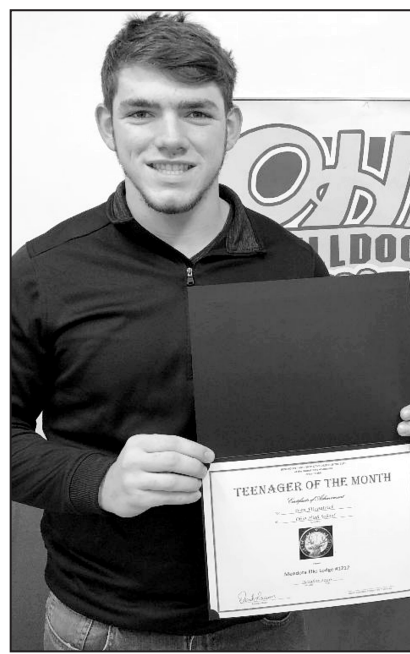
She was class president (freshman), treasurer (sophomore), vice-president (junior) and secretary this year. She is also secretary of Student Council and president of National Honor Society this year.

Meghan participated in the school's Variety Show (freshman through junior), was a crew member for the school play (freshman), participated in band and pep band (freshman), and was in Drama Club (freshman). She has been in Student Council, Science Club and Reading Buddies all four years and was in Renaissance and on the Pop Tab Committee her sophomore through senior years.

She has volunteered with the American Red Cross Blood Drives (freshman through junior), helped with the Student Council's Christmas activities (freshman through senior), volunteered at Ohio's 1st Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Meal and their fish fry (freshman and sophomore), at Christmas for kids her (freshman and sophomore), LYO Christmas Shopping for Kids her (freshman and sophomore), participated in the LYO Christmas caroling (freshman) and in ELCA Youth Gathering (sophomore).

Meghan enjoys hanging out with family and friends and doing things outside. She loves playing volleyball and going to sporting events. She currently works at Beck's and has also done some babysitting throughout high school.

Sean Fitzpatrick, a senior at Ohio



Fitzpatrick

High School, is the son of Rachael and Paul Fitzpatrick. He is currently 1st in his class, has been on the high honor roll all four years and has been in the National Honor Society since junior year. He has also taken two Dual Credit classes and already earned eight college credit hours.

Sean has played football all four years, was on the basketball and track team (freshman through junior), was All-Conference Academic for basketball (sophomore) and for football (junior). He was named Football Mister Defense junior year and was honored as Most Valuable Sprinter in Track sophomore year.

He has been in Science Club, FFA, on the FFA Trap Shoot Team, FFA Soil Judging Team and FFA Live Stock Judging all four years. He has been to the FFA State Convention and in the FFA State Science Fair Competition (freshman and sophomore), attended the HOBY leadership conference (sophomore), on Prom Committee (junior), as a senior was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and has taken



Davis

part in the Variety Show (freshman through junior).

He was class president (sophomore), vice president (senior) and treasurer (freshman and junior). He served as Student Council treasurer (junior) and president (senior), was Section 2 FFH vice president (senior) and is vice president of National Honor Society (senior).

Sean is an altar server at St. Mary's Church (freshman through senior), has helped at Jake's Day (freshman through senior), at the Ohio Booster Club's Fish Fry (freshman and junior), the Ohio Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast as a freshman, the Walnut Rotary Club Breakfast (freshman through junior), and helped the FFA park cars at Geneseo since freshman year. He has been a part of Pheasant Forever and their banquet, has been a member of the National Turkey Foundation and has helped with Bureau County Farm for a Day since freshman year.

Sean enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. He also likes working on vehicles, playing the guitar, and playing and watching sports.

Lee Co. Extension Foundation to hold virtual dessert auction

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AMBOY - The Lee County Extension Foundation is holding their famous dessert auction virtually this year. Jump on this delicious opportunity to have some amazing desserts made for Thanksgiving.

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The freshly made, delicious desserts will include turtles, Thanksgiving sugar cookies, cheese cake, thumb prints, Dutch apple pie, choc-

olate fudge, Carol Vaessen's famous pecan pie, Gale Barnickel's melt-in-your-mouth creamy lemon pie, Mary Katherine's delectable cream puffs, and more.

The auction will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20 and will end at 12 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23. Bids

can be made at facebook.com/4hleecounty. Freshly made desserts must be picked up Nov. 24 or 25.

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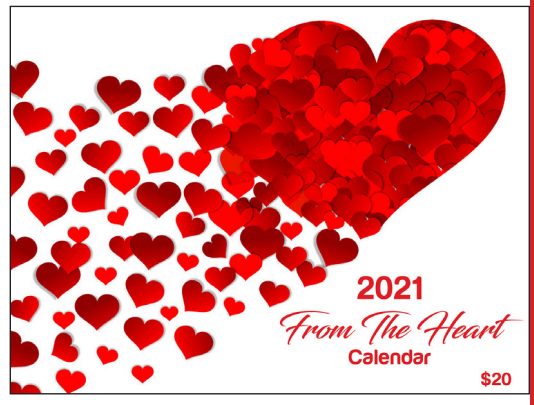
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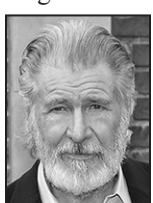
By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- It had to happen: "The Fast and the Furious" is coming to an end.

The ninth "Fast & Furious" film, "F9," will be released May 2021 if all goes as planned, to be followed by "F&F" 10 and 11, which will end the franchise. But "Fast & Furious" fans don't despair, of course there are spin-offs such as "Hobbs & Shaw" that will take up the slack.

In 1967 when I visited Hollywood, the one actor I wanted to shoot pictures of was an unknown actor earning his living as a carpenter. In 1973 he got a big break as the handsome stud riding around in a '55 Chevy in "American Graffiti." Four years later he became a star in a little-known science-fiction film called "Star Wars." Now, at 78, Harrison Ford is still going strong.

He's currently shooting the shipwreck comedy "The



H. Ford

Miserable Adventures of Burt Squire Aboard The Horn High Yo" (bet that title gets changed), with Ed Helms, who is shipwrecked on the Atlantic Ocean with Ford, a charming but unhinged sea captain. Ford's been reveling in playing the grumpy old white-bearded stoic he says he's always been. Can you say "curmudgeon"?

Are you ready for another Peter Pan movie? The twist is that it's told from Wendy's point of view and called "The Lost Girls." Louis Partridge, the 17-year-old teen idol currently seen as Viscount Tewkesbury in Netflix's "Enola Holmes," opposite Millie Bobby Brown and Henry Cavill, plays Peter Pan as he did in 2015's "Pan" opposite Hugh Jackman.

This time he's playing opposite Oscar-winner Vanessa Redgrave and her daughter Joely Richardson, as well as "Game of Thrones" Lain Glen as Captain Hook. Partridge is still attending his same school in Britain and maintains that his mates tease him endlessly about his success.

The 1978 sci-fi series "Battlestar Galactica," which starred Richard Hatch and Lorne Greene, and the 2000 reboot, which starred Edward James Olmos and Mary McDonnell, will live again as a feature film for Universal.

Not long ago we told you about the new streaming service Quibi, which raised \$1.7 billion for its launch in April. Jeffrey Katzenberg thought young people would love 10-15 minute films, serialized, that they could get only on their phones. Well, he was wrong! December 1 is its last day of service. Quibi had 200 employees and amassed a subscriber list of 500,000 phones, but alas, that wasn't enough to keep the service in business. Despite major investors such as Disney, NBCUniversal, Sony, Viacom, AT&T, Warner Media, Lionsgate, MGM, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and Google, they couldn't make it fly. Billion-dollar blockbusters are on big screens like IMAX, not small phone screens ... duh!

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

It's about that time of year when our family is knee-deep in planning holiday visits. Who will host Thanksgiving? This year, the decision is coming down to the wire, and our group has a wide variety of perspectives on travel safety. We love each other, but -- and I suspect this is true in most families -- it certainly doesn't stop us from bickering and backbiting. While issues like this might be a pain in the you-know-what, family is gold. Here are a few films that can help you remember the importance of family bonds.

"Coco" -- My all-time favorite movie about family and suitable for every audience. Miguel Rivera (Anthony Gonzalez) is 12-year-old musician in a family that has outlawed music for generations. On Dia de los Muertos, a twist of fate delivers him to the Land of the Dead, where he must find a family member to bless his return to the land of the living.

Gael García Bernal voices Héctor Rivera, who offers to be Miguel's savvy guide through the back alleys of the vibrant, colorful world if Miguel will put up his photo in the living world -- because even the deceased cannot live forever if there is no one to remember them.

"The Goonies" -- Yes, I said it. While on its face "The Goonies" is a pint-size adventure film, there's a ton of family warmth this Steven Spielberg story. Mikey and Brand have a petty sibling rivalry that's nothing compared with their brotherly protective instincts. The entire gang is on the adventure in the first place in order to save their homes and maintain their family connections. Even the loyalty of the Fratellis is a powerful family bond at work. And let's not forget the final scene, where kids are reunited with loving parents on the beach.

"The Blind Side" -- Sandra Bullock plays a Texas woman who opens

her heart and her home to a homeless youth whose protective instincts are put to fantastic use on the football field. And while she and her children come from a place of privilege and wealth, they take this economically and socially disadvantaged boy in as one of their own to help him thrive -- an admirable goal in any family relationship.

"Wonder" -- Auggie Pullman (Jacob Tremblay) has a cranial abnormality and is about to start fifth grade after having been homeschooled for most of his sheltered life by his parents Isabel (Julia Roberts) and Nate (Owen Wilson). Talk about anxiety! But this isn't just Auggie's story: It's about kids figuring out how to treat their peers (and themselves); a sister struggling to be both supportive and seen; friendships and family; and ultimately, the power of kindness and the many forms of bravery.

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Is Anna Faris coming back to the show "Mom"? I hope she's not off it permanently. I love the dynamic between her and Allison Janney. -- **U.C.**

A: Faris made the sudden announcement in September that she was leaving the hit sitcom "Mom" just before its eighth season began. The fate of her character, Christy, was explained on the season premiere this month. I won't spoil it for anyone who hasn't seen it and plans to, but it's a positive direction for the character. "Mom" airs on Thursdays at 9 p.m. ET on CBS.

Faris' exit was unexpected, as her contract was supposed to commit her through the eighth season. Jaime Pressly, who plays Kendall on the show, stated that Janney's character will still speak to Christy on the phone and give updates to viewers about her on-screen daughter.

Off-screen, Faris is set to play twins in the comedy film "Summer Madness." According to Deadline.com, the twins consist of "the flat-broke and

foul-mouthed Georgie Cole and her successful, elegant twin sister. Disowned by her wealthy and conniving mother, Georgie must rally her dysfunctional family to appear picture perfect in order to win a large cash prize at her mother's annual gala." It's written and directed by Fred Wolf of "House Bunny," which also starred Faris.

Q: What's next for the actors of "The Good Place"? I'm sad the show ended so soon, but I guess that's better than it dragging on and becoming stale. -- **P.B.**

A: "The Good Place" was a very clever NBC comedy that wrapped up its story about the afterlife after four seasons. Its main star, Kristen Bell (who played Eleanor), has a couple of projects lined up. The one I'm most excited about is a live-action musical "Molly and the Moon," co-starring Jonathan Groff ("Frozen 2" and "Mindhunter").

William Jackson Harper (who played Chidi) will star in the second season of HBO Max's "Love Life," in which he plays a single New Yorker wading through the dating pool after a long-term relationship ends. Ted Danson (Michael) will play

the mayor of Los Angeles in a comedy created by Tina Fey. It will air on NBC -- eventually. Jameela Jamil (Tahani) continues to thrive in her other career as a voiceover actress. Manny Jacinto (Jason) can be seen in the upcoming "Top Gun: Maverick," with Tom Cruise.

Q: When is "9-1-1: Lone Star" returning with new episodes? I hope it was renewed for a second season. -- **A.M.**

A: The Texas-based spinoff of the Ryan Murphy-produced drama "9-1-1" is scheduled to return in January. However, one of its main stars will be missing. Actress Liv Tyler, who lives in London, was concerned about traveling back and forth to the U.S. during the pandemic, so she chose to exit the show.

