



Silent swings
The swings and the rest of the playground at Lincoln School are quiet on the first day of school for Mendota Elementary School District 289 on Aug. 24. All students began the 2020-21 school year with remote learning. Teachers contacted each student and family during the first week of school to provide training on logins, expectations, curricular materials, and other information. The first week will also include student assessment. The District will work with the LaSalle County Health Department during the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 4 to determine whether remote instruction should continue for all students or if the schools can return to the previously approved hybrid plan on Sept. 8. Regardless of the decision made during the week of Aug. 31, the district will revisit the plan approximately every six weeks and communicate this decision in a timely manner to enable parents to plan. (Reporter photo)

State making final push to increase census participation

By RAYMON TRONCOSO
Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Human Services said the state is poised to have one of the top census response rates in the country despite two tumultuous months of changing deadlines as determined by the Trump Administration. Illinois sits at a 69.1 percent self-response rate as of

Aug. 20, up two points from its 67 percent self-response rate on July 19. The national response rate was 64.2 percent. The state’s 2010 census response rate was 70.5 percent, giving organizers hope of passing that mark by the Sept. 30 deadline – a date recently moved forward one month by the Trump administration.

Illinois currently has the seventh-highest self-response rate of any state in the U.S. and is the only state in the top 10 that has a population exceeding 10 million. Chicago also has the highest response rate for any city with a population over 2 million, according to the Illinois 2020 Census Office. Maximizing the census count is important, because

the population count helps determine federal funding and the number of representatives the state sends to the U.S. House. The positive trend comes despite challenges posed by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and changing federal deadlines. See Census, Page A5

Mendota Lions Club recognizes MHS students for academic excellence

MENDOTA – The Mendota Lions Club has announced the Mendota High School students from the 2019-20 school year that were invited to its annual 2020 Honor Banquet. The students are recognized for their outstanding academic achievement. This year’s banquet was not held due to the pandemic health crisis. Freshman students being honored are William Bentley, Jamie Dooley, Isabelle Escatel, Alexis Finley, Abby Kunz, Neal Linden, Karli Miars and Emma Schultz. Bentley is the son of Ben and Sharlene Bentley. He is a member of the MHS Drumline where he plays cymbals. He is also a member of the percussion section of concert band and has performed with MHS percussion ensemble. Dooley is the daughter of Daniel and EmLee Dooley of West Brooklyn. During Dooley’s first year at MHS, she was a member of the cross country and track and field teams. Escatel is the daughter of Isidro and Carrie Escatel. While at MHS, she has been a member of the volleyball and bowling teams. She is also a member of the math team and Academic Challenge. Finley is the daughter of Adam and Carrie



Finley. She is a member of band and was a member of the tennis team. Kunz is the daughter of Matt and Stephanie Kunz. She is a member of band, the math team and was a cheerleader for both football and basketball. Linden is the son of Maureen Linden. While at MHS, Neal has been a member of the football and baseball teams and a member of band and jazz band. Miars is the daughter of Darrell and Jennifer Weber. While at MHS, she has been a member of the bowling team, marching band and concert band. She is a member of the spring musical cast and attended solo and ensemble for both band and choir. Schultz is the daughter of Ryan and Jamie Schultz. During her first year at MHS, she was a member of the volleyball and softball teams. Sophomore students being recognized are Faith Anderson, Elly Buettner, Vanessa Escatel, Paige Manning, Maya Martin, Elizabeth Schilling, Andrew Stamberger and Allison Stewart. Anderson is the daughter of Mike and Kara Anderson. She has been active in Madrigals, choir, show choir, and the fall and spring plays. She was selected for the BNC choir and the ILMEA district junior mixed chorus. She received six first-place ratings at the 2019 solo & ensemble contest and earned best of the day. She is also a member of Academic

Challenge and was awarded honor roll and received an invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast for the second year. Buettner is the daughter of Doug and Allison Buettner. She has been involved in volleyball, student council, math team, Spanish Club and is a principal’s office worker. She was awarded honor roll and earned her second academic award. Escatel is the daughter of Panfilo and Vicky Escatel. This year at MHS, she was a member of the soccer team and is in the Spanish Club. She is a principal’s office worker and spends her eighth period assisting the science department as a lab technician. This is her second invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast for her honor roll achievement. Manning is the daughter of Steve and Valerie Manning. She has been active in volleyball, basketball, and softball, where she received BNC Honorable Mention. Manning works as a principal’s office worker and is a member of Scholastic Bowl, Academic Challenge, Spanish Club and math team. She earned honor roll and earned her second academic award.

Martin is the daughter of Jason and Lisa Martin. She has been a member of the volleyball team, serving as captain, and a member of the basketball team. She has been active in Madrigals, Show Choir, math team, Scholastic Bowl, Interact Club, Drama Club and is a member of Student Council. Martin was a freshman Homecoming Attendant and earned her second invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast for her honor roll achievement. Schillinger is the daughter of Jeff Schillinger and the late Cathy Schillinger. She has been a member of the band and FFA where she is the FFA office reporter and holds the FFA Greenhand Degree. She has also earned a black belt in Martial Arts. This year, Schillinger earned her second invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast for her honor roll achievement. Stamberger is the son of Jayson and Rebecca Stamberger. He has been active in cross country (earning MVP in 2018 and received the Captain’s award this year), tennis, band, marching band, and MHS tech team. He is a member of choir, show choir and is involved in the spring musical. He is a member of FFA where he earned a 2019 FFA Freshman Scholarship Award and was FFA chair for

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Illinois residents have more time to apply for rental assistance

Deadline extended until noon Aug. 28

By RAYMON TRONCOSO
Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD — Illinoisans suffering economic decline due to COVID now have an extra week to apply for emergency rental assistance.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced that the Illinois Housing Development Authority, or IHDA, extended the deadline for Illinois renters to apply for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program until noon Friday, Aug. 28.

According to a news release from the IHDA, the deadline was extended due to powerful storms that battered residents in northern Illinois on Aug. 10.

“With over 750,000 Illinoisans losing power as a result of the strong derecho that swept across northern Illinois, it’s important we provide additional time to file and complete application for assistance,” IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust said in the news release. “I am pleased to extend the deadline as there were many renters and landlords without power for nearly a week, which negatively impacted their ability to apply to the Emergency Rental Assistance program.”

For an application to be considered complete, landlords must also submit documents on behalf of the renter, which are due Aug. 30.

Tenants who are approved for emergency rental assistance will receive a one-time grant of \$5,000, paid directly to their landlords. That grant covers rent payments missed beginning in March and prepayment of rent bills through December, or until the \$5,000 is exhausted, whichever comes first. The grant will not have to be repaid.

A similar initiative, called the Emergency Mortgage Assistance program, launched on Aug. 24 and will not be affected by the extension of rental assistance, according to IHDA’s release.

Applications for both rental and mortgage assistance can be filed online at <https://era.ihda.org/>.

Each program is receiving \$150 million in federal CARES Act funding.

IHDA expects about 30,000 tenants to receive funding. When announcing the programs earlier this month, Pritzker acknowledged it would not be enough to reach everyone impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, and that he would work on securing more federal assistance for Illinoisans.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Gillette family history traced to 1855 in Mendota

MENDOTA – The Gillette family can trace its history in Mendota to 1855. Evidence of where its ancestors came from has been hard to find, though. Thanks to a newly published book, the family can now add an additional seven generations to its known ancestry, including early Pilgrims, Revolutionary War Patriots, and a few notable relatives.

The book, “Gillette Family History and Genealogy from Canaan, CT to Mendota, IL,” was published in July (TEN16 Press, Waukesha, Wis.). Author Richard J. Warp, visited Mendota last week to donate a copy of the book to the Graves-Hume Public Library and to the LaSalle County Genealogy Guild in Ottawa. Both locations served as sources of information during the seven years Warp spent solving the mystery of the Gillette line.

The book spans over 400 years of the Gillette family, dating back to its voyage on the Mayflower in 1620 and the Mary and John in 1630. The Gillette family settled in Connecticut during the 1700s and 1800s, before Franklin Gillette and family came to Mendota in 1855.



Cousins Richard Warp and Pamela Gillette share his new book about the Gillette family history and genealogy. (Reporter photo)

Richard’s father, Richard D. Warp, started exploring the Gillette family history in 2002. His father suspected, but was unable to prove, that the Mendota Gillettes were related to Jonathan Gillette, a Revolutionary War soldier. When he passed away in 2010, he left his son several boxes of genealogy paper-work and family trees. After five trips to Mendota and one trip to Connecticut, Richard was able to complete the work his father started,

solve the mystery, and write-up the lineage for future generations.

In 1776, Jonathan Gillette, Sr. served under the command of George Washington in the Battle of Long Island. His son, Jonathan Gillette, Jr. also served in the Revolutionary War. Both father and son were captured, taken prisoner, and later freed. Their story is one of bravery and suffering. With sufficient proof of his lineage to Jonathan Gillette, Richard

was awarded membership into the Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.) society this year.

The Gillette family is also related to: King Camp Gillette (famous razor inventor and founder of the Gillette company), Benjamin Franklin, and George Steinbrenner (Yankees’ owner).

Richard’s maternal grandmother, born Dorothy Gillette, grew up in Mendota in the 1920s and moved to the Chicago area in the 1930s. Dorothy and her daughter often visited family in Mendota through the 1960s. Richard and his mother made several trips back to Mendota in search of the dozens of relatives buried in the cemetery.

Today, the family is spread across the county. However, thanks to Facebook and Ancestry, many of Richard’s second- through sixth-cousins have reunited. AncestryDNA testing helped identify three blood relatives who were given up for adoption as children. As a result of his second-cousin, Amanda Arndt’s, hard work and persistence, the family was able to identify the parents of all three adopted children and prove how they are all related, introducing them to each other and a previously unknown family.

Richard met with his first-cousin once-removed, Pamela Gillette, to give her copies of the book. Pamela is the fifth consecutive Gillette generation to live in Mendota; her son and grandchildren are the sixth and seventh generations. Richard is giving a book to each living descendant in the extended family. During his visit from Wisconsin, Richard met Pamela Gillette at the First State Bank to see a picture of Bud & Dolly Gillette’s Subway Cafe restaurant and gas station.

Mendota Elks Lodge announces Teens of the Year

MENDOTA – The Mendota Elks Lodge has announced its 2019/2020 Teens of the Year. They are Katherine Henrikson and Luke Anderson.

Henrikson, a senior at Ohio High School, is the daughter of David and Karen Henrikson. She is currently first in her class and has been on the high honor roll all four years. She has been in the National Honor Society since her junior year.

For her class, she was the Vice-President as a freshman, President as a sophomore and Treasurer as a junior. Henrikson has been in the Science Club all four years, serving as President since her sophomore year. She was also a member of Ohio’s Student Council her sophomore and junior years, serving as the Treasurer her junior year.

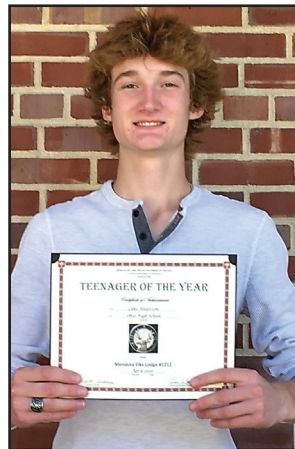
Among her other activities were being in the Drama Club and participating in the school’s plays her freshman and junior years. She performed in the school’s variety show and took art class her first three years and even won a Best in Show Ribbon her sophomore year.

Henrikson also gives back to the community in her spare time. She has helped with concessions all four years. During the Christmas holiday, she has helped with the Student Council’s Christmas activities her freshman through junior years. She has helped at the Walnut Community Bible Church with Vacation Bible School during her freshman through junior years. She was a part of a mission that went to Indianapolis her sophomore and junior years. During that time, she helped people in that area as well as helped paint a church. Henrikson also assisted with some community yard work and helped paint a house her junior year. She helped a thrift store change locations her sophomore year.

Henrikson enjoys creating things, art, organizing everything and playing with her pets. She likes hanging out with her family and friends. She also likes photography



Henrikson



Anderson

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LOCAL AND AREA

Two IVCH nurses in Huey Lewis video tribute to essential workers

PERU - Two Illinois Valley Community Hospital nurses are among a group of healthcare and other essential workers who can be seen in a Huey Lewis and the News music video accompanying the group's new song, "I Am There for You," a tribute to those battling the coronavirus pandemic.

The video features a series of self-recorded clips of nurses, doctors, first responders, and other essential workers from around the world holding signs, each with a line of the song's lyrics.

Julie Repsel, an emergency department nurse at IVCH, and nurse supervisor Mary Milashoski submitted their video clips after Repsel saw a Facebook message from

the band inviting essential workers to be part of the video promoting the new song.

Repsel said it took about an hour and a half to record the clips she and Milashoski submitted about two months ago.

"We had a blast," she said. "We thought it would be something fun to do to alleviate some of the stress all of us have been going through."

The video was released online this week. The IVCH nurses, wearing their hospital name tags, can be seen four times in the four-minute-and-13-second video.

Repsel said she and Milashoski have always been big fans of Huey Lewis and the News. The two are holding a sign that says "We love you, Huey!" in one of the clips that can be seen on the video.

"We are lucky and proud to have such wonderful fans, many of whom are front line workers themselves, to highlight the courage, compassion, and sacrifices we are so grateful for," Lewis said in a statement published on the Datebook web site.

Live virtual program "When the Men Were Gone"

◆ **LaSalle Public Library to host author of novel based on true story of female football coach**

LASALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will host a virtual presentation with author Marjorie Herrera Lewis on Tuesday, Sept. 8 as she shares a true story of courage, perseverance, gender politics, war and Friday night football.

Autumn 1944 - for the folks of Brownwood, Texas, the only thing more important than winning the war is football. It is the heartbeat of Brownwood and Friday nights. For as long as assistant principal Tylen Wilson can recall, the town has gathered in the stands to cheer their boys on. The war, though, has changed everything. Most Brownwood men have gone to war and in the small town, possibilities for a new coach are limited. Tylen, who learned the game at her daddy's knee, knows

more about it than most men, so she does the unthinkable, convincing the school to let her take the job. Faced with opposition from the press, the community, rival coaches, referees, and even the players, Tylen remains resolute. When her boys rally around her, she leads the team - and the town - to a Friday night and subsequent season they will never forget.

Marjorie Herrera Lewis is the author of "When the Men Were Gone," a novel based on the true story of Tylen Wilson. She is also co-editor of SportsDay Bound, a collection of sports stories published by The Dallas Morning News. Lewis knew early on that she wanted to be a sportswriter. After several years at small newspapers, she began working at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

She later joined the Dallas Morning News sports writing staff. Throughout her career, Lewis covered college and professional sports, including the Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks, as well as tennis and golf. She also covered the Super Bowl, Wimbledon, the NCAA men's basketball tournament, and several college bowl games. She teaches media ethics at the University of North Texas.

This program will be presented in a live virtual format via Zoom beginning at 6 p.m. on Sept. 8. It is free and open to the public. To receive the virtual viewing link, please register by going to <https://bit.ly/3iTMfQg>. For more information, please contact Rachael Blomquist, Digital Content Librarian, at rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us or call the Library at (815) 223-2341.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

WIU graduation

MACOMB/MOLINE - Stacy O'Sadnick of Mendota was among 1,105 students who earned academic degrees or post-baccalaureate certificates at Western Il-

linois University after the spring 2020 semester.

O'Sadnick received a Master of Science in Education, Language Culture & Education. She was one of 313 WIU graduates to earn a Master's degree this spring.

CARL'S QUIZ

Which landmark is the tallest?

- 1) Rock of Gibraltar, 2) Empire State Building, 3) Golden Gate Bridge
- 4) Great Pyramid of Giza

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The answer to last week's quiz is: The first official U.S. airmail was carried by balloon on Aug. 17, 1859.

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

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Aden Lamps Foundation Walk/Run benefits local hospitals

MENDOTA - The Aden Lamps Foundation will host its 8th Annual 5K run/walk during the week of Sept. 5 through 12.

This year, the walk/run will be virtual with participants choosing to complete the walk/run at the location of their choice.

Registration fee for adults is \$20 and registration is open

until Sept. 12. The cost for children ages 14 and under is \$15. The fee includes a T-shirt for kids of all ages and children age 7 and under will receive a participation medal.

There will be two male/female awards per age group for those who submit their time and qualify for an award. There will also be

raffle baskets on their website during that same week. T-shirts and medals will be mailed or delivered with no contact delivery.

The Aden Lamps Foundation helps spread awareness for SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths). The Foundation was started in 2014 by Aden's mother, Ashley Lamps, and since the incep-

tion, the foundation has been able to purchase 7,244 sleep sacks and over 5,000 safe sleep board books, which are then donated to IVCH, St. Margaret's Hospital, OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center, LaSalle County WIC, and other local organizations.

Every local newborn re-

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Teens

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and capturing pictures of nature. She also enjoys helping others that need it.

Henrikson plans to start her college education at a community college majoring in business or accounting.

Luke Anderson, a senior at Ohio High School, is the son of David and Tina Anderson. He is currently second in his class and has been on the honor roll his first three years. He has also been a member of the National Honor Society since his junior year.

Anderson has been a member of the Science Club all four years. During his first three years he was in the Drama Club, Student Council, variety show and school plays. He was in the concert band his freshman and sophomore years. He participated in track and basketball his freshman year. He was in Food Club his sophomore year and has been in FFA since his sophomore year, serving as Secretary his senior year.

Anderson has helped with concessions and the Student Council's Christmas activities since his freshman year.

As a sophomore and junior, he went on mission trips to Indianapolis to help aid communities. He has also assisted in Ohio's American Red Cross Blood Drives all four years.

Anderson likes to work on small engines and other things that are hands on or mechanical, including restoring old trucks. He also has been working at Sisler's Ice and Ice Cream for the past two years and is a farmhand for two farms.

Anderson wants to join the Air Force to become a pilot.

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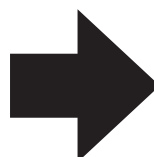


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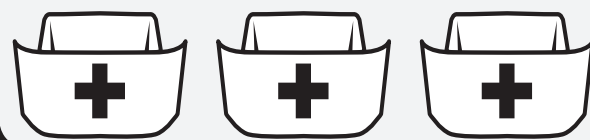
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Bradley Bradford

MENDOTA - Bradley "Brad" Bradford, 62, of Mendota passed away at home Aug. 19, 2020 after a brave battle with cancer.

Due to COVID-19, services will be private. Burial will be at Wisner Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Brad was born July 13, 1958 in Mendota to Archie and Doris (LaDene) Bradford. He married Sandra Knowlton.

Survivors include his wife; three children, Adam (Stephanie) Cioni of Downers Grove and Gabrielle (Travis) Barkman and Nathan Bradford, both of Mendota; two grandchildren, Conrad and Geneva Barkman; three brothers; two sisters; many nieces and nephews and his faithful dog, Sadie Mae.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. Brad was a 1976 graduate of Mendota High school. He was a union carpenter most of his life and was looking forward to retirement. He loved fishing and relaxing with friends and family. Wherever he went, a good time was had by all. His pride and joy was his two grandchildren. He spent 30 years married to his loving wife. On the weekends, you could find him working at home or out at family karaoke night with his kids.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

David A. Miller

LA MOILLE - David A. Miller, 59, of LaMoille passed away at home Aug. 18, 2020 surrounded by his family, after a battle with colon cancer.

Private family funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 21 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Patrick Fixsen officiating. Cremation rites were accorded after the funeral and burial will be private at a later date. Visitation was on Aug. 20 from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Face masks were required and social distancing appreciated.

David was born Dec. 6, 1960 in Mendota to Raymond and Frances (McConnell) Miller. He married Angela (Taylor) Miller on May 16, 1992 in LaMoille. She preceded him in death on Oct. 17, 2019.

Survivors include one daughter, Taylor (David Bowers) Miller of Washington, D.C.; five sisters, Cheryl (Ron) Zolper of Byron, Pamela (Ben) Martino of Beverly Hills, Fla., Dawn (Randy) Shaddick of Amboy, Lori (Tim) Selquist of Triumph and Mary (Jason) DePolo of Thomasville, N.C.; 27 nieces and nephews; and 48 great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by wife; his father in 1990; his mother in 1994; one brother, Raymond Miller Jr. in 1989; two sisters, Linda (Miller) Schmidt in 2004 and Patricia (Miller) Zerfes in 2016; and one great-nephew, Lucas Neumann in 2009.

David was a 1979 graduate of Mendota High School. He worked for Twait Farms since April 2008. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Memorials may be directed to Cops 4 Cancer or Illinois Cancer Care.



Lauretta A. Iversen

PAW PAW - Lauretta A. Iversen, 107, of Paw Paw, passed away Aug. 23, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Due to the coronavirus, there will be a private family funeral at Rollo Congregational Church in Rollo on Saturday, Aug. 29 with Pastor David Marquardt officiating. Private graveside service will follow at Wyoming Cemetery in Paw Paw.

Lauretta Alice Ferguson was born Aug. 2, 1913 in Willow Creek Township, Lee County, north of Paw Paw, to Omer and Lillie (King) Ferguson. She married her soul mate, Arnold Iversen, on Aug. 29, 1931. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Survivors include one son, Gilbert and Barbara (Landers) Iversen of Paw Paw; three grandchildren, Kimberlee and Glenn Fox of Paw Paw, Corey and Julie (Todd) Iversen of Earlville, and Gay and Donald Sellers of Earlville; eight great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and step-father, Lawrence "Shorty" Gallagher; her brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Wilma (Braid) Ferguson; and so many wonderful friends.

Lauretta grew up in the Paw Paw and Rollo area. She started school in first grade at Rollo School, riding her horse four miles to attend. She met the love of her life, Arnold Iversen, at a dance held at the school. She said, "I liked Arnold from the moment I saw him." They dated throughout her high school years and she graduated from Rollo High School in June of 1931 as the valedictorian. Following high school, she married Arnold at the Paw Paw Baptist Church in Paw Paw and they began a life of farming. Two years later, their son Gilbert was born. After a lot of hard work, they were able to purchase their own farm in 1943, which is still the family homestead today. She often talked of the good old farm days, when they purchased their first tractor by trading a horse, a cow, and some cash. Later on, around 1949, they bought their first semi-truck and trailer and started their own business as Iversen & Son Trucking. "You call, we haul" was their slogan. Arnold, Gilbert and hired men hauled livestock, grain and freight locally and to many different states. Lauretta always said Arnold did the hard work and she ran the books. She taught herself how to keep the books and finances of the trucking business and the farm. There was nothing this lady couldn't do or figure out. Gilbert later took over the trucking business and Lauretta retired from farming at the young age of 98.

Through their 47 years of marriage, Lauretta and Arnold loved to travel everywhere and visited 48 states with very dear friends of theirs. They had a very loyal hired man, Chuck Zimmerman, who ran the farm and their son, Gilbert ran the trucking business, which he later took over. After her husband passed away, she continued farming and traveled to Hawaii and Alaska to complete seeing all 50 states. This very special lady had a thirst for knowledge and never stopped learning or teaching. Lauretta always made time for family. Early in the years, she so enjoyed having the grandchildren on the farm. In later years, she would take her great-grandchildren to McDonalds for lunch, to the park, for combine rides, or shopping at John Deere or Hello Kitty store - wonderful memories of them spending the night with her. She was a loving, devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and aunt. We will miss her so much.

Memorials may be directed to the Paw Paw Fire Department/Ambulance or Rollo Congregational Church, where she was the oldest living member of the church. Please visit www.TormanFuneralHome.com to sign the online guest book.



Robert T. Harmon

EARLVILLE - Robert "Bob" T. Harmon, 84, formerly of Earlville, died Aug. 4, 2020.

Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 28 in an outdoor setting at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Upland, Calif. Locally, a rosary and graveside service will be held at St. Theresa's Catholic Cemetery in Earlville on Friday, Sept. 4 at 10 a.m. with military honors by Earlville American Legion Post 549. Please join family for a brief, distanced social after each service. A proper celebration will be scheduled in each location when stories and love for Bob can be safely shared in more festive settings. Local arrangements are being handled by Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home in Earlville.

Bob was born Aug. 26, 1935 in Earlville.

Survivors include two children, Teri and Kate; his second true love, Janet Bellavia; a son-in-law, Erik; his only grandson, Spencer; one sister, Joan; one brother, Tom; and his beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bob grew up with the joy and hard work of living post-depression in a small, Midwestern farming town. Fishing in the creek, climbing trees, chasing the train and playing football, he was grateful for his early life lessons. He joined the U.S. Air Force right after high school, met Rosalie at a dance in her home town in California, and they spent the next 40 years together raising two girls, Teri and Kate, and living all over the United States plus Germany. Bob found time to earn his BA with honors and retired from his military career as Commander of the 1965th Communications Squadron with over 350 troops on his watch. He continued his career in communications with Kaiser Permanente and Pacific Bell, both in Los Angeles, and then he showed us what retirement is supposed to look like, filling his days with recreational activities like daily power walks that included the redistribution of golf balls from the golf course where he lived to the student golfers at Earlville High School. He was the lead man in his weekly tap-dancing class over many years (okay, the only man), and he sang with several chorales and barbershop groups, traveling for performances all over the world including the iconic Carnegie Hall in NYC. Bob met his second true love, Janet, and they shared their mutual love of singing and socializing and drinking IPAs for 12 years together. He also found great joy contributing his time and energy to charitable organizations including Working Wardrobes, adult literacy and food banks, plus always deepening his Catholic faith with and in support of Saint Anthony Parish.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, or one of your favorite organizations. For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to www.eighnerfuneralhomes.com.



Labor Day Mass scheduled

MAYTOWNSHIP-A Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, at St. Michael's Cemetery - Sandy Hill, located off of Sublette Road, east of

Rockyford Road in May Township. Please bring a lawn chair for seating. Social distancing will be practiced and everyone is asked to wear a face mask.

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Students will review and discuss photos presented by the instructor as well as student work.

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Lamps

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ceives one of the sleep sack packages, with a retail value of approximately \$25.

The sleep sack package contains a reusable bag, a sleep sack (zip up wearable blanket), and an infant board book.

The mission of the Aden Lamps Foundation is to educate local families on the dangers of an unsafe sleeping environment for infants. The sleep sacks are a safer alternative to having loose blankets in the crib.

Aden Lamps, son of Andy and Ashley Lamps, died in

2013 of a SUID at the age of 4 1/2 months.

For more information, contact Ashley Lamps at (815) 712-7701 or adenlampsfoundation@gmail.com.

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Census

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The Illinois 2020 Census Advisory Panel discussed obstacles to self-reporting and shifting standards from the federal government at a regularly scheduled meeting Aug. 21.

"This past month, as you all know, has been a month of many surprises for us at the census office," Oswaldo Alvarez, co-director of the Illinois Census Office at the IDHS, said.

There were several contributing factors that led the office to reorder its timeline, including delays in in-person door-knocking and the Trump Administration's Aug. 13 announcement that the census portal would close Sept. 30 instead of Oct. 31.

"So at this point we are operating at the census office as if (Sept. 30) is the official deadline and that's it, until we are informed otherwise," Alvarez said. "Because of that, there has been a lot of shifting that we have been doing at the census office."

Additionally, a July 21 presidential memorandum seeking to exclude illegal immigrants from being counted as it pertains to Congressional apportionment also created confusion at IDHS. That memorandum has since been challenged in court, but, if implemented, would cost Illinois up to two seats in the House.

For the 2020 fiscal year, IDHS was funding more than 360 non-profits and municipal governments for the purpose of increasing census self-response rates. But that number has dwindled to a little more than 250 for fiscal year 2021 due to the pandemic, shifting deadlines and other circumstances.

Funds to those nonprofits are disbursed through 30 other non-profit organizations that serve as regional intermediaries, or RIs, which oversee 12 regions of the state and lead hyperlocal outreach efforts.

Intermediaries include health-based agencies such as the Illinois Primary Health Care Association, community outreach groups such as Teens Against Killing Everywhere, and other organizations such as the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

IDHS was allocated \$29 million for the 2020 fiscal year to be used for census outreach, including nearly \$26 million set aside for regional intermediaries.

State agencies assisting in census outreach were allocated \$2.3 million, while approximately \$900,000 went to the University of Illinois at Chicago for technical assistance and data analysis.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, not all the funds were spent before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, so they were reappropriated for the current fiscal year. As of last week, a little over \$4.4 million remains unspent.

"We were nervous that it would be a lot more remaining than 4.4 (million)," Marishonta Wilkerson, also co-director of the Illinois Census Office, said at the meeting. "We thought it would be like 10 (million). But the RI's were creative, and they found different ways to engage their communities virtually and we are happy about that."

Still, some areas of the state remain below their self-response target rates. As part of its August report, IDHS said many counties had self-response rates below 50 percent. As of July 29, Hardin, Calhoun, Henderson and Alexander counties had the lowest response rates, with Hardin County in particular sitting at 31.9 percent, 10 percentage points fewer than the next lowest county.

"The governor's office has asked us to do a final and bigger push in certain areas of population, so we are having our RI's gear up and do a big push," Wilkerson said. "Additional canvassing, door-knocking in rural areas and in particularly the African American, Latinx and Asian areas."

Redistricting reformers seek to change mapping process

By REBECCA ANZEL
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Reformers say it's time for Illinoisans to "advocate for themselves" when lawmakers redraw the state's political boundaries in a few months.

That's the message the Coalition for Honest and New Government Ethics, or CHANGE Illinois—a group that has long advocated for changes to the redistricting process—intends to deliver through an online application its helped develop.

Using Representative, residents can input information about their communities—geographic borders, historical information, cultural and ethnic members and economic factors—to draw more "actionable" maps for use by lawmakers during redistricting, said company co-founder Preeti Iyer.

This latest attempt by CHANGE at reform comes after the failure of a proposed constitutional amendment that would have created an independent redistricting commission. The amendment did not get the requisite legislative support it needed before a May 3 deadline, after the Illinois General Assembly halted its session in March in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The state's Constitution specifies that lawmakers have until June 30, 2021, to create an agreed-upon redistricting plan. If they are unsuccessful, a bipartisan commission will be convened to finish the job.

Ryan Tolley, policy director for CHANGE Illinois, said both the House and Senate held at least 15 hearings in 2011—the last year legislators were tasked with drawing new maps—to hear from communities about their representation needs. The group's partnership with Representative is meant to encourage residents to attend any hearings with tangible proposals.

"Even though we weren't able to change the process, we can't just let the remap go forward without making a concerted effort to ensure our communities are playing an active role in advocating for themselves," Tolley said.

"It's so vitally important for these communities to be at the table, because everyone's ability to advocate for themselves over the next decade is going to, in part, be dictated by this."

Complicating the General Assembly's timetable this year is uncertainty the U.S. Census Bureau will get states, President Donald Trump and Congress the data it is tasked with obtaining and analyzing in time.

Due to COVID-19, census workers were delayed by three or four months in outreach and counting efforts this year, Jay Young, executive director of Common Cause, said. The bureau asked for an extension to report information to the federal and state governments, but later retracted that request. Common Cause is a nonpartisan government watchdog group.

"Whatever is going to happen, it is not clear when data will ultimately get first to the president and then to the states to allow them to do their remap," Young said. "There are lots of things that feel broken right now, and even if you set aside all the things already going on in the General Assembly that makes things complicated and confusing and hard to predict, this is the sort of task that is going to be especially complicated."

The situation in Illinois will be "particularly messy," he added, in underserved communities classified as traditionally hard to count.

In a news release announcing Representative, CHANGE Illinois wrote that "in too many previous redistricting cycles, politicians draw districts that splinter and split up neighborhoods and communities of people with common bonds. Splitting up neighborhoods or natural communities dilutes people's political power and advocacy strength."

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Strengthening Agriculture. He also received fifth place in FFA Section 7 Agriculture Mechanics. Stamberger attended NIU Huskie Hack and was a U of I SAIL computer science participant. He is a member of Zion ZEBRAS youth group and attended the Youthworks Mission Trip. This is his second year to receive an invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast for his high honor roll achievement.

Stewart is the daughter of Jason and Cheryl Stewart. She is a member of math team, Academic Challenge, Spanish Club and is an MHS cheerleader. She was awarded honor roll and received her second invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast.

Junior students honored are Amanda Barrett, Amelia Bromenschenkel, Lily Linden, Ella Massey and Madi Mikolasek.

Barrett is the daughter of Jeff Barrett. This year she has been a member of the math team, Scholastic Bowl, Academic Challenge and Spanish Club. She is a member of National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society and serves as a principal's office worker. Barrett has received honor roll and received her third invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast for her accomplishments.

Bromenschenkel is the daughter of Chad and Debi Bromenschenkel. She has been involved in volleyball, basketball, and soccer. She was first-team all-conference in basketball as well as IBCA All-State Basketball Team and was awarded Area Basketball Player of the Year. She serves as a principal's office worker, is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Academic Challenge. She was awarded honor roll and has earned her third invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast.

Linden is the daughter of Maureen Linden. During her junior year, she has been involved in pep and marching band, choir, All-State Chorus, show choir, woodwind choir for Madrigals, and was a crew member for the fall play. Linden is a member of Interact Club,



Academic Challenge and the cross country team. She is a member of National Honor Society and was awarded honor roll for all three years at MHS.

Massey is the daughter of Chad and Melinda Massey. She is a member of the track team and the volleyball team where she is a three-year varsity starter, was a captain this year and was first-team all-conference and second-team all-area in both 2018 and 2019. She is a member of Student Council, Spanish Club, Academic Challenge, math team, served on the Homecoming and Prom committees and attended TEC. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. Massey was Homecoming attendant in 2017 and 2018 and earned her third invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast.

Mikolasek is the daughter of Ray and Terri Mikolasek. During her junior year, she has been a member of the volleyball team, Student Council and math team, where she earned second place in the calculator team competition. She is a member of Academic Challenge, earning second place in Physics. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. Mikolasek earned honor roll and received her third invitation to the Academic Incentive breakfast.

Senior students being honored are Hannah Ambler, Noah DeLong and Sean Dullard.

Ambler is the daughter of Carl and Susan Ambler. She is active in band; serving as band president, tennis, basketball and cheer. She is a member of the math team and National Honor Society; serving as president, student council, Interact Club, is a delegate to ALA Illini Girls State, adapted Physical Education Leader and served

on the Homecoming and Prom committees. She attended TEC and was an Illinois Leadership Seminar Attendee in 2018. Ambler is an Illinois State Scholar and received the DAR Good Citizenship Award and the John Orth Principal's award. She was awarded for seven semesters on the honor roll.

DeLong is the son of Michael and Janet DeLong. He has been a member of the golf, basketball, cross country, and tennis teams and participated in band, choir; serving as president, Madrigals, and Academic Challenge. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society and an IMEA All-State chorus member. DeLong was crowned Homecoming King this fall. He received the LaSalle Regional Office of Education Student Excellence Award, the John Orth Principal's award and is an Illinois State Scholar. He is a drummer for First Baptist Church of LaMoille Praise Band, helps with LaMoille Community Bible School, assisted in fundraising and volunteers for the local PADS shelter. He has been awarded for seven semesters on the honor roll, and this is his fourth year to be invited to the Lions Honor Banquet.

Dullard is the son of Steve and Deb Dullard. While at Mendota High School, he has been involved in band, jazz band, Drumline, percussion section leader and was a Drama Dept. tech crew member. He was chosen for Augustana College's Honor Band. He is a member of National Honor Society, WYSE Academic Team, and is a Boy Scout of America Life Scout. Dullard attended Illinois Premier Boys State and is an Illinois State Scholar. He received second place in the Spanish Regional Cultural Contest, second place at the 2018 WYSE Academic Challenge, and an MHS Pulley commendation. He received Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout, BSA. This is his fourth year to be invited to the MHS Academic Honors breakfast and Lions Honor Banquet.

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Back to school

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Last week, I watched my three daughters head off for school after a long and frustrating five months away from their classrooms.

Like any parent, I felt a mixture of pride and apprehension as they went out the door.

My children are among the 10 percent of school-age Illinois youngsters who will be attending school in-person five days a week.

That number in itself is stunning. COVID-19 has so altered our society that 90 percent of the state's pupils are learning in a different setting than they were just a year ago.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education, most public school students, 59 percent, will be beginning the school year in a remote-learning setting, usually over a computer. The remaining 31 percent will be learning in a blended environment where some days they are being taught remotely and other days they are in a classroom.

After months of studying the different educational paths, I have to concede that they all have drawbacks.

I don't want my children – or anyone's – to contract a virus.

On the other hand, I believe the ideal environment for youngsters to learn is in school with a teacher present.

That's not such a radical notion. It is how students have been taught for centuries.

Before choosing to send my kids back to school, I reviewed their schools' COVID-19 safety plans. Mask wearing and social distancing will be strictly enforced in the Catholic schools they attend. Desks will be disinfected between students. Hand washing augmented with hand sanitizing will occur multiple times during the school day.

Is it a risk-free plan? No. But it would seem the best of less than ideal alternatives.

Unfortunately, many school boards have focused on reducing liability for school districts rather than holistic solutions for the child.

We need to ask ourselves if children are safer in a structured environment such as a school or being home without parental supervision. Even when alternate adult supervision is available while a parent works, it's often with an older family member such as a grandparent.

Elderly people are the most vulnerable group during this pandemic. We should be seeking to limit their exposure rather than increase it.

And let's be honest; if they aren't in school they will likely be somewhere in a group, which may be a greater risk to disease spread.

And if students are left alone at home, while parents work, this too can be dangerous.

But more importantly, let's not downplay the value of teachers in this equation. They are trained professionals who know how to impart knowledge. The more miles you put between the educator and pupil the more difficult that becomes.

High-speed internet availability is far from universal due to family income or geography. The presumption that all students will have ready access to the internet is false.

There are no easy solutions.

But it is important to remember that youngsters will eventually have to return to a classroom. Parents, educators and school board members need to ask: What are the risks of not having them there now?

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



Troy Grove homecoming – 1930

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Aug. 31, 2005)

By Jessica Nashold

When the day was set for dedication of a State Park on the site of the birthplace of Wild Bill Hickok, it was combined with the unveiling of a monument in his memory and elaborate homecoming activities in Troy Grove. That date was Friday, Aug. 29, 1930 – 75 years ago. The Mendota Reporter was published on Thursday, so the Aug. 28 issue was filled with information about the events being scheduled.

The dedication of the State Park was to take place at 10:30 a.m., under auspices of the Illinois State Historical Society. R.G. Soderstrom, representing Governor Emmerson, made the presentation of the Park. It was accepted by James Weldon, president of the Town Board.

The monument to James Butler Hickok was unveiled by Mrs. Martha Hickok, widow of Horace D. Hickok, the oldest living relative of Wild Bill's generation.

Next, the Paw Paw band was scheduled to play a processional, as the assembled crowd marched to the speaker's stand in the village park. William Rice, a noted orator, was to give an address, after which "Illinois" was to be sung by those present.

Remarks were made by Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, president of the Illinois Historical Association, and by Congressman John T. Buckbee of Rockford.

At noon, a long table would be prepared for the notables, and smaller tables for those who did not wish to be seated at the head table. At 1 p.m., a parade was planned, showing changes in transportation over the years. Fashions from the early days of Troy Grove to current Flapper Styles would also be shown.

Miss Mayme Andrews of Troy Grove and Mrs. Alta Milar of Mendota were to sing a duet, after which the president of the Community Club was to call old timers to the platform to share reminiscences.

In the evening, pictures were to be

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shown in the village hall, with commentary by O.M. Andrews.

This will illustrate the Homecoming theme – "Back to the Old Neighborhood."

At a city council meeting in August 1930, a letter was read from the State Sanitary Water Board, indicating that the tank and screens in place at the Inderrieden canning plant were not adequate to prevent contamination of the city water supply. The city attorney was instructed to notify Inderrieden that corrections must be made before the start of the canning season.

That season started on Tuesday, Aug. 19 and about 300 people were waiting to be put to work. The first load was delivered by James Foster, who estimated yield might be 2 ½ tons to the acre.

That first delivery was found to be "too soft," so the plant was shut down on Wednesday, to be opened again on Saturday.

The notice from the State Sanitary Board may also have influenced the shutdown.

