

City declares state of emergency; face coverings required

MENDOTA—The Mendota City Council declared a Local State of Emergency and passed ordinances in regard to that state of emergency and the wearing of face coverings at a city council meeting on Aug. 10. This is in response to a five-fold increase in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Mendota within the last four weeks.

With the state of emergency, Mayor David Boelk executed an Executive Order stating the following:

- A business found in violation of Illinois Department of Health guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 mitigation as set forth by the State of Illinois and proclamations and orders of the Governor of Illinois, and pursuant to Ordinance 08-10-20 and Ordinance 08-10-20A may be fined up to \$500 and/or ordered closed.

- A business with a liquor license issued by the City of Mendota found to be in violation of the guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 mitigation as set forth by the State of Illinois and of the aforementioned Ordinances may have its liquor license suspended for a period of not less than one week together with the fine contained in Ordinance 08-10-20A. The Liquor Commissioner will have final determination of the length of revocation and amount of fine.



- A person who enters a retail establishment in the City of Mendota and refuses to wear a face mask and refuses to leave the premises may be charged with reckless conduct, disorderly conduct and/or criminal

“We are truly just trying to protect the health and welfare of this community. We are not trying to harm anyone’s rights. We are just trying to keep people safe.”

—Mayor David Boelk

trespassing. Anyone convicted of the offense may be fined an amount up to \$500 as set forth in Ordinance 08-10-20A. Patrons with a medical condition or disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask should notify the owner or owner’s representative and follow the establishment’s accommodations and the criteria in Ordinance 08-10-20A.

Local State of Emergency

The city council passed Ordinance 08-10-20 declaring a Local State of Emergency. The ordinance authorizes the mayor, in the interest of public safety and welfare, to take the following actions by executive

order during the state of emergency:

- Order the closing of all retail liquor stores, including taverns and private clubs or portions thereof wherein the consumption of intoxicating liquor and beer is permitted.
- Order the discontinuance of the sale of alcoholic liquor by any wholesaler or retailer.
- Order the various departments of the city to take actions to protect the citizens of the city.
- Require closing of business establishments.
- Declare, issue, enforce, modify and terminated order for quarantine and isolation of persons or animals

posing a threat to the public.

- Order the requirement to wear face coverings pursuant to Ordinance 08-10-20A and to impose the penalties therein as well as order businesses to comply with Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines and proclamations or orders of the Governor of Illinois.

Duration: The declaration herein authorized shall be effective for a period of up to 60 days or until the adjournment of the regular meeting of the city council, whichever comes first, unless sooner terminated by a proclamation of the mayor, or, his or her interim emergency successor, indicating that the civil emergency no longer exists. The mayor or his or her interim successor shall have the power to re-proclaim the

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Nature’s fury

A huge limb off of a tree fell in a good spot in this neighborhood near Northbrook School in Mendota on Aug. 10. The limb landed between two houses, causing only minor damage. Trees were toppled and limbs broken off throughout Mendota and the surrounding area as high winds from a derecho (a widespread, long-lived, straight-line wind storm that is associated with a fast-moving group of severe thunderstorms) swept through northern Illinois around 2:45 p.m. The derecho began near Omaha, Neb., at approximately 11:30 a.m. and continued racing eastward causing severe destruction along its path. More than 1 million homes and businesses in the Midwest had power outages, while the outages in Mendota were minimal. (Reporter photo)



MHS delays start of new school year

□ First day scheduled for Sept. 8

By **BONNIE MORRIS**
Editor

MENDOTA — Mendota High School students will get a few more weeks of vacation after the District 280 Board of Education voted to delay the first day of school until Tuesday, Sept. 8.

An Aug. 5 special meeting was called due to a recent steep rise in positive COVID-19 tests in Mendota and throughout LaSalle County. Board president Jim Lauer said school officials have been closely monitoring statistics. “We are listening to what the pandemic told us and looking at all options based on what’s going on locally,” he explained.

Superintendent Jeff Prusator said from March through June during the shut down, there were a total of 22 confirmed cases locally. In July, there were 53 and in the first five days of August there are already 36. “So, we can see where it’s going,” he said.

He also shared several other statistics from the LaSalle County Health Department:

- Mendota has almost 20 percent of all the cases in LaSalle County.
- Of 1,085 tests in the Mendota zip code, 111 were

positive, which is a 10.3 percent positivity rate. Prusator noted that 47 of those cases were at Heritage Health, but even subtracting that number, Mendota still has a 6.2 percent positivity rate.

- In the last 30 days, there have been 80 positive cases reported in Mendota.

Because of the dramatic rise in positive cases, administration and board members agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss several options for starting school. Prusator reminded everyone that the original plan to start school on Aug. 14 was presented last month with several “Statements of Understanding.” “One of those statements was that the plan was subject to change at any time,” Prusator said.

Four options were then presented: Option 1 – Start school as planned, Option 2 – Remote learning only, Option 3 – Monitor data and meet again in 8-10 days, and Option 4 – Delay the start until after Labor Day and see if there is a downward trend at that time. Prusator said Option 4 seemed most reasonable because Aug. 14

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District 289 to begin with remote learning

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA—Due to concerns about the increase in COVID-19 cases in Mendota, as well as in the county and state, Mendota elementary school students will begin the school year on Aug. 24 with remote learning. The District 289 Board of Education approved the changes to the transition plan during a special meeting held Aug. 6. The meeting was accessible to the public via Zoom.

Superintendent Dr. Kristen School said because of the very large uptick in cases in Mendota, the district no longer feels comfortable with starting the school year in person. “We need to look at different options,” she told the board, adding that the union supports having a new plan. “This week with the news about COVID cases, each of our buildings was inundated with parents



changing their mind [about sending students to school]. We spent the entire summer planning for school to reopen and we’ve had almost daily changes... we want to be as prepared as we can for whatever comes.”

Following a discussion among board members, an updated plan for the start of school was approved:

- Staff—District 289 staff will return to school on Aug. 18, 19, 20 and 21 for two institute days and two COVID planning days to prepare and train for

remote learning.

- Students—All students will begin on Monday, Aug. 24 with remote learning. Teachers will contact 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

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LOCAL AND AREA

Wendel achieves perfect attendance



H. Wendel

Mendota High School 2020 graduating senior Haleigh Wendel went her entire MHS career without missing a single day of school. This achievement was overlooked and was not recognized at the MHS graduation ceremony. Assistant Principal Joe Masini is responsible for attendance and he apologizes for this error. Congratulations to Haleigh for this achievement.

LaSalle County E-waste recycling event Aug. 29

OTTAWA - LaSalle County will hold a free electronics recycling event on Saturday Aug. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon. The event will take place at the LaSalle County Government Center, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa. Pre-registration is required at <https://lasallecounty.as.me/> (preferred) or by phoning (815) 630-4308 weekdays.

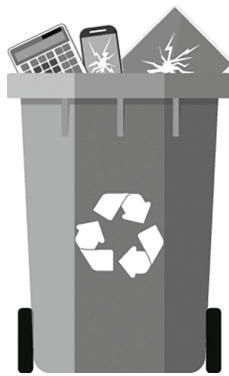
This event is limited to LaSalle County residents only and is not open to businesses.

There is a limit of two televisions per vehicle and oversized loads may be refused.

ACCEPTED items include:

Televisions and Monitors (all

types), Computers and parts (laptop, notebook, netbook, tablet, desktop), DVD/VHS Players, Video Game Consoles, Computer Servers, Cable and Satellite Receivers, Cameras, Cash Registers and Credit Card Readers, Cell Phones and Accessories, Circuit Boards, Copiers/Printers/Scanners/Fax/Typewriters, External Drives, Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metals, Ink and Toner Cartridges, Mice and Keyboards, Microwaves, Networking Equipment, Projectors, Rechargeable Batteries,



Stereos/Radios/Speakers, Uninterrupted Power Supplies, Wire Cables and Christmas Lights.

NOT ACCEPTED items include:

Loose alkaline batteries (unless inside electronic device), liquid containing items, Freon containing items (A/C units, dehumidifiers), refrigerators, freezers, thermostats, light bulbs.

For questions, not registration, contact the LaSalle County Environmental Services and Land Use Department at (815) 434-8666.

Successful blood drive held in Mendota

MENDOTA - A total of 78 donors attended the July 28 American Red Cross blood drive held at the Mendota Moose Family Center.

Totals for the day included 81 good units collected consisting of 61 whole blood donations as well as 10 double red cell donations.

Organizers noted that there was a great turnout at the blood drive, especially considering these uncertain times, and they expressed their appreciation to all of the donors and volunteers.



Mendota Subway again donated sandwiches for the donor luncheon and Black Bros. also donated sandwiches and chips to the drive. Volunteers for the day were Sandy Schroeder, Peg Mathesius-Cerveney, Margy Frey and Lori Simonton.

The next bloodmobile is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. Anyone who would like to make an appointment or having questions, please call Lori at (815) 866-3582.

GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY

Graves-Hume Library open for pickup only

MENDOTA - On Aug. 4, Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota resumed restrictions for in person library use. Materials are now accessible only through curbside pickup until further notice.

Patrons are encouraged to use the online catalog to place requests or call the library at (815) 538-5142. All items returned to the

library are quarantined following guidelines set by ALA (www.ala.org/) and RAILS (www.railslibraries.info/issues/178451).

The library is still offering printing, copies, fax and scanning services. Please phone the library for information and to get the e-mail address for document printing.

Be sure to check the library's Facebook page for new title releases. "We have great books that will be available in the next week or so. Make sure you are on the hold list!" said Emily Kofoid, director.

As always, downloadable eBooks and Audiobooks are available through Axis360 24/7.

OSF Saint Elizabeth nationally recognized for maternity care

OTTAWA - OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center has been named to Newsweek magazine's 2020 list of Best Maternity Care Hospitals. The distinction recognizes facilities that have excelled in providing care to mothers, newborns, and their families as verified by the 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Survey.

"We are honored to receive this prestigious award," said Dawn Trompeter, President, OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. "It's a tremendous reflection of the hard-working and dedicated providers and Mission Partners who serve in our

Family Birth Center. We are grateful for the recognition and look forward to continuing to provide the greatest care and love for our patients."

OSF Saint Elizabeth was one of fewer than 250 to receive the prestigious recognition. The full list of recipients appears in the July 24 edition of Newsweek.

"Our Family Birth Center is honored to be recognized for the excellent quality care that we provide to our maternal and newborn patients in our community," said Annabel Tomas, BSN, RNC-OB, director of the OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center Family Birth Center. "This recognition is a reflection of our dedicated nurses and physicians

in their continuous efforts to achieve these standards of excellence."

Hospitals named as a Best Maternity Care Hospital have met The Leapfrog Group's standards for maternity care on evidence-based, nationally standardized metrics established by Leapfrog's national expert panel. This includes lower rates of early elective delivery, nulliparous, term, singleton, vertex (NTSV) C-section (which identifies the proportion of live babies born at or beyond 37 weeks gestation to women in their first pregnancy), and episiotomy, as well as compliance with process measures including newborn bilirubin screening prior to discharge and blood clot prevention techniques for mothers delivering via C-section.

CARL'S QUIZ

What was the name of Robert De Niro's character in Taxi Driver?

1.) Jimmy Bickle, 2.) Travis Bickle, 3.) Virgil Bickle, 4.) Harry Bickle

The answer to last week's quiz is: Leonardo da Vinci introduced the concept of the contact lenses in his 1508 book "Codex of the eye, Manual D."

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



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OBITUARIES

David Piller

MENDOTA - David "Dave" Piller, 75, of Mendota, passed away Aug. 6, 2020 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, after a 15-year bout with cancer.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 12 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Steve Mindrup officiating. Merritt Funeral Home Mendota handled the arrangements.

Pallbearers were Benjamin Heinzeroth, Jacob Heinzeroth, Joseph Flanagan, Evan Flanagan, Jesse Ronich and Nico Riva. Honorary pallbearers were Alexis Flanagan, Mason Flanagan and Peyton Ronich.

David was born March 4, 1945 in Earlville to Anton and Marie (Kerchner) Piller, Jr. He married the love of his life, Marilyn (DeCoursey) Piller on April 6, 1985.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Dale (Colleen) Piller of Ottawa; one daughter, Martha Heinzeroth of LaMoille; five grandchildren, Kayliegh (Joe) Flanagan, Benjamin Heinzeroth, Brittney Heinzeroth, Jacob Heinzeroth and Sarah (Jesse) Ronich; four great-grandchildren, Evan Flanagan, Alexis Flanagan, Mason Flanagan and Peyton Ronich; and one sister, Mary Whitmer of Byron.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Keith Heinzeroth, Jr.; one granddaughter, Brittney Heinzeroth; and one daughter-in-law, Cathy (Norman) Piller.

David was a licensed electrical contractor who started his own electrical business, Piller Electric, Inc. in 1982. He was also an avid collector of toy models, which he then transitioned into a business, Classic Toy Models, in March of 2000. He and Marilyn lived and loved a lifetime in their 35 years together.

Memorials may be directed to the Mendota FFA Alumni and the American Cancer Society.

David R. Larabee

PEORIA, Ariz. - David Ralph Larabee, 69, of Peoria, Ariz. passed away in his home on July 31, 2020.

Services will be held at the Wyoming Cemetery in Paw Paw and he will be laid to rest next to his wife, Deborah. The date and time are yet to be determined due to nationwide circumstances. More information will be provided to family and friends as details are determined.

David was born March 26, 1951 in Rochelle to father, Ralph and Betty (Kettley) Larabee. He married Deborah Lynn Ikeler, his high school sweetheart, on Aug. 16, 1969. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Anissa (John) Grbcich and Nicole (Scott) Ulm; seven grandsons, Jordan, Holden, Brodie, Austin, Dane, Trystan and Creedon; and two sisters, Shirley (John) Lage and Sharon Larabee.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

David was the youngest of three children. At a young age, he began working on his family's farm with his father which instilled a strong work ethic in him that later served to provide for his family. A year after he and Deborah we married, the young couple welcomed daughter, Anissa Lynn Larabee, and a second daughter, Nicole Denise Larabee was born in August of 1973. The couple remained in the small farming community with their daughters until 1986 and then moved to Phoenix, Ariz. David was a hard-working, respectable man throughout his life. He was often in the fields farming from dawn until dusk and also owned a local construction company with a close family friend. He volunteered with the Paw Paw Fire Department for many years and was well-known throughout the community. He was a dedicated son, husband, father, grandfather and brother. All who knew him admired him. While living in Arizona, he worked as a laborer for a construction company for many years, however, it was not long before he became a superintendent for the company and later retired from that position.

Those wishing to honor David's lifelong commitment to family and community can make donations to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 or <https://nami.org/Home>.

Eugene Angelotti

BOCA RATON, Fla. - Eugene "Gene" Angelotti, 68, of Florida, formerly of Mendota, loving father of three children and six dogs, passed away Aug. 2, 2020.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a memorial service was held on Aug. 10 at the Babione Funeral Home, Boca Raton, Fla. A celebration of life in the Mendota area will be planned for a later date.

Gene was born in 1952 in Erie, Pa. to Lawrence and Jean (Oligeri) Angelotti.

Survivors include two children, James (Mindy) Angelotti of Boynton Beach, Fla. and Jaclyn (Anthony) Schultz of Eureka; one brother, David (Gayelle) Angelotti of St. Petersburg, Fla.; three sisters, Roberta (Richard) Taylor of Dune Acres, Ind., Rita (John) Jacobson of DeKalb and Tina (Keith) McKimmey of Morton; four grandchildren, Reese Putnam, Addison Angelotti, Carter Angelotti, and Camden Angelotti; his two dogs, Rocky and Henry; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Jennifer Angelotti; his parents; two brothers, Garry Angelotti and Larry Angelotti; his two Papillons, JoJo and Crumb Cake; his Cocker Spaniel, Care Bear; his Miniature Pincher, Ralphie, and his ring-tailed Lemur, Herbie.

Gene was raised in Mendota and graduated from Mendota High School in 1970. He began working in the insurance industry as an adjuster in 1981 and moved to Florida in 2000. He cared deeply for his animals. He loved his dogs dearly and also had a ring-tailed Lemur from Madagascar. He recently built a pond at his home for Koi and goldfish. He loved to travel and enjoyed taking cruises. He also loved attending all of his grandchildren's events and spending time with his family. He was known for his outgoing and humorous personality, his story telling, and his giving and compassionate nature.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Humane Society (www.humanesociety.org) or your local animal rescue in honor of Gene's love of animals.

Kenneth Kurth

MENDOTA - A Mass of Christian Burial for Kenneth Kurth, 84, of Mendota, who died April 10, 2020, will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota. Visitation will be from 9-10:30 a.m. on Aug. 13 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Margaret Russell

MENDOTA - Margaret "Rosalie" