



### Trees on the avenue

The Mendota Gardening Club partnered with the city of Mendota to purchase and plant trees as part of the continuing Illinois Avenue revitalization project. The limelight hydrangea trees, which were purchased from Ekana Nursery & Landscaping in Mendota, are flowering trees that will grow to about eight feet tall. They were planted on both sides of the street in the 700 block of Illinois Avenue.

## Dist. 280 prepared for school opening

Board approves calendar changes

By **BONNIE MORRIS**  
Editor

MENDOTA – The Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education met on Aug. 17. Discussions included the status of student registration, a revised school calendar and the preliminary budget for 2021.

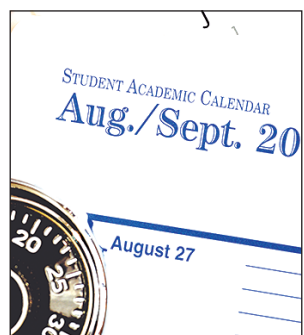
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Registration was held online through July and August. Principal Denise Aughenbaugh said freshman students came in on Aug. 12 for their student ID pictures and Chromebook handouts. The high school still hopes to hold a rescheduled Freshman and New Student Orientation night on Wednesday, Sept. 2. This will allow first-time MHS students and families to tour the building and practice their schedule. They also plan to schedule an 8th grade Honors Algebra I orientation program for students.

• As of Aug. 17, MHS has 522 students active in their database. This includes six super-seniors, 126 seniors, 139 juniors, 140 sophomores and 111 freshmen. An additional 25 eighth grade students will take Honors Algebra I with Ms. Barnes.

• The first day of Area Career Center is Aug. 19, and the first day of attendance for Mendota High School students will be Tuesday, Sept. 8.

• Aughenbaugh encouraged all MHS families to use



the communication resources posted online at [www.mendotahs.org](http://www.mendotahs.org). The homepage has a Communications 20-21 link, which will take families to all of the documents and forms pertaining to the reopening of school. “We understand it is difficult to keep track of multiple e-mails with attachments and want to streamline communications as much as possible,” Aughenbaugh said.

In addition, along the left-hand side of the homepage, there are other resources including the MHS Events Calendar. Aughenbaugh noted that the events printed in the Student Handbook/Planner are not accurate because school and athletic events have been rescheduled. She encouraged families to visit the MHS Events Calendar, which is a Google Calendar, and it will sync activity updates as well as athletic updates entered through different webpages.

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## Pandemic aid to start flowing to local governments in Illinois

Mendota to receive over \$300,000; LaSalle Co. \$1.3 million

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

SPRINGFIELD — The state of Illinois will soon begin distributing \$250 million in federal funds to help cities, counties and other units of local government pay for pandemic-related expenses.

The General Assembly’s Joint Committee on Administrative Rules cleared the way last week for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to launch the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency, or Local CURE, program, which state lawmakers authorized in the budget they adopted in May.

Of that money, \$200 million will go directly to cities and counties. The rest will be divided between local public health departments and other local units of government such as townships and other special taxing districts.

The money can be used for expenses such as COVID-19 testing and emergency medical expenses; public health expenses, including costs of enforcing orders related to COVID-19; payroll expenses for public safety and other employees whose jobs are mainly focused on mitigating or responding to COVID-19; and other expenses that are “reasonably necessary” for responding to the public health emergency.

DCEO used a formula to determine how much money each city and county will receive. Department spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said the agency will start distributing the money later this month.

The allotment for area counties is: Bureau - \$367,234; DeKalb - \$656,294; LaSalle - \$1,323,273; Lee - \$548,376. The allotment for area cities

is: Amboy - \$103,133; Arlington - \$7,962; Earlville - \$70,171; LaMoille - \$29,950; Leland - \$40,304; Mendota - \$304,117; Ohio - \$21,163; Paw Paw - \$35,890; Sublette - \$18,523; Troy Grove - \$10,313; West Brooklyn - \$5,858.

One thing local governments cannot use the money for, however, is direct aid to local businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic. That is something that disappointed some local government leaders.

“The federal government says that communities can use these dollars for local economic support, but DCEO says we can’t,” Brad Cole, executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, said during an interview after the JCAR meeting.

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## State releases \$46 million split among small businesses reeling from pandemic

By **JERRY NOWICKI**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker last week announced the release of \$46 million in grant funding for small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, warned of potential further shutdowns if case counts continue to rise and called widespread use of face coverings the key to preventing such action.

The funding comes from the Business Interruption Grant, or BIG, program which is funded through the federal CARES Act.

The initial allotment of \$46 million split between 2,655 small businesses is part of \$636 million in total funding for the program. Of that funding, \$270 million will go to child care providers.

Pritzker said the initial allotments were distributed in 78 of the state’s 102 counties.

“The initial focus of these grants has been on businesses that have been most severely impacted by COVID-19 — those that were completely shut down in the spring and those that are in COVID-impacted areas that experienced property damage amidst the looting and civil unrest in June,” the governor said at a news conference.

The grants range from \$10,000 to

**“Ultimately, revitalizing our economy must start with getting the pandemic under control. That means following the public health guidelines, wearing a mask, maintaining a safe social distance of six feet and washing your hands regularly.”**

—Gov. JB Pritzker

\$20,000 each per business.

More than \$24 million of the first allotment will go to disproportionately impacted areas as designated by the General Assembly. These include areas significantly impacted by COVID-19 and other adverse economic conditions. In total, 30 percent of BIG funds will go to businesses located in those areas.

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## Youth football league season is canceled in Mendota

MENDOTA – The Mendota Youth Football League season has been canceled for the 2020 season.

Youth football will not play in the spring, and is hoping to return to the field in the fall of 2021.

For questions or more information, contact Jim Lauer at 815-539-5106.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee sighted at Illiniwek Forest Preserve

♦ *Western Illinois preserve becomes one of a few places nation-wide with sighting of rare **Bombus affinis***

HAMPTON — Illiniwek Forest Preserve in Hamilton recently became one of a few sites nationwide with a confirmed sighting of the endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus affinis*). The species has declined by 96 percent in the last 20 years and is likely to be present in only 0.1 percent of its historical range.

The sighting was confirmed by Isaac Stewart, assistant professor of biology at Black Hawk College's East Campus, and is a milestone moment for the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Districts' conservation efforts.

"I was out walking my dog and happened to see this bee that looked awfully unusual," said Mike Petersen, park ranger at Illiniwek. "I sent a picture of it to Isaac and he came out the next day and identified 10 female and three male Rusty Patched Bumble Bees in under an hour. We are beyond excited that our prairie restoration efforts are paying off in such a big way."

In 2017, the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee was the first bumble bee protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Once common through the United States and Canada, today the species is only found in fragmented populations of the



Midwest.

"This is the best possible indicator that the prairie restorations the Forest Preserve District has been working on are paying off," said Stewart. "Finding this new sighting is really important in our efforts of staving off the extinction of this species."

The Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, which includes Illiniwek, Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, Dorrance Park, Martin Conservation Area, Niabi Zoo and Indian Bluff Golf Course, has been working hard to provide suitable habitats for all plants and animals that call its properties home.

Over the last five years, the Forest

Preserve District has planted 55 acres of prairies between its six properties, and this fall, a season record-breaking 46 acres of prairies are expected to be planted.

Partners in this effort include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pheasants Forever, Trees Forever, the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, Monarch Watch, the John Deere local area conservation fund administered by Living Lands and Waters, as well as donations from private contributors.

Indian Bluff Golf Course is home to one of the state's rarest native, undisturbed hillside prairies. "Remarkably, prairie once covered 60 percent of Illinois but today, only 1 percent of that land remains," said Jeff Craver, Forest Preserve District director. "It is our organization's goal to re-establish these habitat-rich lands, and to educate our visitors and citizens to do the same in their own backyards."

Stewart, who has been studying bumble bees since 2007, partnered with the District in 2017 to survey the bee population in the parks and help monitor an increase in diversity. On the same day Stewart spotted the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee on Illiniwek's grounds, he also made a confirmed sighting of another threat-

ened bee species, the bombus pennsylvanicus or American Bumblebee.

"We're definitely seeing an increase in diversity in the bee population," said Stewart. "In doing this, we've also created habitat for other species that aren't as well studied, charismatic and well understood. It's very, very exciting to see the efforts paying off."

To help foster an environment that's attractive for endangered bees, Stewart recommends people focus on wildflowers that are native to the region, like bee balms.

"There are many very pretty wildflowers at local nurseries, but it's really important the flowers are native to the area. Also, try to plant a selection of wildflowers that bloom through the spring and fall. In addition to summer blooms, the bees need nectar to feed on early in the spring and late into the fall."

If you think you've spotted a Rusty Patched Bumble Bee, take a picture of the animal and share it with an expert for confirmation. Websites such as [www.bumblebeewatch.org/](http://www.bumblebeewatch.org/) have portals to submit photos of bees. Do not attempt to capture, touch or disturb the bee.

For more information on Rock Island County Forest Preserve, please visit [www.RICFPD.org](http://www.RICFPD.org).

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### *U of I dean's list, graduation*

CHAMPAIGN - The University of Illinois has announced 13,183 dean's list and more than 9,000 graduates for the 2020 spring semester.

Local students included on the dean's list are Preston Lewis, a freshman business major, and Bryan Lindenmeyer, a senior civil engineering major, both of Mendota.

Dean's List eligibility is limited to the top 20 percent of a student's college class or curriculum. In a special consideration for spring 2020, dean's list recognition required at least 12 academic semester hours taken for either standard letter grades or "pass."

Local graduate, Rayna Martinson of Mendota, earned a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, with a major in Molecular and Cellular Biology.

## Dayton Bluffs Preserve hosting 'Hike to End Hunger' on Aug. 29

OTTAWA - A "Hike to End Hunger" will be held at Dayton Bluffs Nature Preserve in Ottawa. The hike will take place on Saturday, Aug. 29 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The hike is sponsored by local growing projects that are part of the Growing Hope Globally organization. Growing projects raise money to help people in developing countries improve their food production and agriculture. All are welcome.

The money raised by the hike will be earmarked

to help people in Tanzania improve their farming methods and help their crops withstand drought. Many Tanzanians in rural areas are part of more than 800 million people that suffer from hunger all over the world. The goal is to raise \$19,750 to fund this year's work.

The hike will also highlight the work of Dayton Bluffs volunteers, who are turning the preserve into a wonderful place to visit locally. Along the hike route there will be presentations on prairie restoration, the

restored Daniels Cemetery, and more. Dayton Bluffs is owned by the Conservation Foundation and leased to the City of Ottawa. Its entrance is one-half mile south of Interstate 80 on the west side of Illinois Route 71. For more information on Dayton Bluffs Nature Preserve, go to [theconservationfoundation.org](http://theconservationfoundation.org).