Joining Fox's "9-1-1: Lone Star" is Gina Torres, best known for playing Jessica Pearson on "Suits" from 2011-18 and in its subsequent spin-off, "Pearson," which aired for just one season.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFW5, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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• Trivia Test •

1. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1/2 cup?
2. TELEVISION: Which 1990s sitcom featured the theme song "I'll Be There for You"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the city of Timbuktu located?
4. GAMES: How much money does each Monopoly player get at the start of the classic game?
5. SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's surface is covered with water?
6. MOVIES: Which 2004 animated movie featured the character Edna Mode?
7. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Michigan?
8. COMICS: Which comic character's favorite exclamation is "Good grief!"?

9. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the phobia cynophobia?
10. ANATOMY: What is the condition of "pes planus" more commonly called?

- Answers
1. Eight
 2. "Friends"
 3. Mali in west Africa
 4. \$1,500
 5. About 71%
 6. "The Incredibles"
 7. Lansing
 8. Charlie Brown in "Peanuts"
 9. Fear of dogs
 10. Flat feet

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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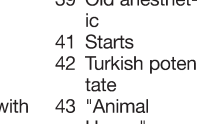
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Answers

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* The weight of all the ants on earth is greater than that of all humans.

* Doctors who perform laparoscopic surgery, which involves inserting a tiny camera into a patient's body through a small incision, have better coordination if they play video games at least three hours per week. According to a 2003 study, gamer surgeons made 37% fewer errors and worked 27% faster than those whose only "video game" experience was the surgery itself.

* The ancient Romans used swan fat or donkey milk to soften wrinkles, while sores and freckles were treated with the ashes of snails.

* Eskimos use refrigerators to stop their food from freezing.

* Disney's musical fantasy comedy "The Princess and the Frog" led to an unexpected salmonella outbreak in the United States. More than 50 children were hospitalized after the film's release when they attempted to free handsome princes with a kiss from what turned out to be perfectly ordinary, definitely non-prince frogs.

* Redheads produce more vitamin D than other hair colors.

* Bao Xishun, a Mongolian herdsman, saved the lives of two dolphins by using his incredibly long arms to remove plastic from their stomachs. Bao stands nearly 8 feet tall and each arm extends more than 3 feet. All other attempts at saving the dolphins had failed.

* Watermelons may be a tasty treat today, but that wasn't always the case. Originating in Africa, they were first cultivated solely for their water content -- their flavor was very bitter!

* In Sweden, the body warmth of more than 200,000 commuters passing through Stockholm's Central Station is harvested to provide heat for an office building across the road.

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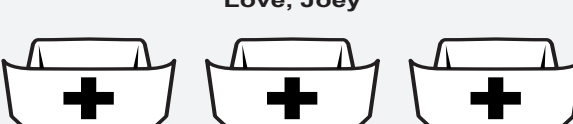
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POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST

Ricardo Pacheco Alvarez, 40, no address given, was arrested at 12:03 a.m. Nov. 7 on a failure to appear warrant for driving under the influence after a traffic stop at 12th Street and First Avenue at 12:03 a.m. Nov. 7. During the traffic stop in which he was charged with no valid driver's license, the subject gave police officers a false name and it was later discovered through fingerprint identification that his true identity was Alvarez. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date. The case will be sent to the LaSalle County State's Attorney's office for review of felony charges.

WARRANT ARREST

Timothy J. Crabtree, 37, of 714 ½ Main St., Apt. A, Mendota, was arrested at 3:14 a.m. Nov. 7 on a failure to appear warrant out of

DeKalb County for driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a DeKalb County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Amya L. Jackson, 29, of Chicago, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 12th Street and Fifth Avenue at 10:27 p.m. Nov. 9. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NUMEROUS ALCOHOL CHARGES

While on patrol, Mendota police officers located an unconscious female lying on the sidewalk in the 600 block of Main Street at 12:48 a.m. Nov. 10. After an investigation, Joslyn M. Hopkins, 20, of 801 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with consumption of alcohol by

a person under 21-years-old and inside a tavern under 21-years-old. Aydrinah J. Carter, 21, of 801 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with supplying alcohol to a person under 21-years-old and accompanying a person under 21-years-old inside a tavern. Heather R. Vickrey, 26, of 618 ½ Main St., Mendota, and Tyson K. Davis, 27, of 706 Sixth Ave., Mendota, were charged with allowing a person under 21-years-old inside a tavern and allowing a person under 21-years-old to consume alcohol. All four subjects were released with LaSalle County court dates.

WARRANT ARREST

Paul A. Christmann, 50, of 700 Meriden St., Mendota, was arrested at 3:46 p.m. Nov. 10 for a valid LaSalle County warrant for aggravated battery. The subject posted

bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Seth W. Pategas, 23, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Memorial Drive at 9:47 p.m. Nov. 12. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Austin J. Rodriguez, 22, of Ottawa, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Second Street at 4:44 a.m. Nov. 15. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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SPORTS

Bromenschenkel signs with Purdue-Fort Wayne

□ Mendota senior standout graduating early; joining Mastodons in December

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA — Amellia Bromenschenkel is moving on with the next stage of her basketball career. With Mendota High School suspending its basketball season due to the ongoing pandemic and the uncertainty of whether the 2020-21 season will ever be played, Bromenschenkel has made the difficult decision to graduate early and enter college at the end of the semester in December.

The lucky recipient of Bromenschenkel's talents is Purdue University-Fort Wayne in Indiana. Bromenschenkel will enroll at PFW in December and be eligible to play for the Mastodons sometime during the upcoming season. PFW is a Division I school and a member of the Horizon League. Other schools in the Horizon include Cleveland State, Detroit Mercy, Green Bay, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Northern Kentucky, Oakland, Robert Morris, Illinois-Chicago, Wright State and Youngstown State.

"The PFW coaches asked me to enroll and join the team immediately after this semester ends, so I will be eligible to play starting around Christmas," Bromenschenkel said. "The really good news is I have an extra year of eligibility because of COVID-19 NCAA rules, so now I get to play 4 ½ years."

"I hate having to forego my senior season at Mendota, but there is a possibility we would not have a season anyway."

PFW has had Bromenschenkel on its radar for several years. The three-year starter at MHS was playing AAU summer basketball



Mendota High School senior Amellia Bromenschenkel will continue her basketball career at Purdue University-Fort Wayne. At her signing ceremony on Nov. 11, left to right, are Chad Bromenschenkel, Amellia Bromenschenkel and Debi Bromenschenkel. Some of her former coaches during her career also attended. They included Brian Blumhorst (MHS), Gary Barrera (MHS), John Hansen (MHS), Dave Knottnerus (Northbrook Middle School) and Pat Cinotte (IV Warriors AAU). Tom Hohenadel, Illinois Elite AAU, was absent.

when she caught the eye of the Mastodon coaches. They invited her to one of their basketball camps and started to create a bond with Bromenschenkel.

"When I toured the campus, I could see myself fitting in there," said Bromenschenkel. "I really liked the atmosphere and the coaches."

"Along with that, the school has a great engineering program, which is what I was looking for in a school. I ended up choosing PFW over other schools because I can get a great Purdue engineering degree, play Division I basketball, and

be close enough so that my friends and family can come watch me play."

PFW, which is coming off a difficult season in which it was 5-24 overall and 1-15 in the Horizon, is a young team with only two seniors and two juniors on the 12-player roster. The Mastodons have six incoming freshmen not including Bromenschenkel, so there should be plenty of opportunity for playing time.

"The coaches are looking for me to be a scorer," stated Bromenschenkel. "They also want me to break down a defense, get to the hoop and dish to the posts."

Bromenschenkel considered several other schools before making her choice to attend PFW. Among them were the University of Pennsylvania in the Ivy League, the Colorado School of Mines, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and a few other top engineering schools. Her sisters, Abby and Ally, had stellar basketball careers at Rose-Hulman.

Bromenschenkel leaves MHS in second place on the all-time scoring list with 1,752 points, behind only Jaci Bice (Class of 1999) with 2,111 points.

IHSA receiving more input on high school basketball season

□ Nov. 19 meeting may yield more direction

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors held a virtual update session on Nov. 11 to review recent developments related to the IHSA basketball season ahead of the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 19.

The Board announced that they are formally inviting representatives from Governor Pritzker's Office and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to attend the IHSA Board meeting on Nov. 19. Additionally, the IHSA will also seek representation at the meeting from the Illinois Principals Association (IPA), the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and a coalition of nearly 200 school superintendents who recently contacted the Governor regarding school sports during the 2020-21 school year.

"The Board hopes to create a dialogue and build a more collaborative relationship with all the entities involved with developing sports policy in our state as everyone tries to navigate the myriad issues caused by the pandemic," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "The Board's decision to move forward with the IHSA basketball season was not meant to be adversarial. It was rooted in a desire to receive more direct communication and data from our state partners. They hope all the groups will see the mutual benefit of increased discourse and be represented at the meeting on Nov. 19."

The Board also announced that schools who began basketball practice on Nov. 16 should adhere to the Level 1 mitigations from the IDPH All Sports Policy until at least Nov. 19. The Board cited rising COVID-19 cases in the state and a recent membership survey for this recommendation. The Board plans to provide more direction on basketball practice and games following the meeting on Nov. 19.

The Board revealed that among the 546 schools who responded to the survey (IHSA has 813 member schools), nearly 300 IHSA schools did not start basketball on Nov. 16, and another 212 schools remain unsure of their status.

"The Board recognizes the difficult decisions they have placed on member schools regarding basketball," said Anderson. "With a limited number of schools set to begin their season on Nov. 16, they believe it is prudent to adhere to IDPH guidance as they work with state officials to gain greater clarity on the metrics and mitigations required to conduct certain high school sports throughout the remainder of the 2020-21 school year."

Illinois Elementary School Association makes decisions on winter & spring sports

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois Elementary School Association Board of Directors met on Nov. 9 to address the winter and spring sports schedules after the announcement two weeks ago by the Governor's Office that basketball had been moved to the higher risk category of the Illinois All Sports Policy and the subsequent announcement by the IHSA that they are planning to move forward with their basketball season as scheduled in November.

"We all are trying to make decisions without knowing what the future holds," said Steve Endsley, IESA Executive Director. "Truly, all we can do is attempt to give direction to our membership based on what we know today and somehow still plan for the future of the Association. Not an easy task."

With that in mind, the Board made some significant decisions on activity seasons. Here is the information concerning winter and spring sports:

Contact Days: IESA member schools are to follow the guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the updated All Sports Policy. In that policy, basketball has been designated as high risk and volleyball is medium risk. Schools should follow the All Sports Policy when conducting contact days for those activities.

Boys' Basketball and Girls' Volleyball: It is still uncertain as of Nov. 9 whether schools will be able to participate in boys' basketball and girls' volleyball contests in January. If competition is not approved by IDPH by the time these activities are scheduled to begin, then the IESA Board will meet to discuss the possibility of moving the seasons.

Girls' Basketball: Currently scheduled to

start March 8. If conditions require the boys' basketball and girls' volleyball season to be moved into the spring, scheduling becomes difficult. To have girls' and boys' basketball, girls' volleyball, and track and field all in the spring is an almost impossible situation for schools and student-athletes. We want students to have an opportunity to play all the activities, but it will be difficult to accomplish this without causing students and schools to choose between activities.

Wrestling: Has been moved to the spring. Practice may now start on April 5. Matches can begin on April 12 and run through May 28. If a regional tournament can be held, it will be held on May 29. If wrestling remains in the high risk or medium risk category on April 5, then the IESA wrestling season will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

Track and Field: The IESA track and field season remains as originally scheduled. Our hope is that we can have a traditional track and field season.

Chess: The chess activity for the 2020-21 school year has been cancelled. With upwards of 600 chess players in attendance at our tournament, it becomes impossible to conduct the event within the gathering guidelines established by IDPH.

While no final decisions have been made regarding scholastic bowl, bowling, and competitive cheerleading, the IESA staff is trying to determine if those activities can be held within the guidelines that have been established. Information will be distributed as decisions are made.

Please log on to this link for the updated IESA Plan for 2020-21: <https://www.iesa.org/documents/health/IESA-AltNovPlan.pdf>



Firearm deer hunting seasons in Illinois are Nov. 20-22 and Dec. 3-6.

Hunters encouraged to think safety first

□ First of two firearm deer hunting seasons is Nov. 20-22 in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Hunters in Illinois should think safety before, during and after their time in the field this fall and winter as waterfowl, upland game, furbearer, and firearm and archery deer seasons provide ample opportunity to enjoy time in the outdoors in Illinois.

"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."

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 pre-

ventable, 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:

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Each year, Illinois' busiest hunting season is the seven-day firearm deer season. Dates for the firearm season this year are Friday through Sunday, Nov. 20-22 and Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 3-6.

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.

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>.

Preventing eye injuries during basketball

School is back in session for many students. As families adjust to all-virtual instruction, a return to the classroom and hybrid arrangements, that adjustment period may be made easier by extracurricular sports programs — many of which are returning, albeit on altered schedules.

Basketball is a popular sport played in high schools and colleges each winter. The High School Athletics Participation Survey from the National Federation of State High School Associations points out that basketball is the most widely played sport on high school campuses.

And basketball thrives off campus as well. The sports information site Sports Rec says that more than 300 mil-



lion people worldwide enjoy basketball.

Like all sports, basketball can pose certain safety risks. According to Prevent Blindness America, more eye injuries occur while playing basketball than any other sport. An estimated 4,597 basketball-related

eye injuries occurred in 2019, with the vast majority affecting players ages 15 and older. Eye injuries on the basketball court usually result from being hit with fingers or elbows. Adequate eye protection can safeguard athletes from such injuries. Sports safety goggles and glasses can protect the eyes when scrambling for loose balls or when fighting for a rebound in the paint.

Basketball players should receive guidance about eye protection from their coaches and athletic directors. Athletes also can speak to an eye professional about which options are available.

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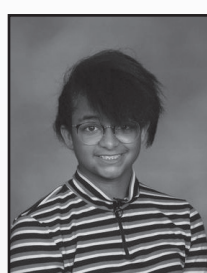
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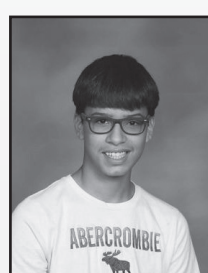
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It reminds me of a letter I once received from a woman, telling me about her four-year-old son and his cousins playing together one day. They were all pretending to be superheroes. One of them exclaimed, "I'm Superman!" Another said, "I'm Superwoman!" And this lady said her son proudly wielded his imaginary sword and proclaimed,

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What a compliment to the Christ in me! That child saw something in me that he thought was "super" and wanted to imitate! What he saw is simply a result of the work God has done in my life through His Holy Spirit. And isn't it interesting that while the other kids' superhero gear included a cape, his little weapon was a sword! (See Ephesians 6:17.)

We are often referred to as soldiers in the Word of God. Soldiers are well trained in combat; they carry all kinds of offensive, as well as defensive equipment, and are taught

to be vigilant, alert, and aware.

No matter whether we view ourselves like soldiers or superheroes or whatever, our warfare is spiritual. And our weapons and armor are also spiritual.

Doing Warfare God's Way

In this spiritual war, we fight on the battlefield of the mind. Every day we are subjected to unrelenting attacks in our thoughts, such as worry, fear, doubt and other concerns. The devil is behind many of our problems, and some we create ourselves.

But Ephesians 6:11 tells us to "put on the full armor of God, so that [we] can take [our] stand against the devil's schemes" (NIV). Our thoughts are very important in this warfare...what we think of ourselves as well as what we think of others or of our circumstances. The reason is that "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (v. 12).

So, while the devil may have power, we have the power and authority of Jesus Christ at work in us by His Holy Spirit. Our job is to get to know God for ourselves—get to know who we are in Him and the power that is available to us through Him. We need to learn how to follow the Holy Spirit, because He wants to lead



us in our individual battles according to what is right for each of us. The truth is God is on our side, and that already makes us more than conquerors in Him! (See Romans 8:31, 37.)

What to Wear to Battle

In this war, there's both offensive and defensive equipment. With our weapons we fight the enemy. And we are protected from him by our armor. Both are vitally important to our success.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV) says, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

These verses reveal the weapons and armor of our spiritual warfare. We defeat the enemy's tactics every time we forgive instead of hold a grudge...every time we have patience with someone rather than rush them...every time we

speak with humility rather than arrogance.

Ephesians 4:25 says to "put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor...." Verse 31 goes on to say, "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice." These are things that will hinder and weigh us down in life—and certainly a spiritual battle.

The Battle Plan

To win our battles, we have to learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as He leads us, according to His purpose and plan for our lives. Practically speaking, we do this as we commit to seeking God in prayer and by studying His Word, and then choosing to trust what He says above and beyond anything else. That means we believe the Truth of who God is and His promises to us in the Bible no matter what our circumstances look like, what we feel, or what lies the enemy is trying to put in our mind.

So, tighten up your belt of Truth (Ephesians 6:14). In other words, learn the truth of God's Word, especially what His Word says about you. Then do what you know to do...what

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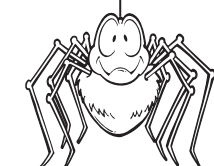
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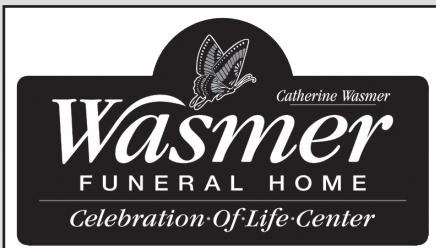
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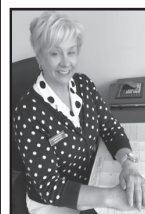
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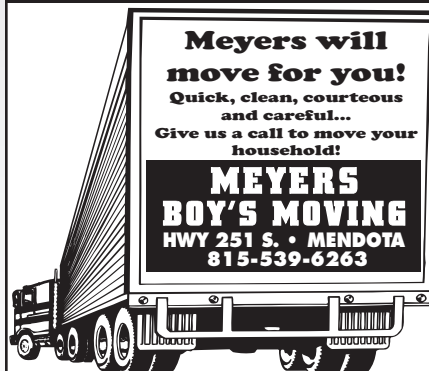
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• New flooring, windows, doors, trim
• Kitchen cabinets professionally refinished, new counter tops



209 S Jefferson Ave., Amboy \$95,900

• 2 Story, 4 Bed, 1 1/2 Bath
• Large deck with stairs and ramp, 2 car garage with shop • Renter has been in home for 10+ years - \$600 per month

901 Clark St., Oglesby \$289,500
164 Perkins Road, Sublette **CONTINGENT** \$183,000
8 E Oak St., Amboy **PENDING** \$119,900
1460 Sleepy Hollow Road, Amboy **CONTINGENT** \$109,500
319 W Pieronnet St., Amboy \$89,900

LOTS FOR SALE

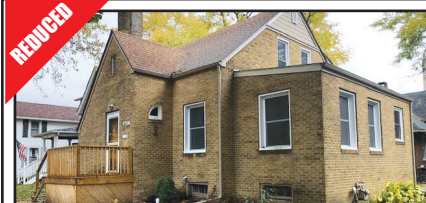
236 W Bacon St., Amboy – 2 Beautiful Acres \$39,900
25 W Milton St., Amboy – 5 Lots \$28,500
919 Missouri Dr., Dixon – A Builder's Dream – Double Lot \$25,000
1953 Straw Lane, Dixon- 1.15 Acres \$19,500

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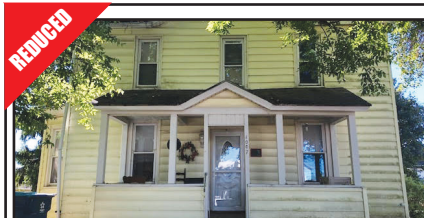
**Thinking about making a MOVE
in the near future?
Contact us for a FREE Market Analysis!**



MLS#10893175 (McCauly Pic)
4 BEDROOM
1 CAR GARAGE
60X174 LOT
1054 SQ FT
BASEMENT



MLS#10915394 (Carroll Pic)
3 BEDROOM
1 CAR GARAGE
40X157 LOT
1556 SQ FT
BASEMENT



MLS#10814792
3 BEDROOM
2 CAR GARAGE
60X152 LOT
1934 SQ FT
BASEMENT



MLS#10730373
3 BEDROOM
2 CAR GARAGE
100X200 LOT
1420 SQ FT
BASEMENT



1001 3rd St MENDOTA \$131,700
Fabulous 3 BDR, 2 BA home with remodeled kitchen and 2 car attached garage!!



4121 E. 2nd Rd MENDOTA \$159,000
4 BDR, 2 BA, large country brick ranch with beautiful sunset views and LARGE lot!!!

SOLD!!
1209 Susanna Street, MENDOTA

SOLD!!
1607 W. Main St, MENDOTA