Dr. Elbridge McIntyre announced he was moving his practice to Princeton, where he would join Dr. C.C. Barrett, his father-in-law. He had previously been in practice in Mendota, with his father.

A tractor plowing demonstration was held Aug. 23, 1930, on the farm tenanted by William McGrath, 2 ½ miles north of Mendota. Mendota Welding & Supply had the agency for the Allis Chalmers tractor and LaCrosse plow used in the demonstration. Farmers were urged to come and inspect the work. Also –

Sit back of the wheel and drive the tractor.

A gasoline explosion at the Clifford Setchell farm east of Mendota brought out the Mendota Fire Department. A 30-gallon tank of gasoline and a 40-gallon barrel of kerosene were located close to the house. When the Setchell daughter, Ruth, drew gasoline from the tank, a spark ignited the contents. No buildings were involved, but columns of smoke brought in the neighbors.

Luckily, Ruth had turned her head and scorched only her back.

Kindergarten was held in both Blackstone and Lincoln schools in 1930. Lucille Fritz taught both classes. In the first semester, classes in Blackstone were held in the morning from 8-11 a.m. Lincoln classes were 1-3 p.m. In the second semester, the times were reversed, with Blackstone classes in the afternoon and Lincoln classes in the morning.

This will prevent the feeling that favoritism has been shown.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must have reached the age of 6 years by Dec. 1.

Waneta Westgate and Sylvan Henry, a demonstration team for the Mendota 4-H Club, placed first in a demonstration competition at the State Fair in August 1930.

They were coached by G.E. Mercer, head of the Ag Department at MTHS.

Farm news in The Mendota Reporter often reflected the views of the publishers, Nisley and Leiser. On Aug. 21, 1930, they had this to say:

Every now and then someone starts the rumor that the world is getting warmer or cooler or dryer or wetter, but it is the same old world. We are not going to be frozen stiff or burnt up. The thermometer is only about 200 years old and the records dating back to the 18th century yield very little information. No, the world is not changing.

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The Post Office paranoia

By Rich Lowry

At this rate, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy will be lucky if he isn't arrested and tried for treason before a people's tribunal.

According to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, DeJoy is a "complicit crony" aiding Trump's efforts to sabotage American democracy. She believes the two have hatched a plot to delay mail-in voting and disenfranchise countless Americans prior to the election.

In tried-and-true fashion, President Trump has stoked suspicions by saying that he opposes a \$25 billion Postal Service bailout in the latest Democratic COVID-19 relief bill. According to Trump, blocking this measure -- and \$3 billion in election aid to the states -- will prevent universal mail-in voting. But the bailout doesn't have anything to do with mail-in voting, and given the billions of pieces of mail handled by the post office every week, it surely can handle the increased volume from mail-in voting.

It is true that Postmaster General DeJoy is a major Trump donor. He made his fortune in shipping and logistics, though, and he was selected by the Postal Service's board of governors.

Little did he know, when he took over the agency in June, that he'd soon have a starring role in the country's latest psychodrama. Every change at the Postal Service is now seen through the prism of a belief that the agency is a tool of creeping authoritarianism.

Letter collection boxes are being removed -- never mind that this has been an ongoing process for years. Underutilized boxes are decommissioned or moved to higher-traffic areas. In 2009, the Washington Post reported that 200,000 boxes had been shelved over the past two decades. In 2016, the inspector general noted that another 12,000 collection boxes had been cut over the previous five years.

Letter collection boxes all of a sudden have big, red locks on them -- well, yeah, as an off-hours device to prevent the theft of mail, also something the Postal Service has done for years.

The Postal Service is deactivating mail-sorting machines -- right, and there was a plan for this prior to DeJoy becoming postmaster general, and it has long been discussed in response to the declining volume of mail.

DeJoy is cutting back on overtime -- indeed he is, because artificially swollen overtime is an enormous expense that he hopes to eliminate with a more rational delivery system.

Democrats and much of the media make it sound as though the post office was an efficient, smooth-running agency before DeJoy took charge. In reality, the post office has lost nearly \$80 billion since 2007, and it lost more than \$2 billion last quarter. Unless the service finds a way to innovate, it is headed for bankruptcy.

This is the impetus for DeJoy's reforms, which should be welcomed by all the people now caterwauling about how essential the post office is to the American way of life.

DeJoy has been adamant that the Postal Service will do its job regarding mail-in ballots. The post office's recent warnings to states that they should be mindful of how quickly ballots can be delivered were intended to avoid unrealistically late deadlines for mail-in voting that could create a train wreck in November.

But in their inflamed state, Democrats want a villain. If not a foreign potentate, then the guy in charge of delivering the mail.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I know that on “The Crown,” each season follows the British royal family closer to current times. Which era will be the next season cover, and when does it begin airing?



E. Debicki

A: Season four of “The Crown” will take place during the late 1970s to early 1980s. Olivia Colman will continue as Queen Elizabeth, and Gillian Anderson will play Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in this installment. Emma Corrin has been cast as Princess Diana, but only for the upcoming season, as Australian actress Elizabeth Debicki will play the tragic figure in seasons five and six. If you haven’t heard of Debicki, she has some impressive credits. She was in the British series “The Night Manager,” with Tom Hiddleston, and in the Marvel movie “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2.” She can be seen in the highly anticipated movie “Tenet” once it’s finally released in theaters. Look for the new season of “The Crown” sometime later this year, with season five not

being released until 2022.

Q: It makes me so mad when movies and now TV shows give away so much in previews. I was watching the preview for “Lucifer,” and I can’t believe what I saw. I should have never watched it. I like to be surprised. -- **R.D.**

A: You’re not alone. Netflix received a lot of complaints for giving away what appears to be a huge spoiler in the trailer for the upcoming season of “Lucifer,” but it has assured viewers that “there is so much more” to the plot. Co-producer Joe Henderson told “TVLine” that “once fans see [the episodes], they’ll understand that while it seems like we have spoiled a lot, we have not spoiled much at all.”

Q: I’ve followed Tom Pelphrey’s career ever since he played Jonathan on the daytime soap “Guiding Light,” and I’m thrilled that he’s finally getting bigger roles. However, I can’t believe he didn’t get an Emmy nomination for “Ozark.” I bet he wins an Oscar someday though. -- **E.E.**

A: Pelphrey burst on the soap opera scene back in 2003 when he made his professional acting debut as the troubled Jonathan

on “Guiding Light.” While he didn’t get nominated for playing Ben on the critically acclaimed series “Ozark,” he did win two Daytime Emmy Awards in 2006 and 2008. It probably won’t be long before he adds a primetime statuette to his mantel or even, perhaps, an Oscar. Next up for him is the biographical film “Mank,” starring Gary Oldman and Amanda Seyfried. Pelphrey will play Hollywood screenwriter and director Joseph Mankiewicz alongside Oldman’s Herman Mankiewicz. As for Pelphrey’s slight by the Television Academy for his role in “Ozark,” you’re not alone. Director Alik Sakharov stated that Pelphrey’s “superb” performance was a “compendium on acting, on the ability to inhabit the character so, so well -- so deeply, you just don’t feel like the person is acting. You feel like he’s living the role and you feel like he is that person.” With praise like that, who needs a trophy? Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Come December, Oprah Winfrey’s “O” Magazine will cease to exist in hard copy. Twenty years ago, “O” became an instant success which grew to a 2.2 million paid subscription and a readership of 10 million. But it will now be a “digitally centric” “O.” If this is successful, will “People Magazine” be next?



de Havilland

With the passing of Olivia de Havilland on July 26 at age 104, we lost the last living cast member of the greatest film ever made, “Gone With the Wind” (1939). On June 30, 2017, at 101, Dame Olivia sued the FX Network and producer Ryan Murphy for inaccurately portraying her and using her likeness without permission in their mini-series “Feud: Bette and Joan.” The motion was denied in September

Hollywood

2017 and she appealed to the Supreme Court, which also struck down her lawsuit. Dame Olivia was trying to protect her good name and image from being used adversely by writers inventing dialogue that she never spoke, which was delivered by Catherine Zeta-Jones, who portrayed her. She was a very special lady. I had two encounters with her. The first when I was 17. A friend and I went to The Plaza Hotel to see her as she checked out to go back to Los Angeles. We stood near the elevators, and in due time she appeared holding a dozen roses and a five-pound box of Russell Stover chocolates. We asked for and were granted an autograph, and after posing for photos, she handed the dozen roses to my lady friend, saying “I’d like you to have these.” She then turned to me and asked, “Do you have a mother?” I said I did, and she handed me the box of chocolates and said, “Please give this to your mother as a gift from me.”

My mother didn’t believe the chocolates were from Olivia de Havilland until I showed her the pictures of Olivia holding it. In 2008, when The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences celebrated what would have been Bette Davis’ 100 birthday, I attended with Gena Rowlands, who was speaking that night about working with Bette Davis. Robert Osborne, one of the hosts, said, “The next person to appear was to be Olivia de Havilland, but she lives in Paris and it’s difficult for her to travel.” A man walked out, whispered in his ear and he said, “She’s here, Olivia’s here,” just like in the famous scene at the end of Judy Garland’s “A Star Is Born.” Needless to say, the crowd went wild. At the reception I reminded her about the chocolates, and she loved it when I told her my mother never let me have even one piece! (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* In 2015, Godzilla was made an official resident of the Shinjuku ward of Tokyo. The “King of Monsters” was not only given Japanese citizenship, but also appointed as the ward’s tourism ambassador. * When Henri IV of France wed Maria de Medici in 1600, he could not actually be present for the ceremony. Instead, he sent a life-sized sculpture of himself ... made entirely out of sugar. * Knowing they might never return safely from the moon, Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 crew worried about the prospect of leaving their families without financial support, but couldn’t take out life insurance policies due to the extreme risks of their mission. Instead, they signed hundreds of autographs to be sold if they didn’t make it home. Thankfully, those weren’t needed, but still show up in space memorabilia auctions today, going for as much as \$30,000. * Only two sports have been played on the moon -- golf and the javelin throw.

* At a NOAA conference in 1972, civil and women’s rights activist Roxcy Bolton proposed naming hurricanes after senators instead of women. She also preferred the term “him-i-canes.” * Hot air balloons can’t be used in the rain because the water would boil from the heat, destroying the fabric. * A donkey will sink in quicksand, but a mule won’t. * Like to lie back and watch puffy clouds drift lazily by in the summer sky? Bet you’d never guess that a single one weighs about 1.1 million pounds! Researchers calculated that staggering amount by multiplying a cloud’s water density by its volume. So how do they manage to float? Simple: The air below them is even heavier.

Thought for the Day: “Instead of letting anxieties and uncertainties fence off your life, they can become signposts showing you where to turn to do what really matters to you.” -- Mark Freeman (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

King Crossword

Answers

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• Trivia Test •

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which activity uses terms such as baste, bias and selvage?

2. MYTHOLOGY: What are the Norms?

3. AD SLOGANS: Which product uses the advertising slogan “Vermont’s Finest”?

4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?

5. MUSIC: Which Madonna song features a recitation of 16 cultural icons?

6. U.S. STATES: How many states begin with the letter “A”?

7. HISTORY: Who was queen consort to French and English kings in the 12th century?

8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, “All children, except one, grow up”?

9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president detested broccoli and banned it from his meals?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of crabs called?
- Answers

1. Sewing

2. Norse goddesses of fate

3. Ben & Jerry’s ice cream

4. Wellington

5. “Vogue”

6. Alabama, Alaska, Arizona and Arkansas

7. Eleanor of Aquitaine

8. “Peter Pan”

9. George H.W. Bush

10. A cast

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Early bird?

4 Said “not guilty”

8 Molt

12 By way of

13 Emanation

14 Rent

15 Work unit

16 Whirl

17 Long-billed wader

18 Sprinter’s device

21 Many millennia

22 Parcel of land

23 Allude (to)

26 Driver’s license datum

27 Foundation

30 Out of control

31 “Oklahoma!” baddie

32 Stead

33 Vat

34 Haw partner

35 Tureen accessory

36 Prohibit

37 Emeril’s shout

38 Extremely exciting

45 Plankton component

46 Love god

47 Dove’s remark

48 Works with

49 New Haven school

50 Choose

51 Not so much

52 Resorts international?

53 “The Matrix” role

DOWN

1 Prior nights

2 Encircle

3 Lady —

4 Cleric

5 Pea-family plant

6 Ms. Brockovich

7 Hung

8 Half a circus clown’s pair

9 Vagrant

10 — The Red

11 Dilbert’s worksite

19 Stench

20 Go a few rounds

23 Snitch

24 Ostrich’s cousin

25 Pass (off)

26 Total

27 Auction action

28 Wet wriggler

29 Payable

31 Football garb

32 Genie’s home

34 Chapeau

35 Expires

36 Marching-band section

37 Half of 49-Across’ fight song

38 Booty

39 Otherwise

40 Census statistics

41 Snare

42 PC picture

43 “Unh-unh”

44 Attend

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8 5 7 2

9 6 5 4

7 8 3

2 6 9

7 2 6

1 4 7 8

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Do you Kasasa?

Member FDIC

By Amy Anderson

“You Should Have Left” -- a psychological horror film at the top of the streaming charts -- features Kevin Bacon as a middle-age producer in a rocky marriage to a young actress. The pair set off on a vacation with their young daughter to a remote Welsh villa penetrated by a sinister force that threatens to tear them apart. This got me thinking about a game that film buffs used to play -- Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon. Bacon once claimed that he’d worked with everyone in Hollywood, or if not with them, then with someone who did. Out of that one statement, a phenomenon was born, one that occupied thousands of hours of film nerd discussion and spawned a board game, a book and even a charitable organization (sixdegrees.org). It has been described as a parlor game, the object of which is to connect any random actor to Kevin Bacon through a series of no more than six shared connections. It requires absolutely no equipment. And it’s easier than you think. For example, I am a nor-

mal, ordinary person. I once ran into actor River Phoenix at a music club in Florida, where he was playing with his family’s band. River Phoenix was in the movie “Stand By Me” with Kiefer Sutherland (what a bad guy!). Kiefer Sutherland was in “Flatliners” with Kevin Bacon. So, that’s three degrees. Choose your own starting place and challenge your friends. To aid you, here are some great Kevin Bacon movies, along with a list of his co-stars. “National Lampoon’s Animal House” (1978) -- In director John Landis’ crack college comedy, Bacon played Omega pledge Chip Diller. It also starred John Belushi, Tim Matheson, Tom Hulce, Karen Allen and Donald Sutherland. “Diner” (1982) -- Director Barry Levinson’s autobiographical story set in late 1950s Baltimore includes Steve Guttenberg, Daniel Stern, Mickey Rourke, Tim Daly, Ellen Barkin and Paul Reiser. “Footloose” (1984) -- This ‘80s superclassic about a big-city kid who changes small-town hearts with his

love of dance also starred Lori Singer, John Lithgow, Dianne Wiest, Chris Penn and Sarah Jessica Parker. “She’s Having a Baby” (1988) -- Bacon plays half of a young couple struggling to conceive in a cast that includes Elizabeth McGovern, Alec Baldwin, Holland Taylor, Paul Gleason and Edie McClurg. “A Few Good Men” (1992) -- The quotable military legal drama features heavy hitters Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson, Demi Moore and Kiefer Sutherland with Noah Wyle, Cuba Gooding Jr. and a cameo by writer Aaron Sorkin. “Apollo 13” (1995) -- Houston, we have a fantastic cast, including Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Gary Sinise and Ed Harris. “Black Mass” (2015) -- Irish mobster Whitey Bulger is the focus of an investigation in this crime drama with a cast that includes Johnny Depp, Benedict Cumberbatch, Joel Edgerton, Dakota Johnson, W. Earl Brown and Juno Temple. (c) 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

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SPORTS

Mendota High School Fall sports rosters



Mendota High School Cross Country 2020

Head coach: Kevin Wohrley
Seniors

Ty Connelly
Sam Lawrence
Amaya Olivas
Trent Stamberger

Juniors

Alex Hermosillo
Aliza Salinas
Andrew Stamberger

Sophomores

Eli Arjes
Jamie Dooley
Rose Fouke

Freshmen

Alayna Nosalik
Nataliya Durbin
Billy Hall
Dagen Setchell
Bianka Valdez
Valeria Valdez



Mendota High School Golf 2020

Head coach: David Ross
Seniors

Kody Becket
Jack Beetz
Dylan Denault
Mateo Escatel

Zeke Hessenberger
Kasen Novak

Juniors

Logan Brandner
Connor Egler

Ethan Hanaman
Liam McGann

Sophomores

Clay Buffington
Drake Dennis

Cayden Escatel
Braden McPheeters

Jack Mikolasek
Owen Ossman

Dominik Stamberger

Freshmen

Owen Aughenbaugh
Jace Baird

Haden Shakespeare
Cale Strouss



Mendota High School Girls' Tennis 2020

Head coach: Shawn LeRette
Assistant coach: Tom Corrigan
Seniors

Mary DeFore
Janice Gonzalez
Twila Martinson
Eve McDowell

Izabella Nanez
Natalie Orozco

Maddy Pappas
Perris Stachlewitz

Juniors

KayLee Barkman
Natalie Bodmer

Lizzie Bresley
Thalia Bustos

Jackie Cortez
Zoe Finley

Lilly Newkirk
Alex Stremiau

Sophomores

Juliya Avila
Alexis Finley

Julia Krueger
Angela Sandoval

Talya Schwaegerman

Freshmen

Emma Clark
Payton Diaz

Linnea Escatel
Marah Figueroa

Vanessa Gomez
Perla Lopez

Natalia Salinas
Jenah Sims



Good luck to all of the MHS teams!

Trojan golfers open season with two conference wins

The Mendota High School golf teams took to the course for the first time this season at Winnebago on Aug. 17.

In varsity competition, the Trojans downed the hosts by three strokes, 171-174.

Ethan Hanaman led the way for Mendota with a team-low score of 41. Jack Beetz and Logan Brandner checked in next with 42s, followed by Liam McGann with a 46, Mateo Escatel with a 49 and Clayton Buffington with a 53.

Bryson Walz of Winnebago was the medalist with a 39.

Winnebago claimed the junior varsity match, 186-

212.

Kody Becket turned in the low score for the Trojans with a 48, one stroke better than teammate Dominik Stamberger. Also competing for Mendota were Drake Dennis (56), Owen Aughenbaugh (59), Jack Mikolasek (60) and Cale Strouss (63).

Mendota played on its home course for the first time this season and pulled out a 177-182 victory over Stillman Valley on Aug. 20.

Zeke Hessenberger and Hanaman were a solid one-two punch for the Trojans, shooting 39 and 40, respec-

tively. Hessenberger's score earned him meet medalist honors. Beetz fired a round of 47, followed by Brandner and McGann both at 51, and Buffington with a 55.

"We struggled as a team, but good rounds by Zeke and Ethan saved us," said first-year head coach David Ross.

Stillman Valley avoided the sweep by defeated Mendota in the junior varsity match, 187-208.

Escatel and Aughenbaugh paced the Trojans, each with a round of 48. Also competing for Mendota were Dennis (52), Becket (60), Stamberger (63) and Strouss (64).

Mendota High School Fall sports schedules

Cross Country

Sept. 1 – at Ottawa (Plano, Hall) – 4:30
Sept. 8 – at Rock Falls – 4:00
Sept. 12 – Genoa-K., R. Christian – 9:00
Sept. 19 – at Oregon (R. Lutheran) – 9:00
Sept. 26 – R. Christian, Winnebago – 10:00
Sept. 29 – at Genoa-Kingston – 4:00
Oct. 3 – at Dixon (North Boone) – 10:00
Oct. 6 – Stillman Valley – 4:00
Oct. 17 – BNC Varsity Meet

Girls' Tennis

Aug. 27 – at LaSalle-Peru – 4:30
Aug. 29 – at Sterling Newman Tourney – 8:30
Sept. 1 – at Kewanee – 4:30
Sept. 3 – Sterling – 4:30
Sept. 5 – at Coal City Tourney – 8:00
Sept. 8 – Sterling Newman – 4:30
Sept. 10 – Princeton – 4:30
Sept. 14 – at Coal City – 4:30
Sept. 15 – St. Bede – 4:30
Sept. 19 – at Sterling Tourney – 9:00
Sept. 22 – at Rockford Lutheran – 4:30

Sept. 24 – Ottawa – 4:30
Sept. 26 – at LaSalle-Peru – 8:30
Sept. 28 – Rochelle – 4:30
Sept. 29 – at Pontiac – 4:30
Oct. 1 – at Morris – 4:30
Oct. 5 – Geneseo – 4:30
Oct. 6 – Streator – 4:30
Oct. 10 – Mendota Tournament – 8:00

Golf

Aug. 26 – at Byron – 4:00
Aug. 27 – at Dixon – 4:30
Sept. 3 – Genoa-Kingston – 4:00
Sept. 10 – at North Boone – 4:00
Sept. 16 – Oregon – 4:00
Sept. 19 – at Princeton – 8:00
Sept. 21 – at Hall – 4:00
Sept. 22 – Rockford Lutheran – 4:00
Sept. 24 – Ottawa – 4:00
Sept. 26 – Mendota Modified Ryder Cup – 8:30
Sept. 29 – at LaSalle-Peru – 4:00
Oct. 1 – BNC Meet @ Poplar Grove – 9:00
Oct. 6 – Regional

ICF launches free Outdoor Illinois App

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) introduced a new app tailored to Illinois' outdoorsmen and women. The app,

called Outdoor Illinois, is free and available for both iPhone and Android systems on the App Store and Google Play.

Once downloaded on a

preferred mobile device, users can find a wealth of information under each of the four main areas of hunting, fishing, boating and camping.

IHSA Board approves modified postseason for fall sports

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met virtually for their regularly scheduled board meeting on Aug. 24, where the Board approved a plan to conduct modified postseason state series tournaments in boys' and girls' golf, boys' and girls' cross country and girls' tennis this fall.

The approved plan will allow for a single round of regional geographic competition to be conducted the week of Oct. 19-25, with the majority of the events expected to be held on Saturday, Oct. 24.

"The health and safety of the student-athletes, their coaches, and their school communities has been our priority from the start of the pandemic," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Throughout the spring and summer, we looked for ways to re-engage student-athletes with their peers and coaches, and our membership has shared countless positive experiences from that initial 'return to play' period. We have found similar value in being able to conduct fall sports, and believe the participants deserve a culminating

experience if we can offer it safely."

The IHSA State Series tournaments will meet all Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines as it relates to COVID-19. The IHSA will be finalizing and releasing details for each fall state series tournament in the coming weeks, including dates, schedules, awards, structure, and additional safety precautions.

In conjunction with the modified fall state series, the Board also approved a \$100 state series entry fee for any school entering a team or individual in any of the fall sports.

"The IHSA office is charged with the responsibility of being a good steward of the Association's finances," said Anderson. "The past few months have seen a significant reduction in the IHSA's income, given the cancellation of the IHSA Boys' Basketball State Finals and the entire spring season. Financial challenges remain on the horizon in 2020-21 due to the limited number of sports currently classified as 'low risk' by the state, making the chances of conducting full state series tournaments unlikely at this time."

The IHSA By-laws allow the Board of Directors the discretion to implement entry fees into IHSA State Series tournaments. The IHSA last charged tournament entry fees in 2004-05.

"An overwhelming number of school administrators supported the fees in recent surveys," said Anderson. "Not charging entry fees has been a point of pride for the IHSA. We are humbled by the support of our member schools during this difficult time, and appreciative of their support."

The Board will continue to look at the postseason options by sport and season as the school year progresses, so they can accurately gauge the allowable IDPH options and most current COVID-19 data.

"Interscholastic sports, like the IHSA and IESA, have rightfully followed stricter return to play guidance than non-school events since the start of the summer," said Anderson. "While we understand and appreciate the frustration felt by high school coaches due to the stricter guidance, we also recognize the need for that added guidance, even though it

may create more challenges for us. There is a responsibility that exists within the school setting to create a safer environment for the community as a whole, while non-school competitions are often conducted without any standardized safety protocols."

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved a recommendation for the IHSA Girls' Softball State Finals to move to the Louisville Slugger Complex in Peoria beginning in 2021. The contract encompasses five seasons from 2021-2025. The Eastside Centre in East Peoria, who has hosted the state finals since 2001, also submitted a hosting proposal along with Chicago Bandits Stadium in Rosemont, the Rantoul Family Sports Complex, and Southern Illinois University.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The Board heard a presentation on the potential implementation of a shot clock in boys' and girls' basketball from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. The Board and IHSA staff will work with the presenters on potential next steps.

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THE FARMER'S REPORT



University of Illinois shows a probiotic product – Clostridium butyricum – can achieve the same growth-promoting results as antibiotics.

Pig probiotics prove positively promising

URBANA – Recent regulatory restrictions around antibiotic use in livestock challenge the feed industry, but research from the University of Illinois shows a probiotic product – Clostridium butyricum – can achieve the same growth-promoting results as antibiotics.

“Not being able to use antibiotics, these probiotics or direct-fed-microbials (DFMs) are being used more and more. We have worked with DFMs for the last 10 years and have consistently observed increased growth performance in pigs,” says Hans H. Stein, professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at U of I and co-author of the study.

Stein and his co-authors fed five diets to pigs: a control diet with no antibiotics and no Clostridium butyricum; a control diet with standard antibiotics added; and experimental diets with 1,250, 2,500, or 3,500 cfu per kilogram of Clostridium butyricum added.

“Pigs had better growth performance when we added Clostridium butyricum to the diets compared with the control diet with no antibiotic. And growth performance

was the same for the experimental diets as the antibiotic control diet. These results indicate Clostridium butyricum may be used to partly or fully restore the growth performance lost when antibiotic growth promoters are removed from diets for weanling pigs,” Stein says.

Why would feeding this bacterium benefit pig growth? Stein’s team looked at several possibilities, including changes to the pigs’ intestinal morphology.

“There was better morphology in the pigs’ intestinal tracts with the Clostridium butyricum. Villi, the tiny ‘fingers’ lining the intestinal wall, were a little bit taller. The taller the villi, the more nutrients they can absorb. And that can mean better growth performance,” Stein says.

Although Stein didn’t study the effects of villus height on nutrient digestibility in this study, his group has shown the effect in relation to DFMs in previous research.

Stein’s team also evaluated the microbial community in the gut; some DFMs encourage growth of “good bacteria,” leading to secondary benefits. While

the researchers found some minor differences, they couldn’t be attributed to the experimental diets.

The team also noted a drop-off in benefits as the inclusion rate of Clostridium butyricum went up, concluding that a dose of 1,250 cfu per kilogram is sufficient to attain increased growth performance in weanling pigs.

“These DFMs, including Clostridium butyricum, seem to have pretty consistent positive effects in diets for young pigs. I think there’s a good reason they’re being used more and more in the industry. It’s a good return on investment if you add them to the diet,” Stein says.

The article, “Inclusion of the direct-fed microbial Clostridium butyricum in diets for weanling pigs increases growth performance and tends to increase villus height and crypt depth, but does not change intestinal microbial abundance” is published in the Journal of Animal Science [DOI: 10.1093/jas/skz372]. Co-authors include Gloria Casas, Laia Blavi, Tzu-Wen Cross, Anne Lee, Kelly Swanson, and Hans Stein. The work was supported by BASF.

USDA to invest up to \$360 million in partner-driven conservation

CHAMPAIGN — State Conservationist Ivan Dozier announced the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Illinois is inviting potential conservation partners to submit project applications for federal funding through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Nationally, NRCS will award up to \$360 million to locally driven, public-private partnerships that improve the nation’s water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability.

“RCPP brings an expanded approach to investing in natural resource conservation that empowers local communities to work with multiple partners and agricultural producers to design solutions that work best for them,” said NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr.

Partners may request between \$250,000 and \$10 million in RCPP funding through this funding announcement. Partners are expected to offer value-added contributions to amplify the impact of RCPP funding in an amount equal or greater to the NRCS investment.

According to Dozier, “Eligible lead partners are encouraged to apply. Funding is open to private industry, non-government organizations, state and local governments, soil and water conservation districts, and universities. RCPP can work for current partners or new partners.” The full list of eligible entities is available in the RCPP funding announcement.

First authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, RCPP has combined nearly \$1 billion in NRCS investments with close to \$2 billion in non-NRCS dollars to implement conservation practices across the nation. There are 336

active RCPP projects that have engaged more than 2,000 partners. Illinois is already enjoying the benefits of successful RCPP projects that provide innovative conservation solutions, leverage partner contributions and offer impactful and measurable outcomes.

USDA is now accepting proposals for RCPP through the RCPP portal. Proposals are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Nov. 4, 2020. For more information, view the Application for Program Funding on grants.gov.

A webinar with general program information for RCPP applicants is sched-

uled for 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Aug 27, 2020. Visit the RCPP website for information on how to participate.

For more information on RCPP, visit the RCPP website.



Farm Progress Virtual Experience to provide visitors in-depth presentations

Free event will be offered online September 15-17

ST. CHARLES – A live event is the preferred way to get information for the farm, but when a pandemic tosses you a lemon, the best choice is to make lemonade. For the Farm Progress Virtual Experience, the lemonade goes beyond the most extensive field demos in the history of the two top farm shows in the country. Farmers who attend the free event will be able to choose from a focused range of breakout sessions designed to help them deal with hot topics of the day.

The Farm Progress Virtual Experience runs Sept. 15-17. The free event will be online at FVPexp.com. To learn more about the event and register now, visit FarmProgressShow.com.

“We’re being very targeted in our approach to content for this show,” said Don Tourte, senior vice president of sales for Farm Progress. “In a virtual environment, it’s all too easy to bury a visitor in dozens of presentations. That’s not our intent with the Farm Progress Virtual Experience.”

Tourte said the breakout sessions each of the three days will focus on different aspects of an operation, providing visitors the chance to choose what matters to them. For example, if risk management is important, a farmer will have the chance to hear from Bryce Knorr, contributing marketing analyst, Farm Futures, with his perspective on the markets. But on another day, Matt Bennett, Bennett Consulting, will add to that insight with his look at key tactics for risk management on the farm.

Visitors to the three-day virtual event can choose among specific topics

during each breakout session. “But the beauty of a virtual experience is that they can return later to catch a breakout they may have missed when it first appeared,” Tourte said. “For example, if a farmer wants to start with the risk management session, he or she can return later to catch the land price update, or some other topic important to their operation.”

Matt Jungmann, events manager, shared that farmers attend live shows to see equipment and discuss new products with exhibitors. “But farmers have other management issues they’re dealing with these days and our online sessions can help with that, too,” he noted. “From crop protection to mental health, from soil health to farm safety, we’re putting together a targeted list of sessions farmers can engage with.”

Recently, Jungmann appeared on the Around Farm Progress podcast where he shared a lot of information

about the new event. You can check that out online — Digging into the details of a new virtual farm show.

About Farm Progress

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THE BACK PAGE

BLESSED EVENTS

JAMES A. FOULK

Joseph and Elena (Halverson) Foulk of Compton are parents of their first child, **James Alan**, born Aug. 18, 2020, at Kishwaukee Community Hospital in DeKalb. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Don and Kim Halverson of DeKalb. Paternal grandparents are Glen and Ann Foulk of Compton. Maternal great-grandparents are Alan Baker of Leland, and Dave and Dawn Halverson of DeKalb. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Don and Netia Stephenitch and the late "Lefty" and Mary Lou Foulk.

SCHMIDT – Benjamin Schmidt and Kelsey Funderberg, boy, July 27, 2020, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

POLICE BLOTTER

DUI

Jose L. Gonzalez, 69, of 613 10th Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop at 10th Avenue and Sixth Street at 12:37 a.m. Aug. 17. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Markeise D. Washington, 30, of 700 Pennsylvania Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 7:16 p.m. Aug. 17 on valid LaSalle County failure to appear warrants for the charges of driving while license suspended, theft and resisting arrest. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

INTOXICATED PEDESTRIAN IN ROADWAY

Megan N. Vickrey, 24, of 304 Fourth St., Mendota, was charged with intoxicated pedestrian in the roadway in the 1100 block of Chicago Street at 2:30 a.m. Aug. 18. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Wesley Thompson, 39, of 404 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 10:23 p.m.

Aug. 18 on a valid original LaSalle County warrant for aggravated battery. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Jennifer Lesley, 47, of 404 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Sixth Street and Eighth Avenue at 10:46 p.m. Aug. 18. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Bradley Phillips, 21, of 130 W. Cherry St., Compton, was arrested at 8:44 p.m. Aug. 21 on a valid Lee County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of theft. The subject posted bond and was released with a Lee County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

May A. Yarim, 47, of Shelby Township, Mich., was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 12th Street and Fourth Avenue at 11:48 p.m. Aug. 21. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

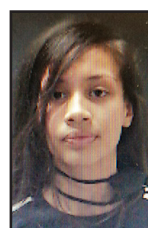
CARDS OF THANKS

Margaret "Rosalie" Russell's family would like to thank all of you that expressed your much-appreciated support to our family: through visits, thoughts, prayers, memorials, or conversations; thank you from all of us. A special thank you to Pastor Mary Bohall, of First United Methodist Church for her eulogy and blessings at the graveside service; and Brett Merritt, Connie, and Tom for their help with arrangements during this most difficult time.

Alan and Mary Russell Cheryl and Bill Johnson Matt and Laura Russell Patrick and Kendra Johnson and grandchildren: Brianna, Brooklyn, & Josephine

Woman arrested on child endangerment

MENDOTA – On Aug. 19, at approximately 3:05 p.m., Mendota Police arrested Alica C. Hernandez, 25 of 105 20th St., Mendota, near her home on a LaSalle County arrest warrant for two counts of endangering the life or health of a child (class A misdemeanor, bond \$5,000.00/10%).



Hernandez

Hernandez's charges stem from an investigation that took place on Friday, Aug. 14 in which Mendota Fire Department and Men-

dota Police Department personnel responded to an activated smoke alarm. Upon further investigation in which emergency services personnel observed smoke coming from the apartment, forced entry was made to the apartment and a small child was found unresponsive in the living room of the home. No other persons were located in the apartment and the smoke was determined to be the result of burnt food left on the stove.

The child was rushed to OSF Saint Paul Medical Center and ultimately to St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. The child is reportedly in good condition.

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SOCIAL SCENE



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Flanagan

Mendota couple to mark 65th wedding anniversary

MENDOTA – Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Flanagan will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in September. Daniel J. Flanagan and Barbara Lucas were married on Sept. 3, 1955, in Dixon.

They are parents of Janet (Calvin) Keefer of Mark, Karen (John Strohman) Cater of Madison, Teresa Bair of Mendota, David of Helotes, Texas, and Jeffrey (Kim Sheppards) of Troy Grove.

They have 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter and one step-great-granddaughter.

Mr. Flanagan farmed for 10 years while working at H.D. Conkey. He retired after 44½ years from Conco/Heico. Mrs. Flanagan was a stay-at-home mom, periodically working at factories and waitressing. She was last employed at Sam's Steak House.

Four Seasons Gardening Program offers free Fall Series Webinars

OTTAWA – The Fall series of the University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening Program, which focuses on environmental stewardship, home gardening, and backyard food production, gets underway the month of September. The public is invited to participate in this free webinar series. The first session of the series titled "Hardscaping Basics for Patios and Retaining Walls" will run on Sept. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Do you have a vision of a retaining wall or patio in your yard, but aren't quite sure where to start? Hardscape installation can cost thousands of dollars, and many homeowners are turning to DIY to save some money. However, there is a lot to know about proper hardscaping installation methods. Join Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Chris Enroth as he talks basics of modular patio paver and retaining wall installation.

Other topics in the Fall series include "Creating a Bottle Terrarium" set for Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m., and "History of Forest Pest Outbreaks in North America" set for Tuesday,

Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Webinars are available for viewing from wherever you have internet access by pre-registering at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons. Recorded videos of these sessions can be viewed following the program at go.illinois.edu/fourseasonsrecordings. Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all local county offices are currently unable to offer viewing options at those locations.

Each session is free to the public. Advance registration is needed. You may call the LaSalle County office for more details at 815-433-0707, or you may email Extension Program Coordinator Meg Overocker at meo@illinois.edu.

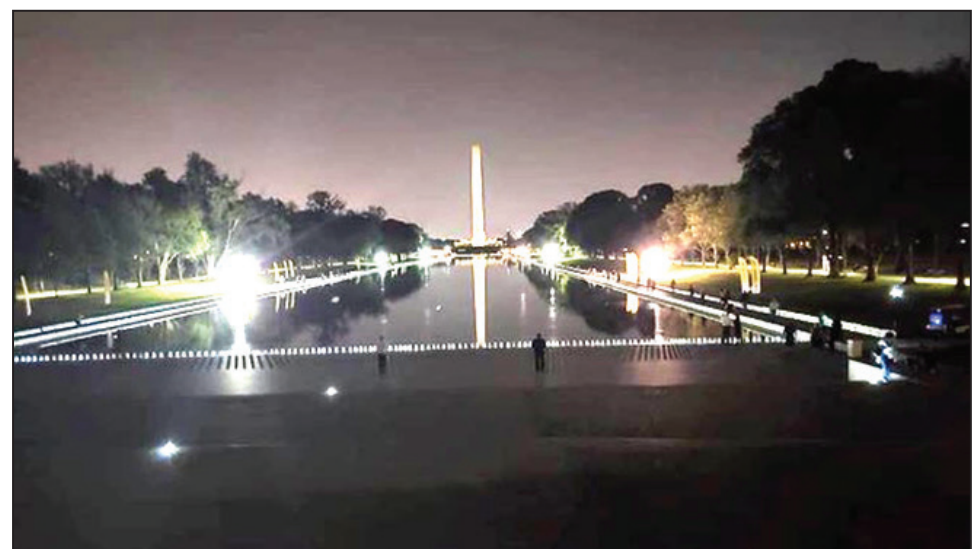
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Mendota's Arellano enters 7th year as 16th District lead volunteer for Cancer Society's Action Network

□ Lights of Hope luminaria bags available as part of fundraising effort

MENDOTA – Each year in September, Mendota's Jesse Arellano, as the lead volunteer for the 16th Congressional District in Illinois for the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, joins over 600 other lead volunteers that represent every congressional district in the United States in Washington, D.C. During this trip, they meet with every single member of Congress to advocate for things like cancer funding research and to make cancer a top national priority. This would be Arellano's seventh year traveling to D.C. to represent the state of Illinois.

During the trip, there is a ceremony called the Lights of Hope, which is very similar to a Relay For Life where they have luminaria bags, but this ceremony has over 40,000 bags that surround the reflecting pool at the Lincoln Memorial. Law makers all get a personal invitation to come and see the number of bags, which each represent a loved one that has either survived or lost their battle. The first year Arellano went to DC there were about 6,000 bags. Last year, there were over 40,000.



Imagine the impact on our lawmakers when they see thousands of bags from every congressional district in the country, Puerto Rico and Guam. Last year, there were also volunteers from the Cancer Societies in Ireland, Australia, Guam, Puerto Rico, New Zealand and The United Kingdom, which truly reiterates the idea that cancer doesn't discriminate or care who you are, where you come from, or how much money you have. Cancer is nonpartisan and all over the world it is a problem. By partnering with other countries on these

life-saving missions, representatives are truly making an impact on the cancer burden we all face in our lives.

This year, however, due to COVID-19, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network has taken a different approach for the safety of its volunteers and staff around the world. The trip will be in a virtual setting including leadership training meetings, but also meetings with elected officials will all be done via Zoom meetings. While this will not be an in-person event, there will still be a Light of

Hope Ceremony that will be livestreamed on the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Facebook page on Sept. 12 so that everyone can tune in to watch this extremely moving ceremony. Arellano said he has a personal fundraising goal of \$500 each year and hopes he can achieve the goal again for the seventh year in a row.

For anyone interested in purchasing a Light of Hope for \$10, log on to https://secure.fightcancer.org/site/TR/Events/GeneralACS-CAN?px=3633989&p-g=personal&fr_id=1260

Master Gardener program in Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam counties is accepting online applicants

OGLESBY – For the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program, the last four decades can be measured by the millions of volunteer hours given to help bring horticultural help to communities across the state.

This year marks the 48th anniversary of the Illinois Master Gardener program. With over 2,600 volunteers today, Illinois Master Gardeners have given more than 2,309,348 volunteer hours, a value of over \$46 million, to the state.

Today, Master Gardener volunteers, who come from farms, small towns, suburbs, and cities, offer numerous educational opportunities related to gardening in nearly every county in the state.

The mission of the Illinois Master Gardener program is "Helping Others Learn to Grow." After 60 hours of training in topics such as vegetable and flower gardening, insect problems, and plant diseases, the volunteers participate in programs throughout their communities. Some of those opportunities may include speaking at garden clubs, civic groups, or schools; answering calls or emails at garden help desks; establishing demonstration gardens that serve as educational tools; and educating citizens on how to establish community gardens.

You don't have to be a gardening expert to become a Master Gardener. All you need is an interest in gardening, some time to volunteer in the community, and a desire to share your knowledge with others. The program is more about connections; connecting people with other gardeners, with their community, and with reliable resources for information. Once connections are forged, it's time to get sowing and growing in our many meaningful community projects.

The University of Illinois Extension in Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam counties is now accepting applications to participate in the Online Master Gardener Training Program. This online program allows volunteers to complete the training who may have never been able to in the past due to schedule or time conflicts. This online, self-guided course for Illinois residents can be completed any time of day or night. Set aside about 4 hours per week for videos, reading the manual and completing quizzes, and the training will be completed in 14 weeks.

The 2020 Fall Master Gardener online training includes 13 modules - an introduction and 12 subject-areas. Module topics include: Botany; Soils and Fertilizers; Plant Diseases; Entomology; Integrated Pest Management; Annuals and Perennials; Trees, Shrubs

and Woody Vines; Lawns; Small and Tree Fruits; Vegetables; Composting; Organic Gardening; and Living with Wildlife.

Each module consists of several videos and an online quiz; therefore, a strong internet connection is highly recommended. Please note this training is not being offered in local Extension offices, but must be completed through use of a personal computer or other computer access. The registration cost for the program is \$300, which includes the Master Gardener manual.

Registration for the fall 2020 training is open through Sept. 7, and the class will start on Jan. 28. For more information or to obtain materials to begin the registration process, please e-mail Meg E. Overocker, Extension Program Coordinator at meo@illinois.edu or leave a message with your contact information at the Extension office, (815) 224-0889.

Following completion of the training, Master Gardener interns will work with Extension staff and local Master Gardeners in the Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, and Putnam Unit area to complete required volunteer time through approved community service projects.

Go to <https://master-gardener.extension.illinois.edu/mgot> to read more about the program.

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By Mike Weilt

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Would it be better for you to start getting benefits early with a smaller monthly amount for more years, or wait for a larger monthly payment over a shorter timeframe? The answer is personal and depends on several factors, such as your current cash needs, your current health, and your family longevity. You should also consider plans to work in retirement and other sources of retirement income. Most importantly, study your future financial needs and obligations, and calculate your future Social Security benefit.

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

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Kindergarten

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24- Plain yellow #2 wood pencils (SHARPENED)
4 - 24 count boxes of Crayola crayons (Crayola only)
1 - 4-oz. bottle of white glue
8 - Glue sticks
1 - 10 count box thick Crayola Classic Color markers
4 - Fine tip black dry erase markers (Expo brand)
1 - Pink eraser
1 - Pair child's Fiskar brand scissors
1 - 5 x 8-inch plastic pencil box (NO handle)
2 - 200-count boxes of tissues
1 - Container Clorox wipes
1 - Quart size box of Ziploc baggies
1 - Gallon size box of Ziploc baggies
1 - Full size book bag (approx. 13 x 16 inches, NO bags with wheels)
1 - Paint shirt (adult T-shirt works well)
1 - Pair tennis shoes for gym (shoes students can tie/fasten themselves, Velcro is okay)
1 - Change of clothing (shirt, long pants, underwear, socks)
1 - Communication folder and zipper pouch (purchased from Blackstone for \$2)
Individual teachers may request a few other supplies to be used for special projects. Your child's teacher will notify you of any specific needs throughout the year.

Lista de Utiles para Kinder

!Por favor de marcar todos las cosas con las iniciales de su hijo/a!
24 Lápices amarillos de madera de #2 - CON PUNTA
4 Cajas de colores del la marca "Crayola" (solamente marca "Crayola")
1 Botella de Pegamento blanco de 4 oz.
8 Pegamentos de tubo

1 Caja de 10 marcadores clásicos de punta gruesa de marca "Crayola"
4 Marcadores de borrado en seco con la punta fina
1 Borrador de goma rosa
1 Par de tijeras para niños de la marca Fiskar
1 Caja de plástico para lápices (sin agarradera)
2 Cajas de Kleenex de 200
1 Bote de toallitas de Clorox
1 caja de bolsas de plastico de ziplock de cuarto
1 caja de bolsas de plástico de ziplock de galón
1 paquete de toallitas de bebé
1 Mochila (13 x 16") - no mochilas con ruedas
1 Una camisa para pintar (una camisa de adulto es perfecta)
1 Par de tenis para la clase de gimnasio (deben ser zapatos que el estudiante se pueda poner/atar por sí mismo; los zapatos de Velcro están bien)
1 Un cambio de ropa (camisa, pantalones, ropa interior, calcetines)
También en la escuela tienen que comprar los dos siguientes útiles por \$2
1 Carpeta para comunicación de maestra y padre
1 Bolsa cremallera (bolsa pequeña con cierre)
Si usted compra la caja de útiles vendida por la escuela, adentro incluye la carpeta de comunicación y bolsa cremallera.
Algunas maestras/o necesitaran algunos otros útiles para proyectos especiales. La maestra de su hijo/a le avisara cuando necesiten algunas cosas durante el año. ¡Muchas gracias por su apoyo!



First Grade

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24 - Ticonderoga brand yellow #2 pencils - SHARPENED (NO colored/black or "fashion")
2 - Pink erasers (no novelty erasers)
12 - Small glue sticks
1 - Pair pointed scissors 4-5-inch (left handed if needed)
1 - Plastic 4-oz. bottle Elmer's WHITE glue
2 - Boxes Crayola crayons (16-24 count)
1 - Box washable, broad tip markers (8 count) Classic Colors
4 - Skinny tip colored dry erase markers (EXPO brand)
1 - Folder with 2 pockets (any color)
1 - Small plastic school box marked with name (8-5/8 inches x 5-3/4 inches x 2 inches)
1 - Spiral notebook, single subject, wide-ruled (any color)
1 - Container Clorox wipes
1 - Container Wet Wipes (for hands)
1 - Book bag marked with name (NO wheels, they do not fit in lockers)
1 - Pair tennis shoes for gym - no zippers (marked with name)
1 - Paint apron, smock or old shirt (marked with name)
2 - Boxes tissues (150-200 count)
1 - Change of clothing - shirt, pants (not shorts), underwear, socks
1 - Teacher/parent communication folder (purchased from Blackstone for \$2)
Boys, please send:
1 - Box gallon-size Ziploc baggies
Girls, please send:
1 - Box quart-size Ziploc baggies

Lista De Útiles De Primer Grado

¡Por favor marque cada objeto con el nombre de su hijo/a o iniciales!

24 Lápices Marca Ticonderoga Amarillos #2 (ya con punta; no de colores ni diseños)
2 Gomas rectangulares color rosa
12 Tubos de pegamento blanco pequeños
1 Tijeras de punta - 4-5" (para mano izquierda si es necesario)
1 Botella de 4 oz. de pegamento BLANCO Elmer's
2 Cajas de crayones marca Crayola (caja de 16-24)
2 Caja de marcadores gruesos lavables (cantidad 8) colores clásicos
4 Marcadores de borrar en seco punta fina (Marca EXPO)
2 Carpetas con dos bolsillos de cualquier color
1 Caja de de plástico para los útiles, marcado con nombre (8-5/8 x 5-3/4 x 2)
1 Libreta de renglon ancho, solo un tema (cualquier color)
1 Bote de toallitas de Clorox
1 Contenedor de toallitas para lavar las manos
1 Mochila marcada con nombre (NO ruedas)
1 Par de tenis para la clase de gimnasio (sin cierres) y marcada con su nombre
1 Camiseta/mandil para pintar (marcada con su nombre)
2 Cajas de Kleenex (150-200)
1 Cambio de ropa: camisa, pantalón largo, ropa interior, calcetines.
1 Carpeta de Comunicación Maestro / Padre (adquirido de Blackstone por \$2)
Niños por favor manden: 1 Caja de galón de bolsitas de plástico Ziplock
Niñas por favor manden: 1 Caja de cuarto de bolsitas de plastico de Ziplock
ATENCIÓN: POR FAVOR TODO lo que venga a la escuela que este marcado con el nombre de su hijo/a o iniciales incluyendo ropa, chamarra, botas, guantes, ect. ¡No podemos regresar algo que esta perdido si no podemos identificarlo!



• LINCOLN SCHOOL •

All supplies should be labeled with student's name

Second Grade

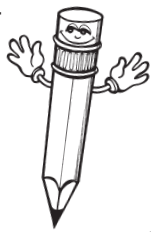
No trapper keepers, ring binders or book bags with wheels
36 pencils - #2 hardness Ticonderoga (pre-sharpened)
2 large rubber pencil erasers
1 Large 3-ring pencil canvas pouch with zipper
1 Fiskars pointed scissors 4 or 5-inch
12 Elmer's glue sticks
1 Elmer's school glue (8 oz. liquid)
2 Boxes of 24 regular size crayons
2 Boxes of 12 Crayola colored pencils
1 Set Crayola Markers, washable, wide tip
2 Yellow highlighters
4 Black dry-erase markers
1 12-inch ruler (inches and centimeters) not flexible
3 Composition notebooks
6 Plastic pocket folders with prongs (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow, 1 orange, 1 purple)
1 Set addition & subtraction flash cards
2 Boxes of tissues (150-200)

1 Book bag (no wheels)
1 Container Clorox disinfecting wipes
1 Pair of gym shoes to be kept at school
Paint shirt
Student assignment book (purchased at registration or Lincoln office for \$5)
* Assignment books are included in pre-ordered school kits.
* Some additional supplies may be needed by individual teachers.

Third Grade

All supplies should be labeled with student's name
No trapper keepers or book bags with wheels
48 pencils - #2 hardness Ticonderoga (prefer sharpened)
1 Pencil sharpener with compartment
2 Large rubber erasers
1 Small pencil box
1 Pair pointed Fiskars scissors - 4 or 5-inch
4 Elmer's glue sticks
1 Elmer's glue bottle, 4 oz.
1 Box of 24 crayons, regular size

2 Sets of 12 Crayola colored pencils
1 Set Crayola markers, washable, wide tip
2 Highlighters, any color
3-4 Dry erase markers, low odor
1 Wooden ruler, 12-inch (inches and centimeters)
1 White binder - 1-inch, clear view
3 Spiral notebooks - wide lined
6 Pocket folders - 1 yellow, 2 blue, 1 red, 2 green
2 Boxes of tissues (150-200)
1 Large container of Clorox wipes
1 Set of multiplication and division flash cards
Gym shoes - to be kept at school
Paint shirt (old T-shirt)
Girls - 1 Box quart-size Ziplock bags, 1 package notebook paper
Boys - 1 Box gallon-size Ziplock bags, 1 roll paper towels
Student assignment book (purchased at registration or Lincoln office for \$5)
* Assignment books are included in pre-ordered school



kits.
* Some additional supplies may be needed by individual teachers.

Fourth Grade

All supplies should be labeled with student's name

No trapper keepers or book bags with wheels
No mechanical pencils or gel pens
36 Pencils Ticonderoga (#2 hardness), pre-sharpened
1 Pencil sharpener with compartment
1 Large rubber eraser
1 Small pencil box
1 Pointed Fiskars scissors, 4 or 5-inch
8 Elmer's glue sticks
1 Elmer's School Glue (liquid)
1 Box of 24 crayons, regular size
1 Set of 12 Crayola colored pencils
1 Box of Crayola markers (10 pack)
2 Highlighters
2 Red pens

4 Dry erase markers (low odor, non-toxic)
1 Wooden ruler, 12-inch (inches and centimeters)
2 Packs loose-leaf, wide-lined notebook paper
4 Spiral notebooks, wide-lined (8 x 10 1/2 inches - 60 or 70 pages)
5 Plastic pocket folders (1 green, 1 red, 1 yellow, 1 blue, 1 black)
2 Boxes of tissues (150-200 count)
2 Containers Clorox disinfecting wipes
Paint shirt (old T-shirt)
Gym shoes - to be kept at school
Girls - 1 Box gallon-size Ziplock bags
Boys - 1 Box quart-size Ziplock bags
Student assignment book (purchased at registration or Lincoln office)
* Assignment books are included in pre-ordered school kits.
* Some additional supplies may be needed by individual teachers.

• LIFE SKILLS - LINCOLN SCHOOL •

Life Skills

All supplies should be labeled with student's name
No trapper keepers or book bags with wheels
DO NOT PURCHASE AN ASSIGNMENT BOOK
1 Durable binder (3-ring, 2-inch)
1 Spiral notebook with holes
2 Plain plastic pocket folders with holes
10 Glue sticks

4 Boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
1 Plastic school box
1 Pencil bag with holes
12 Pencils #2
2 Play-doh containers
1 Scissors
4 Boxes of Kleenex (large family size)
2 Toothbrushes
1 Toothbrush holder
2 Tubes of toothpaste
2 Containers disinfecting wipes

2 Containers baby wipes
1 Box sandwich size Ziploc bags
1 Box gallon size Ziploc bags
1 Book bag
1 Paint shirt (old T-shirt)
1 Pair tennis shoes for PE
1 Change of clothing for emergency/accidents (pants, 2 pair underwear, pull ups, socks and shirt)
Each student should have all these items. Please send anything else your child may need on a daily basis.



BACK TO SCHOOL

• NORTHBROOK SCHOOL •

All grades - Please label all supplies with student name. All grades will need earbuds.

Book bags will not be used during the opening of school this fall but may be utilized later as the year progresses.

Fifth Grade

36 Regular Ticonderoga pencils (#2 hardness)
1 Rubber pencil eraser
3 Pens: 1 blue, 1 black, 1 red
5 Highlighters: 1 yellow, 1 blue, 1 pink, 1 orange, 1 green
6 Plastic folders: red, blue, yellow, green, purple, black
1 Pointed scissors 4 or 5-inch
1 (4-oz.) Elmer's white glue
3 Glue sticks
1 Box of 24 crayons
1 Box of 24 colored pencils
2 Packages loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
1 Notebook, 3-subject (for vocabulary)
3 Spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
2 1-inch, 3-ring binders
1 Box washable markers (10 count)
1 Ruler 12-inch
3 Boxes of Kleenex (if possible)

1 Package (4-6 count) Expo brand dry erase markers
1 Plastic pencil case
1 Pencil sharpener
1 Container of Clorox wipes (if possible)
1 Pair gym shoes
Student planner-purchase for \$5 in office
ART SUPPLIES:
1 Black sharpie
8-color water palette
Inexpensive sketch pad, 8-1/2 x 11-inch or 9 x 12-inch
Paint brushes, assorted sizes

Sixth Grade

2 Black fine tip dry erase markers
1 Small pencil sharpener
2 Highlighters
3 Dozen #2 Ticonderoga pencils
1 Ruler with metric measurement
1 Box colored pencils
1 Pack loose-leaf paper
1 Bottle squeeze white glue
1 Inexpensive calculator with basic operations
1 Pair scissors (4 or 5-inch)
5 Plain poly covered folders (1 of each color: blue, yellow, red, green and purple)
5 Plain, colored, spiral

bound, single subject notebooks (1 of each color: blue, yellow, red, green and purple)
2 Pink erasers
1 Box black or blue pens
1 Box crayons
1 White binder 2-inch (for AM)
1 White binder 2-inch (for PM)
2 Family-sized boxes of tissues
2 Red pens
1 Pencil bag
1 Box gallon-size storage bags (15 count)
10 large glue sticks
1 Pencil bag
1 Container Clorox wipes (if available)
1 pair gym shoes
Student planner-purchase for \$5 in office
COMPUTER SCIENCE: Container of Clorox wipes & box of Kleenex (if available)
HEALTH & WELLNESS: 1 folder; 1 Container of Clorox wipes (if available)
ART:
Sketch pad, 8-1/2 x 11-inch or 9 x 12-inch
Paint brushes, assorted sizes, flat and round
8-color watercolor palette
Washable markers
1 Black sharpie

Seventh Grade

2 (2-inch) 3-ring binders
3 Dozen #2 pencils with erasers
Highlighters - 3 colors
1 Package pencil cap erasers
2 Large pink erasers
1 Dozen blue pens
1 Dozen black pens
1 12-inch metric ruler
1 Protractor
2 Packages loose-leaf paper
1 Zippered pencil bag (with 3 holes to fit in binder)
6 Tab dividers for binders
2 Yellow folders and 1 yellow spiral notebook for math
2 Blue folders and 1 blue spiral notebook for science
2 Red folders and 1 red spiral notebook for social studies
2 Purple folders for language
1 Box coloring pencils (8 different colors)
4 Packs of 3x5 plain index cards
1 Package of 4 dry erase markers
1 Basic calculator (not scientific)
1 Pencil sharpener
1 Package 8-12 Crayola non-washable markers
1 Package 3x3 post-its
2 Bottles of squeeze white glue
1 Composition book for language
1 Pointed tip scissors
3 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Container Clorox wipes (if available)
Student planner-purchase for \$5 in office
PE SUPPLIES (will notify when needed): Gym shoes, white socks, white or gray T-shirt, gym shorts
COMPUTER SCIENCE: Container Clorox wipes & 1 box of Kleenex (if available)
HEALTH & WELL-

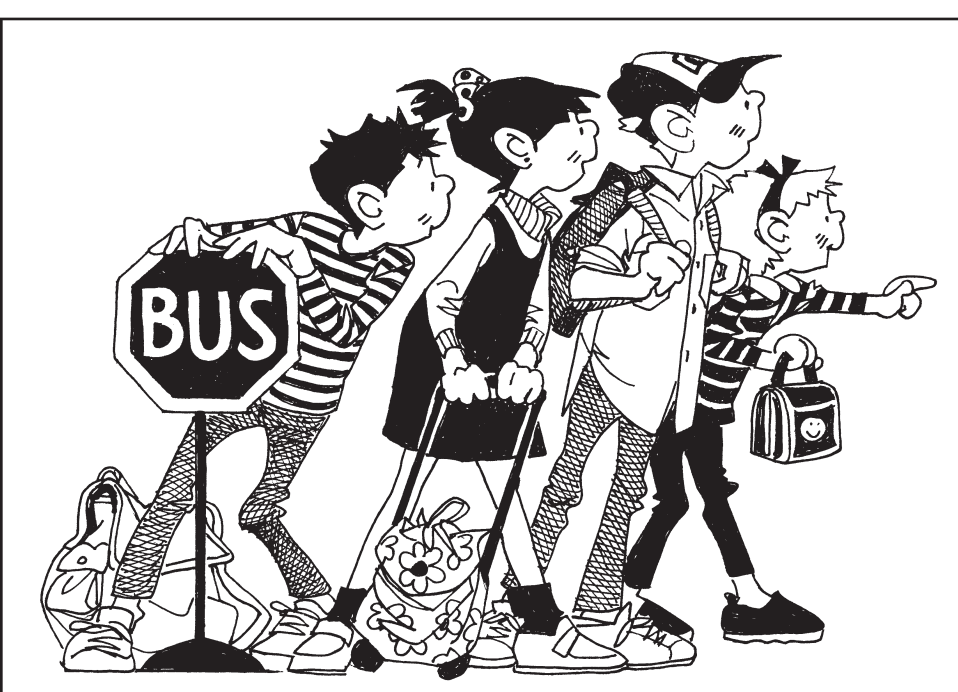


NESS: 1 folder; 1 Container of Clorox wipes (if available)
ART:
Sketch pad, 8-1/2 x 11-inch or 9 x 12-inch
Paint brushes, assorted sizes, flat and round
8-color watercolor palette
Black Sharpie marker and black Sharpie pen

Eighth Grade

1 1-inch binder for math
1 2-inch white binder (for morning classes)
1 2-inch black binder (for afternoon classes)
3 Packages tab dividers
1 Dozen black medium point pens
1 Red folder and 1 red notebook for social studies (all notebooks college ruled)
1 Green folder and 1 green notebook for science
1 Purple folder and 1 purple notebook for language arts
1 Black folder and 1 black notebook for reading
1 Blue folder and 1 blue notebook for math
1 Composition notebook
1 Box colored pencils
1 Pencil sharpener

1 Box markers
3 Glue sticks
4 Black dry erase markers
4 Highlighters (pink, yellow, orange, green)
1 Ruler
1 Scientific calculator (ONLY Texas Instrument TI30XIIS)
2 Dozen #2 pencils
1 Pointed tip scissors
1 Package of 2x2-inch post-its
2 Packages 3x5 index cards
2 Boxes of Kleenex (if available)
1 Container Clorox wipes
Student planner-purchase for \$5 in office
PE SUPPLIES: Gym shoes, white socks, white or gray T-shirt, gym shorts
COMPUTER SCIENCE: Container Clorox wipes & box of Kleenex (if available)
HEALTH & WELLNESS: 1 folder; 1 Container of Clorox wipes (if available)
ART:
Sketch pad, 8-1/2 x 11-inch or 9 x 12-inch
Paint brushes, assorted sizes, flat and round
8-color watercolor palette
Black Sharpie pen



Cyber safety is important for every grade level

People rely on the internet every day. In recent months, reliance on digital technology was pushed even further as social distancing measures had the world going online for school and work and to maintain relationships with friends and family.

A 2018 report from Pew Research Center indicated that nearly 25 percent of young adults in America reported being online almost constantly. Common Sense Media says teens spend an average of nine hours a day online, compared to roughly six hours for those between the ages 8 and 12 and 50 minutes for kids younger than 8.

Students must exercise caution when spending time online. Connectivity can be empowering, but it also puts students at risk from others and even their own, sometimes irresponsible behaviors. Staying safe online should remain a priority for students who must spend more time on the internet and using digital education tools. These are some tips for maintaining cyber safety.

- Exercise caution when sharing information like your name, address, phone number, and other personal data online. Check with a trusted parent or teacher before sharing private data.
- Report any online activity that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or confused, whether it is directed at you or a classmate.
- Think carefully before you post comments online. Data remains online indefinitely, and your words and actions today can greatly affect your future.
- Respect others online by refraining from demeaning or bullying comments.
- Do not try to get around firewalls and blocked websites set up by school administrators. These limitations are there for your protection.
- Stick to school-sanctioned assignments and internet browsing when using school-issued devices. Administrators may have the right to monitor student activity without students' knowledge and you can easily get yourself in trouble.
- It is easy to hide or fake one's identity on the internet, so never take someone you meet or speak with online at face value. Never meet up with someone you do not know or only met online.
- Talk to your parents or educators about extortion and ransomware that tries to trick you into providing payment in some shape or form to prevent a perpetrator from releasing private information about you, advises the Readiness and Emergency for Schools Technical Assistance Center.

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Get your mind set on what matters most

Have you ever wondered if something is holding you back from experiencing the promises of God in your life? I remember a time when I was hearing about all the promises of God but never actually experiencing them.

I heard about peace, but I didn't have any. I heard about joy, but I was unhappy all the time. I could see God's promises in His Word and I believed them, but something was missing. As I spent time studying God's Word, I came to realize that the root of my problem was found in the wrong mindsets I was living with.

Identifying Your Mindset

The story of the Israelites is a good example of what a difference our mindset can make. In Exodus 13, we read about how God called them out of Egypt to possess the Promised Land. But what was supposed to be an 11-day journey ended up being a 40-year journey through the wilderness—all because they didn't know how to think right (see Deuteronomy 1).

One wrong mindset the Israelites had was, "Please make everything easy for me be-

cause I can't take it when things are too hard." When things got hard for them and they had to fight their enemies, instead of turning to God, they started grumbling and complaining about their situation. They thought their enemies were the problem, but it was really their thinking.

So instead of moving forward and experiencing the good things God had planned for them, He had to take them the long, hard way through the wilderness in order to prepare them to possess the Promised Land.

Walking Through the Wilderness

Like the Israelites, sometimes we're not ready for all that God has planned for us, so we spend a little time in "the wilderness" growing up and learning how to trust Him. I know what this is like. There was a time when I had an "it's just too hard" attitude and mindset about things I needed to face.

When God spoke to my heart that I needed to completely forgive people who had hurt me, it seemed impossible to me. But realizing that He didn't expect me to do it in my own strength gave me the courage to take a step of faith

and choose to forgive, trusting that God would change my heart and set me free from the misery of bitterness and unforgiveness.

It wasn't easy, but the peace and joy I now have is so much better than living with the bitterness and resentment of unforgiveness. And I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today if I hadn't obeyed God in this area of my life.

God sometimes has to bring us through hardship to test us, humble us and to see if we will keep His commandments in the wilderness. Deuteronomy 8:2 (NIV) says, "Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands."

God wants to help us learn how to obey Him in the wilderness because if we don't keep His commandments when life is hard, then we won't keep them when everything is going our way. He wants us to be strong enough and mature enough to keep moving forward in His plan for our lives.

Setting Your Mind in the Right Direction

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Instead of having the mindset that says, "It's just too hard!" the truth is that with God's help, you can do whatever you need to do in life. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

So, when the enemy starts to tell you that your circumstances are impossible, you'll never make it, and you should quit, you can be confident knowing this promise from God: I can do whatever I need to do through Christ who gives me strength. You can look to God for the strength you need to deal with whatever life throws at you.

Once we adopt a right mindset to replace a wrong one, we must be determined to keep our thoughts headed in that direction. Colossians 3:2 says to "set your minds and keep them set on what

is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth" (AMPC).

You do that by focusing on the promises of God in His Word, choosing to trust what He says more than what your circumstances look like, what others say or how you feel. The truth is God loves you, He has wonderful plans for your life and He wants you to experience all He has for you.

Instead of focusing on the hard things in your life, think about all that God has helped you through and all He has in store for you. Set your mind on Him and follow His lead through the wilderness to your Promised Land!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series Right and Wrong Mindsets. You can also

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Nor do I really know myself, and
the fact that I think I am following
your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to
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
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Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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the Old or New Testament or
neither?

2. Whose first chapter begins,
"The elder unto the wellbe-
loved Gaius, whom I love in the
truth"?

3 John, Galatians, Hebrews,
Jude

3. What were Gihon, Pison
Tigris, and Euphrates as con-
nected with the Garden
of Eden?

Cities, Kings, Rivers, Caves

4. In Revelation 2, what city
was said by John to have

"Satan's seat"?

Pergamos, Miletus, Patara,
Sodom

5. From Acts 13, where were
Paul and Barnabas deserted

by Mark?

Jericho, Perga, Athens, Damascus

6. In 1 Kings, who is given
credit for writing 1,005 songs?

Jacob, Solomon, Philip, David



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 3 John; 3)
Rivers; 4) Pergamos; 5) Perga;
6) Solomon

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DECEASED.)
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No. 0804
(Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 2020)

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Applicant

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