Donations can be made in several ways:

- At the hike – by cash or check. Checks should be made to Growing Hope Globally, memo'd to Tanzania.

- Checks can be mailed to: Growing Hope Globally, P.O. Box 5628, Carol Stream, IL 60197-5628.

- Online at [growinghopeglobally.org](http://growinghopeglobally.org) – click on "support a program" and select "Tanzania Chamwino" – click on the "donate" button. Information about the program is on the site.

An anonymous donor will match all donations dollar for dollar. Donations must be made by Sept. 5.

The Hike to End Hunger fundraiser will take the place of the usual harvest celebration held each fall and is



sponsored by local growing projects including Earlville Growing Project, Mazon/Western Springs Growing Project, Somonauk Area Growing Project, and Twin

Rivers (Ottawa)/Barrington Growing Project.

The public is invited to come and enjoy this wonderful day. Social distancing is requested.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## HCC, inc. workers are EQUIPPED TO VOTE in Mendota

◆ *HCC, inc. educates & engages employees about pro-manufacturing policies with new national campaign*

MENDOTA - HCC, inc. in Mendota is teaming up with the Association of Equipment Manufacturers on Equipped To Vote, a national campaign to engage, educate, and mobilize the 2.8 million men and women of the equipment manufacturing industry leading up to the election this fall.

The centerpiece of the campaign is a pledge to support pro-manufacturing candidates and to encourage them to champion policies that strengthen the economy, support communities, and ensure the continued growth and success of equipment manufacturers.

"Manufacturing is more important to the US than ever before. Throughout the pandemic, the manufacturing sector has continued to provide jobs and income to people

that want and need to work. It is imperative that US manufacturing continues to regain its strength to lead the economy back from the lows of 2020. We need our elected officials to continue to support manufacturing as it is the cornerstone that the US was built on," stated Mark Lamboley, VP at HCC, inc.

Kip Eideberg, AEM Senior Vice President of Government and Industry Relations, added, "The state of U.S. manufacturing is clearly on the minds of many Illinois voters this election year. That is why it is critical that we give them the tools and resources they need to support pro-manufacturing candidates. HCC, inc. has been a steadfast supporter of our efforts to promote policies essential to growing equipment manufacturing in the United

States, and we are grateful for their partnership on the Equipped to Vote campaign.

The Equipped to Vote campaign features a Digital Action Center, an online platform that features information about the policies that matter to the industry as well as tools and resources to encourage greater civic engagement. It will allow them to take a series of actions in support of pro-manufacturing policies and share them through social channels. Participants have the opportunity to win weekly prizes as well as a grand prize at the end of the campaign.

The Equipped To Vote campaign demonstrates the commitment by HCC, inc. to make sure all employees are able to make their voices heard this election and shape the future of our country.

Campaign information and interactive features can be found on [www.EquippedToVote.org](http://www.EquippedToVote.org).

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AEM, the North American-based international trade group representing off-road equipment manufacturers/suppliers, has over 1,000 companies and over 200 product lines in the ag/construction-related industry worldwide. U.S. equipment manufacturing supports 2.8 million jobs and contributes about \$288 billion to the economy annually.

## Small Steps has openings

MENDOTA - The Small Steps Program is announcing to parents and grandparents in Mendota District 289 that they have openings for families with children ages 0-3. Because raising a baby can be challenging, the goal of this program is to offer family support. There is no cost to participate.

Parenting is the most rewarding and most demanding job you will ever encounter. There are many benefits to having someone to talk with while facing the daily challenges that come along with being a parent. Small Steps usually offers home visits, but due to the risk of Covid-19, they are offering virtual and telephone visits. Small Steps is a wonderful community to be a part of.

Small Steps is part of Mendota District 289 and has programs serving Earlville and Rochelle. Call (815) 538-1849 to learn more.

## Heartsaver AED CPR course offered at OSF Saint Paul

MENDOTA - OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center is offering a Heartsaver AED Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Course at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3. A prepaid \$35 per person fee will reserve a spot in the class. Class size is limited, and the room will be set up with social distancing in mind.

The class will be held in the hospital's Conference Room C, and participants should enter through the Medical Office Building doors. Register online at [www.osfsaintpaul.org](http://www.osfsaintpaul.org) or contact Michelle Jones, RN at (815) 539-1654.

## Obituaries

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### James Armstrong



MENDOTA - James "Jim" Armstrong, 96, of Mendota passed away Aug. 16, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life and burial will take place at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Jim was born Feb. 22, 1924 in Baltimore, Md. to James and Ruth (Bischoff) Armstrong. He met the love of his life at the Kakusha Dance Pavilion and quickly swept Gertrude "Trudy" Elssesser off her feet. They were married July 29, 1950 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota. She preceded him in death in 2004.

Survivors include two daughters, Meg (Scott) Stevenson of St. Paul, Minn. and Mary (Michael) Noonan of Fort Wayne, Ind.; one son, Tom (Heike Spayne) Armstrong of Elgin; seven grandchildren, Drew (Amber) Stevenson, Paige (Emma) Stevensby, Tyler (Samantha) Stevenson, Kelsey (Adam) Rubin, Patrick Armstrong, Elizabeth (Christopher) Lanning and James Noonan; and four

great-grandchildren, Charlotte, Olin, Elinor and Camille Stevenson.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one sister, Rachel Fink in 2013.

Jim grew up in Sparrows Point and Dundalk, Md. After high school, he earned a Bachelors degree in Agronomy from the University of Maryland. He served in the U.S. Army from 1945-1946 as a medical tech. Following the war, he attended the University of Illinois and received a Masters degree in Agronomy. After serving an internship at the Rochelle Del Monte Plant, Jim was hired in 1949 to begin work as a field supervisor at the new Del Monte Plant in Mendota. This was a career that lasted until he retired in 1984.

Jim enjoyed a lifelong passion for gardening and nature conservation. He was a long-time member of the Mendota Garden Club and could be seen planting and working on public gardens around town well into his 80s. He was an avid tennis player, sports fan and was smooth as silk on the dance floor. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Memorials may be directed to The Nature Conservancy in Illinois, 400 N. Michigan Ave., Suite S1100, Chicago, IL 60611 and to St. John's Lutheran Church, 607 10th Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

### Rosalie McLaughlin



MENDOTA - Rosalie McLaughlin, 96, of Mendota, passed away Aug. 14, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 24 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with visitation one-half hour prior to the service. Face masks are required. Burial will follow at Stewart Cemetery in Plainville.

Rosalie was born July 16, 1924 in Plainville to James and Neva (Boyd) McLaughlin.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Otis McLaughlin; a brother-in-law, Dallas Strubinger; and one sister, Madelyn Strubinger.

Rosalie was driven, adventurous and had a thirst for knowledge. She attended Seymour Community High School in Plainville, Western Illinois University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Education, and

Northern Illinois University receiving her Masters degree. From 1942 to 1945 during World War II, she worked for the Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers in Quincy, where she was the secretary for the colonel. After obtaining her teaching degree, she taught in LaFayette for nine years and then moved to Northbrook School, Mendota where she taught for 31 years before retiring in June 1988. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Mendota for 61 years, serving as deacon and elder. She also was a member of the National Education Association, Illinois Retired Teachers, and Chapter BV, PEO (Mendota). Ms. McLaughlin, as she was known by her students, had a passion for travel and loved to eat out. On a few of these excursions, she was accompanied by her students. She had a love for all and became the unofficial greeter at Stonecroft and then at Heritage Health. Rosalie always had a smile on her face and a kind word - she will be missed.

Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church.

### Dorothy J. Harris



MENDOTA - Dorothy Jean Harris, 99, of Mendota passed away Aug. 14, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota due to COVID-19.

Due to the coronavirus, there will be a private family gathering at Merritt Funeral Home. A public graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Pastor Hogun Kim of Zion United Methodist Church officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Dorothy was born Aug. 26, 1920 to Carter and Minnie (Reeder) Parlier. She married James "Jim" Harris on April 16, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1995.

Survivors include one daughter, Catherine (Larry) Hood of Bridgewater N.J.; one son, John (fiancée Darla Kleckner) Harris of Mendota; one granddaughter, Alisa Turner and a great-grandson, both of Mount Pleasant S.C.; her special granddaughter, Amy Furar of Mendota; special grandsons, Lewis Kleckner and Matt Furar, both of Mendota; special great-granddaughter, Audrey Kleckner; and special great-grandson, Gabe Kleckner.

Growing up on a farm just northeast of Mendota, Dorothy always rode her pony to a one-room school, and also graduated from Mendota High School. She worked at vari-

ous jobs including Westclox, the telephone company and in health care. Traveling was a major enjoyment for Dorothy and Jim with trips in the U.S. including two trips to Hawaii, visiting their daughter and family in New Jersey, and going to Jim's Army reunions. They also traveled to Europe with their Army friends to some of the places Jim was at during World War II. Especially important to Dorothy was helping others. She enjoyed community service and was always willing to help neighbors, friends, and family. She was active in organizations including American Legion Auxiliary, Mendota Zion United Methodist Church (active member since 1951), Mendota Women's Club (member over 50 years serving in many positions), Home Extension, Camp Fire Girls Leader, and Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS). In addition, she enjoyed attending MASS programs and monthly suppers and Zion UMC fellowship hour after church service. She was a loving, devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loved spending time with family. She was an excellent cook, having cooked with her mother for thrashers on the farm, and her family will especially miss her Christmas sugar cookies. Other hobbies included being an excellent seamstress and upholsterer, crocheting, and collecting antiques. Gardening at her home at 410 8th St. kept her busy and happy until she entered Heritage Health.

Please direct memorials in lieu of flowers to either Zion United Methodist Church of Mendota or to Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS).

## Virtual program on 'The Remarkable History of the U-505'

LA SALLE - Curator at the Museum of Science and Industry, Dr. Voula Saridakis, will be hosted virtually by the LaSalle Public Library for an insightful presentation on the history of the U-505 submarine. This free event will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

The Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) is home to the only U-boat of its kind in the United States and is one of only four left in the world. In this unique virtual presentation, Dr. Saridakis will share historic details on the remarkable capture of the submarine, which was kept secret for over a year, its journey from New Hampshire and across four of the five Great Lakes to Chicago, the engineering feat of moving the 252-foot vessel into a new indoor space, and the sub's recently completed restoration in 2019.

Saridakis is a curator in the collections department at

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## CARL'S QUIZ

In what year was the first official U.S. airmail carried?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Robert De Niro's character in Taxi Driver was Travis Bickle who had the classic line, "You talkin' to me?"

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Eleanor Ann Beals

MENDOTA - Eleanor Ann Beals, 89, of Mendota passed away Aug. 10, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no visitation or services and burial will take place at Restland Cemetery, Mendota at a future date. Merritt Funeral Home of Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Ann was born May 25, 1931 in Monmouth to Herbert and Eleanor (Wichelman) Jebens. She married Robert "Bob" Beals in Dixon on June 29, 1951 after meeting him when they were students at the University of Iowa. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Survivors include two children, Patrick (Holly) Beals of Mendota and Melissa Beals of Murchison, New Zealand.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, Herbert "Hap" Jebens, Jr. in 2017.

Ann was proud to work for the Mendota Elementary School District over parts of four decades as a secretary at both Blackstone and Lincoln Schools before her retirement in 1996. She was a nature lover and especially enjoyed bird watching and seeing the eagles at the Illinois River by Starved Rock. She attended numerous athletic contests over the years, first supporting teams coached by her husband and in later years, teams coached by her son. She also attended many games and events that her children participated in.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue at P.O. Box 284, Peru, IL 61354.

## Mary P. (Robeson) Ferrell

MENDOTA - Mary P. (Robeson) Ferrell, 96, of Mendota passed away Aug. 14, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Public graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 18 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Mary was born Sept. 19, 1923 on a farm west of Ohio, Ill. to Edward and Lillian Merkel. She married Lawrence Smith on June 5, 1943. He preceded her in death on June 5, 1949. She married Reginald Robeson on June 22, 1957. He preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1989. She married Wilbur Ferrell on Dec. 29, 1991. He preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 2013.

Survivors include her son, John (fiancée Kathryn Barnard) Robeson of Mendota; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and one step-daughter, Vickie Wilcoxson of Joliet.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her three husbands; two daughters, Kathryn Quinlan and Edna Miller; and a sister, Ruth Catton.

Mary attended Ohio Grade School and High School. She lived in this vicinity her entire life. She was a waitress for 46 years, 23 of those at Ziggy's Family Restaurant in Mendota, which she loved. She was a member of Red Oak Church until her marriage to Reginald and then joined the First United Methodist Church in Mendota. She loved to travel, garden and take care of her home.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, Mendota.



## Beverly Duitsman Bassing

MENDOTA - Beverly Duitsman Bassing, 93, of Mendota passed away unexpectedly of the COVID virus on Aug. 10, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Due to no memorial services being held, there will be no donations taken at this time. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Beverly was born Sept. 1, 1926 in Waterloo, Iowa to William and Marie (Ryan) Reupke. She was the loving wife of Eugene "Bing" Bassing of Mendota, married for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Duitsman and two brothers, Gordon Reupke (wife Janet) and Billy Reupke.

Family members left behind to cherish her memories include two sisters, Joyce (Sy) Siford of Fort Mojave, Ariz. and Helen Delagardelle of Waterloo, Iowa; two sons, Mark Duitsman of St. Louis, Mo. and Adam (Lori) Duitsman of Woodridge; three daughters, Jennifer (Andy) Thompson of Marvin, N.C., Kim Duitsman of Grayslake and Julie (Tony) Tosi of Charlotte, N.C.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bev lived a wonderful life and loved to dance to old time music. Her hobbies were planting flowers, reading, playing cards, shopping and baking and she was an amazing seamstress.

## Gifford Fordham Jr.

SUBLETTE - Gifford "Bugs" Fordham Jr., 72, of Sublette passed away peacefully on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020 at Heritage Health in Mendota.

Gifford was born Feb. 3, 1948 in Amboy to Gifford and Grace (Hazelwood) Fordham.

He graduated from Amboy High School in 1966. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War. He married Diane Fetzer on March 7, 1970. Together they had three children. He later married Irene Shaw on Jan. 8, 1999.

Bugs was a skilled welder and worked at Agriculture Building Company for over 26 years until he suffered from a stroke in June of 2000 that left him disabled. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. He was an outdoorsman who had a great love of hunting and fishing. He enjoyed his Saturday car rides cruising the country roads and driving by the family farm to look for wild life. He had a large collection of baseball hats and it was very seldom that Bugs would be seen without a hat. He looked forward to visits with his family & loved to share stories and special memories.

He is survived by and will be dearly missed by Irene Fordham; two cherished daughters, Tricia (Brian) Hiebing of Mendota and Amy Hicks of Dixon; one beloved son, Jared Fordham of Sublette; step-sons, Yancy Shaw and Eric Shaw, both of Dixon and Neil Shaw of Oregon; his precious grandchildren, Lyndsay (Tyler) Hodapp, Andrew (Harleigh) Hiebing, Ian Hiebing, Camryn Kirby and Charlee Fordham; great-grandchildren, Avery Hodapp, Paisley Schmidt, Benjamin and Emery Hiebing and Baby Girl Hiebing arriving soon; step-grandchildren, Dylan, Colton, Ethan, Evan, Gabe, Christian, Cory, Carter, Cody, Irelyn and Patrick Shaw; step great-grandchildren, Arira and Dominick Shaw; his brother, Larry Fordham of Amboy; his sisters, Linda Hess of Earlville and Diane Fordham of Spring Valley; step-brothers, Ron (Marlene) Egler of Sublette and Ed Egler of Florida; and step-sisters, Linda Ikens of Amboy and Deb Egler of Dixon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step mothers, Laverne Fordham and Ellen Fordham; and his sister, Debra Hartenbower.

Face masks and social distancing requirements were enforced for a public visitation on Friday, Aug. 14 from 4-8 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Cremation rites were accorded after the visitation and a private family burial with military honors by the Mendota VFW Post 4079 will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery, Sublette at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Bugs was a wonderful father, grandfather and great-grandfather that was very loved and will be deeply missed by many.



## Allen E. Novak

MENDOTA - Allen Edward Novak, 77, of Mendota passed away Aug. 10, 2020 at his home.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. until noon on Aug. 15 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota under the requirements of face masks and social distancing. A private family only service was at noon with Rev. Jon Wenger officiating. Burial was at Clarion Cemetery with military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079.

Pallbearers were Nicholas Novak, Madeline Novak, Allisia Jaques, Anthony Jaques, Caitlin Donnelly, Keegan Donnelly, Travis Donnelly, Joshua Garcia, and Raphael Garcia. Honorary Pallbearers were Tim Funfsinn, Bill Johnson and Craig Varo.

Allen was born March 20, 1943 in New Prague, Minn. to Edward and Goldie (Jahn) Novak. He married the love of his life, Virginia Hansen of Ruthven, Iowa on Dec. 23, 1967.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; one son, Michael (Nancy) of Richmond, Va.; three daughters, Dawn Jaques of Shabbona, Deanna (Bernie) Donnelly of DeKalb and Janelle (George) Garcia of Mendota; 11 grandchildren, Nicholas Novak, Madeline Novak, Allisia Jaques, Anthony Jaques, Caitlin Donnelly, Keegan Donnelly, Travis Donnelly, Joshua Garcia, Alicia Garcia, Raphael Garcia and Dallas Garcia-Ramirez; one great-grandson, Lionel Jaques, and soon to-be great-grandson, Ezekiel Allen; eight step great-grandchildren; four sisters, Carole (Leon) Goldenman, Linda Novak, Jeanne (Tom) Sween and Joni Novak; and Tim Funfsinn, to whom he was also a father figure.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his furry friend, Lucy.

Allen grew up and attended schools in New Prague. He attended Waldorf College and the University of Minnesota graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. After graduation, he relocated to Mendota to work for Del Monte Foods for over 25 years. Following his time at Del Monte, he followed his passion for gardening and canning. This culminated in the formation of "Feathered Friends Country Creation Canned Goods" and resulted in the creation of over 100 variations of jams, jellies, pickles and salsas. Allen and Virginia could be found selling these home canned goods at many local festivals and craft fairs. Allen always engaged potential customers and encouraged them to try the goods before they bought them. He and Virginia enjoyed traveling across the United States each spring in their RV. He took an active role in the church community by serving on church council, providing Bibles to those in need and financially supporting Christian education.

Cards and condolences to the family may be sent to Merritt Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to the Ottawa Christian Academy and Beren Missions in Thailand.

## Verna L. Gordon

MENDOTA - Verna Lydia (Lindenmeyer) Gordon, 95, of Mendota, peacefully passed on Aug. 10, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Public graveside services will follow at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating.

Verna was born July 13, 1925 in Mendota to Joseph and Dorothy (Brown) Lindenmeyer. She married Clarence John Gordon on June 6, 1943. Together they had three children, two sons and a daughter.

Survivors include one son, Ronald (Jane) Gordon of DeKalb; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Gordon, and a daughter, Dixie Summers on Dec. 4, 2019.


Verna was a selfless woman who was always around to help others first, a natural teacher. She enjoyed being an active member of First United Methodist Church in Mendota. Attending county fairs, being dedicated to the rural farming industry, and gardening were favorite pastimes. She made everlasting memories spending quality time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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the Museum and part of the team responsible for the care of 35,000 plus artifacts. A historian of science and technology by training, Saridakis has 19 years of college-level

teaching experience.

This free program will be presented in a live virtual format via Zoom. To receive the viewing link, please register by going to <https://bit.ly/3a-hiZjg>. For more information, please contact Rachael at [rbloomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us](mailto:rbloomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us).

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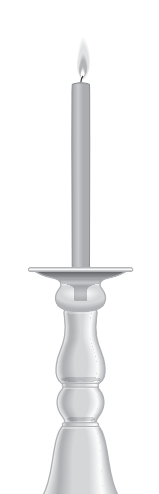
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# LOCAL AND AREA

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• Students and parents were reminded that Parent Connect is used for online grading, attendance, and communication. Parents are asked for current e-mail addresses so important student progress information may be shared. Freshmen and new students received Parent Connect login and passwords in the registration mailing. New parents will receive their password in the mail, or they may contact the high school for the login and password.

MHS uses e-mail for the majority of correspondence home. At registration, families were asked to provide accurate e-mails and/or to request paper mailings. “We strongly encourage parents to contact MHS with any questions,” Aughenbaugh said. “We also plan to post updates on Facebook and Twitter.”

### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A revised 2020-21 school calendar was approved by the board. Superintendent Jeff Prusator expressed his appreciation to MHS teach-

ers for their cooperation in working out the new calendar. Teacher institute days will be Sept. 3-4 and the first day for students will be Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Other changes: School will be in session on Oct. 9 and Columbus Day, Oct. 12.

There will be no school on Election Day, Nov. 3, which has been declared a state holiday.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be on Nov. 25.

Christmas break will begin on Dec. 23, and school resumes on Jan. 4. The first semester will end on Jan. 15.

No traditional spring break is scheduled, however, there will be several days off surrounding Easter.

Graduation will be Saturday, May 29 and the last day of school if no emergency days are used will be June 4. “That’s pretty good for not starting school until Sept. 8,” Prusator said. “The last possible day would be June 11 [if emergency days are used]. The sports seasons will be going until the end of June.”

• The board approved an addendum with ENGIE regarding the security corridor.

Three projects, the roof, resurfacing of the back parking lot, and the security corridor are all scheduled to be done next summer. The cost is not to exceed \$1.5 million.

• Prusator presented the preliminary budget for FY21 and a budget hearing was scheduled for Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. He said most of the funds will be in good shape by the end of the year but noted that the state is still two payments behind in Transportation. If one or both of those are received, the fund will be balanced.

• Board policy updates were approved.

### PERSONNEL

The board accepted a retirement notice from custodian Frank Lopez effective Dec. 31. Prusator commended Lopez saying he has been a very dependable worker over the years. “Frankie mostly works at night and he has done a great job,” Prusator said. “He will be hard to replace.”

The next regular board of education meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21 at the high school. The meeting will include a budget hearing.

## Door-to-door visits begin for 2020 Census

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Census Bureau has begun following up with households nationwide that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. Based on the current self-response rate of 63.3%, the Census Bureau estimates it will need to visit about 56 million addresses to collect responses in person. Up to 500,000 census takers across the country will go door-to-door to assist people in responding to the 2020 Census.

Census takers began following up with households on July 16 in a limited number of areas and added additional areas each week thereafter. Starting Aug. 9, all remaining offices began following up with households nationwide. Census takers have completed training on social distancing and safety protocols, will follow local public health guidelines, and will be required to wear a face mask when conducting follow-up visits. “America has answered the call and most households responded to the census online, by phone or by mail,” said Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham. “To ensure a complete and accurate count, we must now go door-to-door to count all of the households we have not heard back from. During this phase, you can still self-respond online (at 2020census.gov), by phone (at 844-330-2020), or by mailing your completed questionnaire.”

The Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) operation is the final stage of conducting the once-a-decade population count of everyone living in the United States. Households can still respond now by responding online at 2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received. Households can respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more. Those that respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

### What Households Can Expect

In most cases, census workers will make up to six attempts at each housing unit address to count possible residents. This includes leaving notification of the attempted visit on the door. The notification will include reminder information on how to respond online, by paper or by phone. In addition, census workers may try to reach the household by phone to conduct the interview.

Census takers will go to great lengths to ensure that no one is missed in the cen-

sus. After exhausting their efforts to do an in-person interview with a resident of an occupied housing unit, they will seek out proxy sources — a neighbor, a rental agent, a building manager or some other knowledgeable person familiar with the housing unit — to obtain as much basic information about the occupants as they can.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder’s language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household’s language.

### How to Identify Census Takers

Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. To confirm a census taker’s identity, the public may contact their regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

### The Census Bureau Will Follow Up With Some Households by Phone

In order to minimize the need to send census takers to households in person, the Census Bureau is training census takers to follow up with households by phone. Using information provided to the Census Bureau and third-party purchased data,

the Census Bureau has a strong contact list for both landlines and cellphones assigned to houses on the Census Bureau’s address list. These phone calls will enable the Census Bureau to have maximum flexibility for conducting field operations, and is one more method that census takers can use to reach nonresponding households. Phone calls will be used on an as-needed basis and when in-person contact attempts have not resulted in an interview. If a voicemail is available, the census taker will leave a message asking the household to call one of the Census Bureau’s call centers.

### Census Response Representatives to Visit Low-Responding Areas

The Mobile Questionnaire Assistance (MQA) program will continue through Sept. 30. This is a separate activity from census takers going door-to-door. MQA representatives are in open, public places in the lowest-responding areas of the nation to encourage people to respond to the 2020 Census. These locations are where people naturally visit when leaving home and can be used to help increase self-response rates. MQA is part of the Census Bureau’s final push to encourage people to complete the 2020 Census.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

## Aid

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“And while the department says that local governments cannot use the funds for that purpose, the state reserves the right to use it.”

DCEO set up a separate program to help businesses impacted by the pandemic called the Business Interruption Grant, or BIG, program that will distribute about \$636 million to businesses around the state.

Both the aid to local governments and the BIG program are funded with money the state received through the federal CARES Act. The city of Chicago as well as Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and Will counties are not eligible for the grants because they have populations over 500,000

and therefore received their own direct allocation of CARES Act funding.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced during a COVID-19 briefing in Chicago that DCEO just awarded the first round of those grants totaling \$46 million. He said the funding will go to more than 2,600 businesses located in 78 of the state’s 102 counties.

An additional round of grants will be awarded soon focusing on child care providers, and further grants will be awarded later in the fiscal year, according to DCEO.

Phil Keshen, DCEO’s chief financial officer, said during the JCAR hearing that there had been many discussions between the agency and IML, and DCEO intends to make up to \$30 million

available to local communities working in conjunction with local businesses.

The main concern, Keshen said, is the potential liability to the state and the local governments if the funds are not used in strict accordance with federal rules or with the state’s Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, commonly known as GATA.

“The liability does remain on the state for the federal funds,” he said. “And so that’s part of the process of entering into grant agreement — to make sure that the audit requirements set forth by GATA are in place as well, and...making sure that both the local government knows what their role is in the grant-making process as well as what DCEO’s role is.”

## Grants

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The governor’s office said more than 5,000 businesses applied for the grants and those who received them were chosen by random lottery.

Michael Negron, acting director of the state’s Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, acknowledged “there is much more we must do” amid historic impacts felt by the pandemic. DCEO oversees the grants.

“Ultimately, revitalizing our economy must start with getting the pandemic under control,” he said at the news conference. “That means following the public health guidelines, wearing a mask, maintaining a safe social distance of six feet and washing your hands regularly.”

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said she continues to be troubled by the upward trend in virus cases

in the state.

“My concern is growing each day about the direction our numbers are going,” Ezike said at the news conference. “Remember that numbers increasing actually represents people infected with this new virus. And those people infected with the new virus can go on to get sick. And those people who are sick can go on to be hospitalized. And those people who are hospitalized can go on to have very severe complications including up to death.”

While she said most people have mild to moderate symptoms that last only weeks, the long-term effects of the virus are not yet known.

She once again urged all Illinoisans to wear face coverings and keep distance from others in public.

Pritzker called the news conference to discuss the financial effects of the virus

and associated government shutdowns, and when questioned he said he does not want to send the state back down that path.

“That’s the last thing that’s on my mind if I can avoid it,” he said of potential shutdowns. “But the truth is that if we keep going in the wrong direction, we will inevitably get there. That’s why I want everybody to take personal responsibility.”

A new rule allowing health officials to levy fines against businesses that are lax on social distancing and face-covering requirements will help in that area, he said.

“I want to emphasize again that local officials should pay close attention to the data for their communities, and, where necessary, step up and impose greater mitigations on a targeted basis to bring down the number of infections or the positivity rate,” he said.

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## It can happen to anyone

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – If it can happen to Art Turner, it can happen to just about anyone.

But it sure is a lot more likely to occur if you happen to be black.

Just recently, Turner, who was once the most powerful African American in the Illinois House, was handcuffed and hauled to jail while driving just two blocks from his own Chicago home.

His offense?

Well, that’s just it. He did nothing wrong. All the same he ended up locked in a jail cell, stripped of his shoes, belt and more than a bit of his dignity.

Here’s what happened:

The 69-year-old was driving his BMW to a car dealer to trade it in for a truck. Two Chicago police officers pulled him over and said his car was missing a front license plate. He explained it had just fallen off and he hadn’t bothered to put it back on because he was trading it that day. But he produced his title, registration, driver’s license and all the other pertinent paperwork.

The police officers ran his driver’s license and then said he was wanted for failure to appear in court on a traffic offense.

Turner explained they must be mistaken because he knew he wasn’t wanted. He added, “Art Turner” is a common name. Could they double check their information?

They refused.

He was then patted down, handcuffed and loaded in the back of a patrol car.

“I kept telling the police officer that the handcuffs were on too tight. That they were really hurting my wrists. I explained to her that I represented the area for 30 years in the legislature when we drove by my old office. And I said that I was certain that I wasn’t wanted for anything, could she doublecheck her information?”

The officer didn’t respond.

Authority and arrogance often go hand in hand. And let’s be honest, some folks can’t see past the color of a person’s skin. For such individuals, reasoning, accomplishments, empathy mean little.

From my time covering police departments, I can tell you a whole lot of bigots end up in law enforcement. And, no, not all cops are this way. But enough are that fear of law enforcement is pervasive in black communities.

In the wake of George Floyd’s death in Minneapolis and Black Lives Matter demonstrations throughout the nation, one might think these officers would be extra careful in how they treat people.

That apparently wasn’t the case with the pair who Turner encountered. They could have requested more information on the wanted individual but didn’t.

In case you’re wondering about Rep. Turner, he has a gentlemanly demeanor and stands a rather unimposing 5 feet, eight inches tall. During his time in the legislature, Turner was known as quiet and cerebral. He wasn’t a grandstander. He was a budget nerd.

“I started out in college as a math major and then switched to business. Working on the state budget just seemed like a good fit,” he said.

When a handcuffed Turner arrived at the police station, he hollered that he was a former state representative and demanded to see the watch commander. A sergeant heard his voice echoing down the hallway and sought out the commander.

The commander knew him and immediately released him.

It turns out that there was an Art Turner who was wanted. But this Art Turner is 33 – 36 years younger than the former state representative. The fugitive also is covered with tattoos. And Art, the budget nerd, has none. Oh, and the wanted man is 6 foot, 2 inches tall – 6 inches taller than the other Art Turner.

If the former state representative wasn’t a prominent person in the community and if the watch commander hadn’t known him, he might well have spent a night or two in jail before the matter was cleared up.

The commander apologized. But Turner said he never heard from the two officers who locked him up.

Now some reading this may say this isn’t about race. Maybe the former state representative was dressed in a manner that caused suspicion.

So, just what was he wearing?

“I had on a shirt that says ‘Chicago Police Golf Memorial Fund.’ On the back of the shirt, it had the Chicago police star and on the front it had the flag colors of the Chicago police. It’s a charity I’ve supported over the years.”

(Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.)



## War news in Mendota – 1917

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Aug. 19, 1992)

By Jessica Nashold

In the month of August 1917, Illinois Governor Lowden issued a proclamation urging all communities to honor the young men being called to service. He wanted this done before Sept. 5, the day designated by the President as Mobilization Day for the National Army.

Even before the proclamation was issued, Mendota had scheduled a barbecue and dance at Blackstone Park on Aug. 16 with proceeds to benefit the families of service men. The Mendota Recruits’ Welfare Association made the arrangements. A 125-pound roast was baked and “the good housewives of Mendota worked hard preparing good things to eat.” A dance platform 32x55 feet was erected and seven long tables set up to accommodate the diners. Music was provided by Mrs. Graves, Axel Anderson, Dr. Wagner and Charles Barr.

**It was good and many encores were given by the dancers as well as those who did not care to dance.**

An estimated 1,500 people came to the park during the evening. Arriving home on furlough in time to greet friends were Second Lt. Robert Black from Fortress Monroe, Va., Second Lt. Allen Cook and Wayne Perkins from Ft. Sheridan.

The Sun-Bulletin published a letter from Tracey Tower, in training at Ft. Sheridan. He said his unit had been started at the University of Illinois the previous year with “no one but university boys in it.” But after the declaration of war, others had been added to bring it up to strength.”

He reported that his parents together with Mr. and Mrs. Worsley and Miss Theo Truman had visited him the day before.

**It was nice while they were here but today I seem all alone.**

The letter was dated Aug. 20, 1917. At war’s end, Miss Theo Truman became Mrs. Tracey Tower.

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Many Mendotans traveled to Rockford where Camp Grant was under construction.

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

**The officers in charge will not allow people to roam around this tract of 3,000 acres, but much can be seen from the road passing the place.**

Statistics had been released indicating there would be 1,143 buildings, including 180 barracks to house 36,000 men. Officers would be quartered outside the camp. Accommodations for 10,000 horses and mules would be provided. The hospital unit of 61 buildings would cost \$500,000, not including equipment. The parade ground would measure 1,000 feet by one mile. The rifle range took up 500 acres.

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Mendota’s Harris Hospital was under construction and carpenters were at work on the third floor and roof.

**The operating room will occupy this lofty place and there will be plenty of light as well as air and freedom from interruption.**

An elevator was to be installed. It was believed the building would “soon be enclosed.”

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The Illinois Central was building two five-room bungalows facing the east and west street running north of the Y. One of the bungalows would be for a foreman.

**This is a new plan adopted by the I.C. and will save the foreman considerable money in living expenses.**

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The local Red Cross was bitterly disappointed when headquarters failed to notify the local chapter that two army ambulances were coming to Mendota to demonstrate Red Cross work on the battlefield. At Princeton, where advanced word was received, a crowd of 2,000 turned out for the demonstration. Since Mendota had not been notified, there was no crowd, and the ambulances moved on.

**This was very aggravating to citizens of Mendota and especially officers and directors of the local Red Cross.**

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The War Department asked the American Library Association to provide library facilities in army and National Guard training camps. Thousands of books would be needed.

In Mendota, Miss Sadie Wilcox, the librarian, would accept donation of books during library hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1-5 and from 6-9.

**Good books of fiction, stirring poetry, foreign language study books (especially French), travel, history and technical books, good ones about the war and fresh attractive magazines of the better class are wanted.**

The War Department said it was important that “our soldiers be given intellectual and moral stimulus, and profitable recreation of this character.”

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The Sun-Bulletin sponsored a tobacco fund for “our soldiers in Europe.”

**There is nothing you can think of that will give more comfort and solace to soldiers at the front than tobacco.**

The Sun-Bulletin would be able to send 50 cents worth of smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco and cigarettes for every 25 cents donated. It was planned to publish the names of all contributors to this fund together with the amounts given from time to time.

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An American Purple Cross was being organized to properly embalm and return home the bodies of soldiers who were killed or died abroad while in service. A bill regarding this auxiliary to the Quartermaster General’s Department was being presented to Congress.

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To ease the minds of families with men overseas, a statement was issued in Washington dated Aug. 23, 1917 that there had been absolutely no American troops in the fighting thus far. Men were being trained and would not be committed to action until more had arrived in France.

## The immortal Indianapolis

By Rich Lowry

This summer marks the 75th anniversary of the worst disaster in the history of the United States Navy -- the sinking of the USS Indianapolis.

Three hundred men died in the initial catastrophe on July 30, 1945, then the survivors cast into the sea suffered unimaginable horrors, abandoned for days without food or water in shark-infested waters.

As long as tales of the sea move human hearts, the story of the Indianapolis will shock and inspire.

She was a heavy cruiser, in between a larger battleship and smaller destroyer. Sleek, fast and elegant, she bristled with firepower -- her 8-inch guns could fire a 250-pound shell 18 miles. Franklin Roosevelt made her his ship of state, and she became the flagship of the Navy’s 5th Fleet.

During World War II, she saw significant action and suffered a debilitating kamikaze strike at Okinawa. Quickly repaired, she embarked on a secret mission to deliver components of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. She then proceeded unaccompanied to Leyte in the Philippines.

A Japanese submarine stumbled upon her on a dark night. It fired six torpedoes, two of which struck the ship in quick succession right after midnight. The ship sank in 12 horrifying minutes.

Nine hundred men made it off, suddenly in the middle of the Philippine Sea at night with their home, their weapon, their mistress gone. Only about half had a life jacket or life vest. They were spread over miles. Many were wounded.

At first, they were hopeful about a rescue that didn’t come for four excruciating days. The ship’s SOS call was picked up at three places, but the message was ignored. A failure in the Navy’s tracking system meant no one noticed when the Indianapolis didn’t show up at Leyte. Day by day, hundreds

more men died.

During the day, the sun tortured them. The salt water weakened them. Thirst agonized them. Their life jackets began to give out.

They died of exposure and exhaustion. They died from the nightmarish attacks of circling sharks. They died from the terrible temptation of drinking salt water. They died from madness. They died from sheer despair, giving up and sinking beneath the waves.

Still, somehow, at the extreme edge of human endurance, 317 men survived when a plane on a surveillance mission finally came across them.

For Capt. Charles McVay, a new agony began. As the Indianapolis sank, he had considered going down with the ship before getting swept away by a wave. At first separated from his men, he had the horrifying thought that he alone might have survived.

The Navy court-martialed him for not having zigzagged to evade attack, even though his orders only made it mandatory during the day, even though the maneuver was of dubious effectiveness, even though the captain of the Japanese sub said he assuredly would have sunk the Indianapolis anyway.

There was a much stronger case that McVay had been let down by the Navy, since he wasn’t apprised of reports of Japanese subs operating in his vicinity and the Navy, shockingly, lost track of his ship. Yet McVay was found guilty. A broken man, he took his own life in 1968, and the Navy didn’t expunge his record of wrongdoing until 2001.

It’s another tragedy associated with a ship whose drama, heartbreaking and astonishing, will never leave us.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Mendota Civic Center  
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8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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## WEEKLY RECORD

**LaSalle County (marriage licenses)**  
Tyler J. Ince and Erica L. McPheeters, both of Mendota; issued July 28, 2020.  
David P. McLachlan and Susan R. Rebholz, both of Mendota; issued Aug. 3, 2020.  
Jamal D. Roach and Genia M. Nickel, both of Mendota; issued Aug. 4, 2020.  
Ronnie L. Boston of Ottawa and Dantonette T. Wallace of Mendota; issued Aug. 13, 2020.

**GARAGE SALE/NOTICE DEADLINES**  
• Thursday 5 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.  
• Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

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**PAW PAW ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALES**  
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## POLICE BLOTTER

### WARRANT ARREST

Christopher J. Brown, 37, of 100 S. First Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 11:34 a.m. Aug. 11 on valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear on a charge of driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### WARRANT ARREST

Robert A. Bugiyn, 57, of 812 Main St., Apt. 4, Mendota, was arrested at 11:24 a.m. Aug. 13 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of assault. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### WARRANT ARREST

Ernesto A. Angulo, 28, of 1010 Main St., Apt. 1, Mendota, was arrested at 3:20 p.m. Aug. 13 on a valid Kane County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

## City Ordinance

### Animals-Pet Waste

- The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the City of Mendota so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.
- Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.
- Exemptions. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.
- Violations and penalties. Any person(s) who is found to have violated the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$25 and no more than \$75.



## Temp monitor

Student Alexis Fuller of Dana uses one of Illinois Valley Community College's new temperature monitors at the main entrance. The contactless, 8-inch terminals are 99.9 percent accurate in less than 1 second. Everyone entering the college is required to use the monitors. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, everyone is also expected to wear a facemask; social distancing will be in place. (Photo contributed)

## Burn Ordinance

**MENDOTA** – It is unlawful to burn any materials other than small and dried quantities of branches, leaves, weeds or grass at any time. The burning of any material such as rubber, tires, leather, tar paper, old batteries or any material that emits an offensive odor when burned is unlawful within the city limits of Mendota.

Limited amounts of yard waste material may be burned provided the material is dry and does not create an offensive odor, nuisance or fire hazard due to excessive high winds. Combustible yard waste material may be kindled from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. All fires must be constantly tended by a competent person, until such fire is properly extinguished. The continued smoldering of slow-burning combustible yard waste after 4 p.m. is a nuisance and anyone kindling such a fire that will emit obnoxious odors after 4 p.m. will be considered performing an unlawful act. Burning on Sunday by commercial establishments shall be considered an unlawful act.

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### BY STATE

National Self-Response 63.4%  
Illinois Self-Response 68.3%

### BY COUNTY

Illinois Self-Response 68.3%  
LaSalle County 71.2%

### BY CITY

#### (LaSalle County cities)

Mendota – 71.0%  
Earlville – 65.7%  
Leland – 70.7%  
Serena – 75.5%

Sheridan – 65.5%  
Troy Grove – 66.3%  
Peru – 76.7%  
LaSalle – 68.7%

#### (Lee County & Bureau County cities)

Compton – 64.7%  
West Brooklyn – 61.3%  
Paw Paw – 71.6%  
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# SOCIAL/LOCAL



## Summer splendor

Lake Mendota offers up a beautiful setting as a couple soak in the splendor from a lakeside bench on a recent sunsplashed late-summer day. More people were out taking advantage of the delightful day by fishing, jogging, bike-riding and just reading a book under the shade of a tree. (Reporter photo)



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schmidt

## Schmidts to mark 65th anniversary on Aug. 27

ROCKFORD – Howard and Ginny (Smith) Schmidt will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 27, 2020.

They both grew up in the Mendota area, attended Mendota High School, and

were married in 1955 at Holy Cross Church.

They will be celebrating safely in their home in Rockford with an outdoor visit from their four daughters, Shari, Julie, Angie and Carrie.

## How adults can find new hobbies

Leisure time can seem like a luxury for many adults. While it can seem like there's little time in the day to do more than tend to responsibilities at work and at home, people may have more time to pursue leisure activities than they realize.

In its 2018 American Time Use Survey, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that 96 percent of people age 15 and over engaged in some sort of leisure activity on an average day.

How people spend their leisure time might affect their perceptions about that time. For example, few people may consider watching television an "activity," though the American Time Use Survey found that watching TV occupied more leisure time, nearly three hours per day, than any other leisure activity. Finding new hobbies that encourage active participation can make leisure time more memorable.

- Think back to your childhood. Hobbies you once enjoyed as a child may have long since been forgotten, but it can be fun to re-immersing yourself in such interests. Adults who loved to play sports as a child can no doubt find adult leagues in their



area, while once budding artists might want to dust off their easels and visit a local paint and sip facility.

- Reinvent something you're already doing. Another way to find a new hobby is to consider the things you already do and see if there's ways to make them better. For example, cooking for a family each night might be made more enjoyable by enrolling in a cooking class, where you can meet fellow foodies while fine-tuning your culinary skills. If you love to read, start a community book club.

- Expand your horizons. It's easy for anyone to say

"no" to something new, but especially so for adults accustomed to their routines. But men and women who are willing to try anything are more likely to find something new to be passionate about than those who shy away from the unknown. You don't have to make a big initial commitment when trying a new hobby, but approach any new ideas or suggestions with an open mind.

Finding a new hobby as an adult can be tricky. But approaching activities with an open mind may help people uncover new hobbies they can be passionate about.

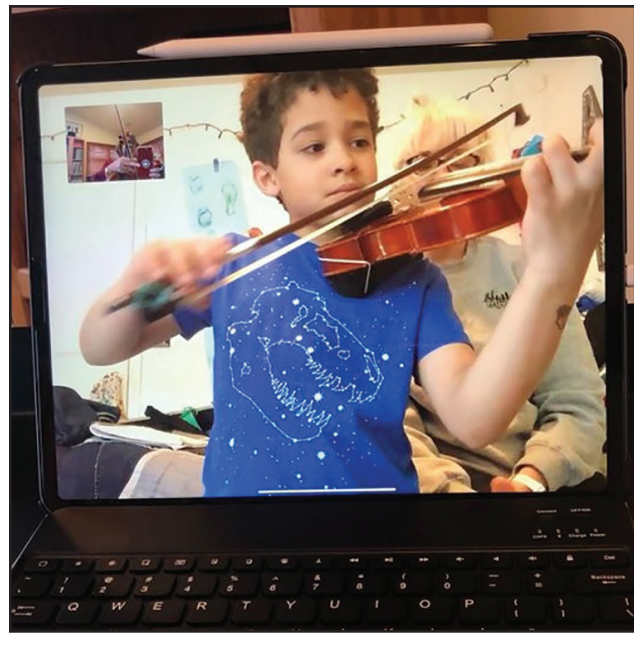
## NIU Community School of the Arts offering music lessons, ensembles, classes

DeKALB—For more than 30 years, NIU Community School of the Arts has offered music education and instruction for children and adults of all ages. The CSA offers activities for personal enrichment year-round for community members who participate in classes, lessons, and music ensembles in person or online.

Registration is open now for a variety of programs in person and online for the 2020-2021 school year. The programs and activities that meet in person in the NIU Music Building will strictly adhere to the safety measures outlined by Northern Illinois University and the NIU Community School of the Arts. Program and safety information is available at the CSA website [www.csa.niu.edu](http://www.csa.niu.edu).

### Scholarships

Financial assistance is available for students age 18 or younger who want to pursue their study of music. Funding for scholarships is provided through private donations, fundraising activities, and support from the Fanny R. Wurlitzer Foundation Fund. The deadline for submitting a need-based scholarship application for the fall semester is Oct. 15 and families with an adjusted gross income less than \$75,000 annually are eligible



The NIU Community School of the Arts at NIU offers music instruction online and in person this fall.

to apply. Scholarship applications are available at the CSA website and by calling the NIU Community School of the Arts.

### Music Lessons – Traditional and Suzuki

Learn to play a musical instrument. The CSA offers traditional private music lessons on nearly all instruments – violin, guitar, piano, percussion, brass, woodwinds and many more. Music lessons using the Suzuki approach, combining private and group lessons, are taught on violin, cello, piano, and guitar.

Music teachers meet with students weekly in person or online for private lessons, and students are invited to prepare for and participate in a recital at the end of each semester. Music lessons begin the week of August 24.

### Music Classes for Young Children

Piano Starter for Children: Limited to four children ages 5 – 7, this small group class is an ideal beginning class for children to prepare for private music lessons. Piano Starter meets in person in the NIU Music Building on Tuesdays from 4 – 4:40

p.m. and begins on Sept. 8. Taught by piano teacher Soo-Yon Choi, this class meets 12 times.

Guitar for Kids: Teacher Quentin Dover introduces children ages 8 – 12 to guitar playing through a fun, song-oriented approach to learning. Exposure to music fundamentals such as scales, chords, rhythm, melody, harmony, and playing technique allows students to begin building their own toolbox of musical skills, promoting confident and comfortable playing. No previous guitar experience is required, and each student will use their own guitar during class. Class meets online on Wednesdays 12 times from 5 – 5:50 p.m. starting Sept. 9.

### Music Classes for Older Children and Adults

Guitar Basics and Intermediate Guitar are taught by guitarist and long-time CSA teacher Quentin Dover on Wednesday evenings. Students bring their own guitar to this online class and learn to play songs, scales and chords along with beginning music theory and guitar techniques. Guitar Basics meets from 6 – 6:50 p.m. and Intermediate Guitar meets from 7 – 7:50 p.m. Both classes welcome students ages 13 – adult, begin on Sept. 9, and meet online 12 times.

Square One Piano: Group

Basics Class meets from 6:15 – 7 p.m. and is for beginners. Piano Forte: Building Piano Skills meets from 7:15 – 8 p.m. and is for intermediate players. Both classes meet in person for 12 weeks in the NIU Music Building. Adults learn to play piano in a fun, group atmosphere when popular CSA teacher Soo-Yon Choi leads group piano classes for ages 13 – adult in person on Monday evenings starting Sept. 14.

### Music Ensembles

Musicians share a love of music and learn to play with others through the ensemble experience. The NIU Community School offers several music ensembles, some for young musicians and others for older children and adults. Every ensemble performs a concert in the NIU Music Building or online at the end of each semester.

CSA Symphonette is a string orchestra for ages 8 – 16 that rehearses in person in the NIU Music Building on Tuesdays from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Directed by Linc Smelser, this group plays lively and challenging music and performs in concert twice during the year. The first Symphonette rehearsal is on Sept. 1.

CSA Sinfonia is directed by Kishwaukee Symphony

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## Bureau County Farm Bureau plans freezer meal fundraiser

PRINCETON – The Bureau County Farm Bureau is holding a Freezer Meal fundraiser to benefit the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Enjoy the ease of picking up 10 prepackaged meals to serve five people. All you need to do is reheat. This is a great way to save time on meal preparation and support the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation.

The cost is \$170, which averages only \$3.40 a person with each meal feeding five people. Orders and payment are due by Sept. 24.

Items on the menu are sweet & sour meatballs, breakfast burritos, pulled pork, cheesy ham & potato, baked mostaccioli, chicken fajitas, ham balls, bourbon pulled chicken, cowboy tater tot casserole, and cheesy chicken & stuffing casserole.

Meals will be prepared, packaged and frozen. Meals will be packaged in a sealed box for pickup and can be picked up at the Bureau County Farm Bureau on Thursday, Oct. 8 between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Pre-registration and payment is required by Sept. 24. You may mail your payment to 1407 N. Main St., Princeton, IL 61356 or you may pay by phone for a slight service fee at (815) 875-6468.

## Social Security

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By Mike Weilt

Did you know you can see your work history online all the way back to your first job? Your earnings history is a record of your progress toward your Social Security benefits. We keep track of your earnings so we can pay you the benefits you've earned over your lifetime. This is why reviewing your Social Security earnings record is so important.

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You can find detailed instructions on how to correct your Social Security earnings record at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf).

Let your friends and family know they can access important information like this any time at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) and do much of their business with us online.

(Weilt is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)



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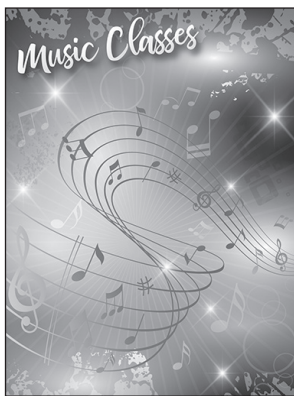
## Music

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Orchestra conductor Linc Smelser and meets in person for rehearsals on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 2. For fall 2020, the youth orchestra has been divided into three groups for rehearsals to reduce density: Strings will meet from 7 – 7:45 p.m., Woodwinds from 8 – 8:40 p.m. and Brass from 8:55 – 9:30 p.m. CSA Sinfonia plays a wide variety of music and performs two concerts during the year. Musicians age 14 – 20 are admitted by audition and first-time members should call the NIU Community School to schedule an audition.

CSA Guitar Ensemble meets online on Wednesdays from 8 – 8:50 p.m. Directed by CSA teacher and musician Quentin Dover, guitar players ages 14 – adult work on ensemble skills, build confidence and skill on the guitar, and perform two concerts during the year. The first rehearsal is on Sept. 9.

CSA Steelband encourages everyone to experience the unique sound of the steel pan. Directed by Yuko Asada, CSA Steelband welcomes members ages 12 – adult. No previous experience on the instrument is needed, but it is recommended that students can read music. The



steel pan family ranges from soprano to bass, and each student chooses an instrument. The ensemble plays many types of music arranged for steel pan, including calypso, classical, rock, and rhythm and blues, and performs in concert several times during the year. CSA Steelband rehearses in person in the NIU Music Building on Mondays from 6:30 - 7:25 p.m. beginning on Sept. 14.

The NIU Community School of the Arts is sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Northern Illinois University. More information, including the scholarship application form, activities registration form, teacher biographies, safety protocols and online registration can be found at [www.csa.niu.edu](http://www.csa.niu.edu), or call (815) 753-1450 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## No tax increase expected at IVCC

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's board gave tentative approval to the 2021 budget on Aug. 13 – a plan that is not expected to result in a tax increase, Vice President for Business Services and Finance Cheryl Roelfsema said.

Overall, revenues are projected at \$32.1 million, less than one percent over 2020. Expenditures of \$32.5 million are up less than one percent over the previous year.

The general fund is \$22.5 million, an increase of 1.4 percent. The fund, comprised of the education and operations and maintenance funds, includes a \$600,000 contingency to protect the college against a potential enrollment drop during the pandemic and the possibility state support could decrease if the proposed income tax increase fails in the Nov. 3 election.

Final budget passage is expected Sept. 10 following a public hearing. The 80-page document is available for public viewing in the Business Office, Room C338, or online at [https://www.ivcc.edu/businessservices/financial-budgets/Budget\\_FY21\\_tentative.pdf](https://www.ivcc.edu/businessservices/financial-budgets/Budget_FY21_tentative.pdf).

In other business, the board approved:

- Purchase of \$50,000 in fuel cards for the Truck Driver Training program from WEX Inc.
- Expending \$50,000 for OSHA training instruction for the Continuing Education Center. Costs are recovered through fees charged to CEC clients.
- Expending \$40,000 for janitorial supplies from Home Depot Pro, formerly Supply Works of Peoria, and nearly \$30,000 in elevator maintenance services from ThyssenKrupp of Peoria.



- Renewal of Microsoft software maintenance and support from CDW for \$27,303.

• The retirement request of Director of Nursing Programs Julie Hogue effective Dec. 31. Hogue taught nursing 12 years before being promoted to director four years ago. In her retirement letter, Hogue said, "I remain a devoted supporter of IVCC and the positive impact it has had on the surrounding communities."

• Renewal of premiums with Wright Specialty Insurance and Travelers for \$137,822 and workers' compensation insurance with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for \$80,058.

The board also learned:

- Erin Templeton has been hired as a full-time administrative assistant in Information Technology Services and Tracy Schwemlein as payroll and benefits coordinator.
- Resignations have been submitted by academic support technologist Marty Makransky, Continuing Education program manager Cathy Buck and Writing Center interim coordinator Christine Stiel. Makransky's resignation is effective Aug. 21.
- Modifications were made to the fall calendar due to IVCC being closed for the Nov. 3 election.
- In his report, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran credited facilities staff

for the clean-up work they performed following the Aug. 10 "derecho" storm. "Facilities takes pride in keeping everyone comfortable, safe and secure," he said.

• Adult Education's July 23 drive-through recognition event attracted a dozen GED-High School Equivalency graduates, U.S. Citizenship passers, completers of the Bridge to Careers program and completers of the new ICAP program (Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System).

• Therapeutic Massage hosted a ceremony for six graduates Aug. 7 in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

• Grand opening for the recently completed Agriculture Center is 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 at the site off Orlando Smith Road. The event is limited to 50 invitees.

• Of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Local 1810 entitled "Full-time Counselor Alternative Service Delivery."

• Corcoran lauded LaSalle County Health Department Administrator Julie Kerestes for providing "tremendous feedback on IVCC's COVID-19 Operations and Safety Plan."

• Corcoran commended employees for overcoming a myriad of impediments this spring and summer. "A lot of good people have worked hard on marketing, outreach and student support under difficult circumstances. Other than a pandemic, state directive to close the campus in the middle of a semester and move everything online, a cyberattack, derecho and two-day power outage, 2020 has been a routine year."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** When will “Fixer Upper” return with new episodes? I had read that it merged with the DIY Network and was going to return, but I can’t find when and what channel. — **G.W.**



Joanna & Chip

**A:** When “Fixer Upper,” starring home-renovation experts Chip and Joanna Gaines, aired its last new episode in 2018, it was supposed to be the end. It had become the No. 1-rated unscripted series in all of cable television, and the married stars needed a break. They eventually struck a deal with the Discovery mass media company to create their own channel, the Magnolia Network, which would replace the DIY Network. Having their own network would allow them to produce many shows starring other talent, and Discovery aimed for an October 2020 launch date. Then the pandemic hit, and Magnolia has postponed its start to early 2021.

With “Fixer Upper” done, the Gaines planned to produce 10 new TV series for the

Magnolia Network featuring new stars in front of the cameras. However, they recently surprised Discovery with the news that they themselves were ready to film all-new episodes of “Fixer Upper.”

**So,** to answer your question, Chip and Joanna will be returning sometime in 2021 with new episodes when the Magnolia Network launches. In the meantime, enjoy the reruns, but be sure to check out their official website, Magnolia.com, for updates. \*\*\*

**Q:** Whatever happened to actress Cameron Diaz? She was one of the biggest movie stars for a while, but I haven’t seen her in anything since she got married. Is she still acting? -- **P.M.**

**A:** Diaz, star of hit films like “There’s Something About Mary” and “The Mask,” married rocker Benji Madden in 2015, and their daughter was born late last year. After filming the movie “Annie,” Diaz decided to walk away from the spotlight.

She recently told fellow movie star Gwyneth Paltrow that she is at peace with her decision. She also added that she hasn’t ruled out a return to acting someday. Coincidentally, it was recent-

ly announced that Warner Bros. plans to film two more “Mask” movies. The original starring Jim Carrey and Diaz was a hit back in 1994. If the studio approaches the retired star to reprise her role, then this might be the perfect opportunity for a comeback. \*\*\*

**Q:** I saw a recent picture of Kelly Osbourne online, and she lost a lot of weight. Did she have weight loss surgery like her mother? -- **R.H.**

**A:** The TV personality and daughter of rock legend Ozzy Osbourne, Kelly recently announced on social media that she’s lost over 80 pounds this past year. She didn’t say how, but I do know that she got sober a couple years ago and had adopted a vegan diet. She decided to make her health a priority earlier this year.

Kelly’s family has faced many health battles. Her mom, Sharon, beat colon cancer; her father, Ozzy, has Parkinson’s disease; and her brother Jack was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

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

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## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** -- Once upon a time, long before the advent of television, people drove cars to a place that had 400 parking spaces and a big white screen that stood 100 feet high and 50 feet wide. The year was 1933, the place was Camden, New Jersey, and they called it a drive-in theater. The first film shown there was the MGM release of a British comedy starring Adolphe Menjou, of the original “A Star Is Born” (1937), “Stage Door” (1937) and his last film, “Pollyanna” (1960). Admission was 25 cents.

Today 300 drive-in theaters still exist nationwide and because of COVID-19, and because of COVID-19, drive-in theaters are being revived. The largest in the world is The Wilderness Outdoor Movie Theater in Trenton, Georgia. It has two screens, one for G-rated and the other for R-rated films, that show movies such as “Aladdin,” “Dumbo” and “John Wick 3” for \$7 per person. The snack bar serves burgers, BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, nachos, chili, etc., and nothing costs more than \$5.50.

Drive-ins have been featured in classic films such as “Grease,” “Pee Wee’s Great Adventure” and recently in “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood.” In July, the Tribeca Film Festival launched “Tribeca Drive-in” in California, Florida, New York and Texas, showing 30 films including “Goldfinger,” “Back to the Future” and “Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure.”

Within three years, Eustis, Florida, will see the “Lighthouse 5” with five drive-in theaters, camp and RV grounds, restaurants and shops. It will cost \$1 million to build. Not to be outdone, the Australian company “Beyond Cinema” plans to invade America in September and October with a floating cinema, which can accommodate 12-14 mini-boats that hold up to eight people. It’s booked 16 cities in the U.S., including Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, New York,

San Diego and San Francisco, and Vancouver, Toronto and Calgary in Canada. \*\*\*

Recently drive-ins have been used by superstars such as Blake Shelton, Keith Urban and Garth Brooks. Urban staged a free private concert at The Stardust Drive-in Watertown, Tennessee, where cameras broadcast his show with lights and sound streamed into vehicles from FM transmitters and with a full concert PA system onto the big screen. The audience applauded by flashing headlights and honking horns. Garth Brooks gave a one-night-only concert that was simulcast to 300 different drive-ins across America.

Shelton predicts, “When this virus is through, I see drive-in theaters having an even bigger resurgence. You can watch a movie and be entertained with your family. It’s a new way to do concerts too!”

After months of streaming, families who talk during movies will not get shushed in their own cars!

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B. Shelton

## Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

*(Editor’s note: We are at the end of the coronavirus theater movie releases, and what is being released now are direct-to-DVD titles or garbage titles with little to no information. As a result, we will offer themed columns like this one when reviewable movies are not available.)*

August is an imposing thing. Down where I live, the heat is so fully embodied that it’s something you have walk through rather than merely feel. It’s its own entity with a trickster personality that encourages poor choices and snap judgments, a dealer of bad moods and a constant source of aggravation -- and I have air conditioning! But I’m not alone in feeling this way. Study after study shows that hot weather can have a powerful effect on a person, and not a positive one. Here are four films where heat had a cameo, if not a headline role.

**“12 Angry Men” (1957)** -- A classic by director Sidney Lumet, “12 Angry Men” centers around the jurors in a murder trial where a young

man is accused of murdering his father with a knife. The jurors are hung by one man, Juror No. 8 (Henry Fonda), who forces the others, over the course of the hottest day of the year cramped in a stuffy juror’s room, to debate and review not only the evidence of the case, but also their own prejudices and motivations.

**“Body Heat” (1981)** -- Sexy and sultry as the sweltering heat of South Florida, Kathleen Turner makes her feature debut as Matty, a young wife to a much older, absentee husband. She finds an ardent and adoring lover in bumbling lawyer Ned (William Hurt), who’d truly do anything for her -- even unburden her of her husband. In true noir fashion, the pair enact a plot to do just that, but you should never trust a dame. This is one hot and steamy thriller!

**“Do the Right Thing” (1989)** -- A Brooklyn neighborhood finds racial tensions simmering on the hottest day of the year, and there are plenty of spoons to stir the pot of trouble that’s ready

to boil over. Mookie (Spike Lee) works at a local pizza shop owned by Sal (Danny Aiello). When two neighborhood residents demand Sal add Black celebrities to his Italian-American Wall of Fame and he refuses, the protest turns violent. The story is as relevant today as it was when it hit theaters.

**“Falling Down” (1993)** -- Michael Douglas plays William Foster, laid off from his defense-industry job, who is on the way to his ex-wife’s house for his daughter’s birthday when his car’s AC stops working and he gets caught in endless LA gridlock. In that moment, he goes buck nuts crazy, leaves that junker on the side of the road and tears across the LA landscape with a fierce thirst for vengeance on purveyors of little injustices, like the fast food restaurant that won’t serve you breakfast if you’re even a minute too late. He’s pursued by a detective (Robert Duval) on his last day before retirement.

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* A tarantula discovered in 2015 near Folsom Prison, California, was given the scientific name “Aphonopelma johnnycashi” after Johnny Cash, in honor of his song “Folsom Prison Blues.”

\* For that matter, “The Crocodile Hunter” Steve Irwin had a snail named after him, the “Crikey steveirwini,” a rare species of tree snail with a khaki-colored shell discovered in 2009.

\* Some 60% of human DNA is identical to that of a banana.

\* The maddening but addictive Rubik’s Cube was created by accident. Professor of architecture Erno Rubik built a twistable box with colorful rows of labels on each side in an attempt to design blocks that could move without collapsing the entire structure. After rotating a few rows and mixing up the colors, the real challenge began: realigning the hues! It took Rubik about a month to restore his cube to its original condition.

\* “Slaughterhouse-Five” author Kurt Vonnegut was such a big fan of the TV series “Cheers” that he once told reporters he would rather have written scripts for the show than all his bestselling novels.

\* Peppermint oil does a better job of promoting hair growth than hair-growth medication.

\* Speaking of hair, following the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, thousands of hairstylists and alpaca farmers donated over 19 warehouses worth of cut locks to absorb it.

\* Looking for a possible reason to like Monday? It’s the least rainy day of the week. While the exact science behind this is unclear, researchers believe it’s likely due to the decrease in man-made pollution over the weekend.

\* The tradition of knocking on wood for good luck originated with primitive pagans who tapped on trees to summon the protective spirits residing in them. \*\*\*

Thought for the Day: “There are years that ask questions, and years that answer.” -- Zora Neale Hurston

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## Trivia Test

1. LITERATURE: What was the name of Hermione’s pet cat in the “Harry Potter” series?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the metal band that attaches a pencil and an eraser?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which state claims Mackinac Island in Lake Huron?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the coffeehouse in the “Friends” sitcom?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have died in office?
7. MEDICAL: What is the common name for lachrymation?
8. LANGUAGE: What is the

- American English version of a British flannel?
9. HISTORY: Who was the last czar of Russia?
  10. MUSIC: What was the original name of the pop rock group Maroon 5?
- Answers
1. Crookshanks
  2. A ferrule
  3. A tower
  4. Michigan
  5. Central Perk
  6. Eight
  7. Flow of tears
  8. A washcloth
  9. Nicholas II
  10. Kara’s Flowers
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**  
1 Homer’s cry  
4 Commotion  
7 Couturier Bill  
12 — out a living  
13 America’s uncle  
14 They’re usually covered in white  
15 Auto  
16 Cartoon canary  
18 Suitable  
19 Point of view  
20 Effervescence  
22 Squirrel’s home  
23 Mediocre  
27 Samovar  
29 Sister of Venus  
31 Kin of “Abra-cadabra!”  
34 Crucifixes  
35 Sufficient  
37 “Brady Bunch” girl  
38 Cash-drawer compartment  
39 Swelled head  
41 Marvel Comics group  
45 Clutch  
47 Anger  
48 16-Across’ pursuer  
52 Legislation  
53 Praiseful rendition  
54 Clean Air Act org.

**DOWN**  
1 Starbuck’s selection  
2 Giraffe’s cousin  
3 Avis competitor  
4 “The Thin Man” pooch  
5 Suddenly occur to  
6 Last letter  
7 Information unit  
8 Myrna of Hollywood  
9 Matterhorn, e.g.  
10 Tackle moguls  
11 Away from NNW  
17 Reindeer kin  
21 Boer fighters  
23 Cheer-ful part of NYC?  
24 Zodiac feline  
25 Moreover  
26 Owns  
28 Tatter  
30 Detergent brand  
31 Dog’s doc  
32 Individual  
33 Tiny particle  
36 Towel word  
37 Andrew Lloyd Webber title role  
40 Microsoft big-wig  
42 Where to see “The Last Supper”  
43 Poets’ Muse  
44 More recent  
45 Hackman or Wilder  
46 Beseech  
48 Masseuse’s workplace  
49 Sweet potato  
50 Mainlander’s memento  
51 U-Haul rental

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Answers

King Crossword

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## How God rewards our suffering

I don't know anyone who gets excited about going through hardship, and yet it's unavoidable in everyone's life at some time or other. When trouble comes, a natural response is "Why is this happening?" or "I can't believe this is happening to ME!"

But the Bible tells us that hard times are actually good for us. James 1:2-3 (AMP) says, "Consider it nothing but joy...when-ever you fall into various trials. Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace]."

These verses are saying that we can learn to go through hard times with joy and hope, knowing God will use them to make us better in the end.

### **Resist the Urge to Run**

When things get tough, our initial reaction is to want to run from the pain and escape the situation, but what we need to do is take a firm stand in our faith and face it. Jesus promises us in John 16:33 that if we will trust Him in the midst of the struggle, we can have peace and confidence that we will overcome it because He is on our side!

Now, we don't just overcome the problem, but in the process of going through it, God uses the very thing that is causing our pain to develop endurance, patience and perseverance in our soul. This is how we build our faith in God and grow up spiritually.

### **The Value of Patience and Endurance**

The Greek Dictionary says patience is a fruit of the Spirit that grows only under trial. In fact, the word patience comes from the root word hupone, which means "to remain under."

Patience has to do with being steadfast, disciplined and committed—not running from difficult things, but sticking with them all the way through. It's about having a good attitude while you're waiting for your breakthrough or the fulfillment of something you desire.

Patience has a lot to do with endurance. I've come up with my own definition of endurance: "to outlast the enemy." It reminds me not to give up when I'm weary because I never want to give in to the temptations Satan brings my way or let him win the battle.

We all get weary at times and wonder if we'll ever get our breakthrough when we've been fighting the same battles for a long time. But the ones who refuse to give up are the ones who will have a testimony in the end!



### **The Test of My Quality**

In 1 Peter 4:12, we see that painful experiences test the quality of our faith. When our quality is tested, we learn things about ourselves, because we don't really know what we would do in a tough situation until we're in it. God allows us to go through hard times to reveal what's in our hearts.

I remember a season in my life when I was praying for God to change me and make me more patient, sweet, merciful and loving. He answered my prayer at the grocery store.

I used to be very impatient when it was time to check out at the supermarket, and I somehow managed to pick the slow line every time. I can vividly remember one day when there was a new clerk being trained and everything was taking longer than usual. I was frustrated, and I made sure they knew it! I sighed loudly and mumbled under my breath.

These times at the grocery store were tests meant to develop patience and endurance in my soul. Over time, as I continued to grow in my relationship with God, I began to pass these tests more often. I came to the point

where I could wait in the slow line with a good attitude—without opening my mouth or making a sound.

### **The Reward Always Outweighs the Pain**

My example of developing patience at the grocery store may seem trivial compared to the trial you're facing today. But I want to encourage you to find comfort in the truth that God is with you and He knows exactly what you're going through. He loves you more than you know, and He has the answers you desperately need.

There have been many times when I've walked through devastating pain, and Galatians 6:9 has been an encouragement to me. It says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (NIV).

And God promises in Romans 8:28 that if we will trust Him and keep doing what is right in each situation, He will work it all out for our good. He will take every moment of pain and use it to develop priceless fruit, such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith-

fulness, gentleness and self-control in our soul (Galatians 5:22-23).

That's more than enough reason to keep going, one day at a time, and to never give up!

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Rev. Mary Bohall, Pastor  
Cell: (815) 718-2191

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Traditional Worship

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Pastor Hogun Kim  
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pastorhogunkim@gmail.com

Church office  
(815) 538-2186

Email: zionumcmendota@gmail.com

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**  
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Sunday School

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will end.  
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the fact that I think I am following  
your will does not mean that I am  
actually doing so.  
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please you does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all  
that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything  
apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this you will  
lead me by the right road, though I  
may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost and  
in the shadow of death.  
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with me, and you will never leave  
me to face my perils alone.

Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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.....

Rev. Charles Yeakel, Pastor  
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Worship  
Evening Service

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Rev. Steven Mindrup, Interim Pastor  
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#### BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Isaiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. A number of herbs and spices are mentioned in the Bible (KJV). Which one is mentioned the most?  
Salt, Pepper, Sage, Thyme
3. Whose first chapter begins, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus"?  
Matthew, Luke, John, Acts
4. In 2 Kings 1, what Philistine city worshiped Baal-zebul?  
Ekron, Succoth, Gomorrah, Antipatris
5. From Acts 9, where did Peter cure Aeneas?  
Tyre, Neapolis, Lydda, Gibeon
6. In Numbers 20, where did Aaron die?  
Mount of Olives, Pisgah, Mount Hor, Gilboa



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Salt; 3) Acts;  
4) Ekron; 5) Lydda; 6) Mount Hor

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#### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Another parable He put forth to them, saying:  
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed,  
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indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is  
grown it is greater than the herbs and  
becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air  
come and nest in its branches."*

Matthew 13:31,32



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In the Matter )  
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of RICHARD )  
T. THOMPSON, )  
Deceased. )

No. 2020-P-128

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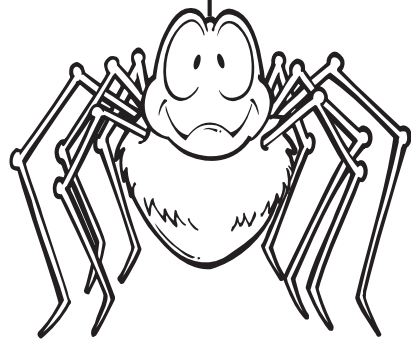
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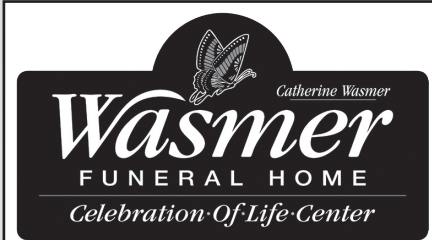




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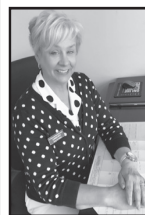
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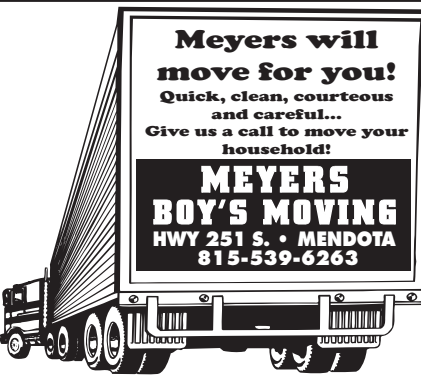
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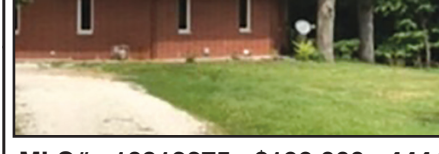
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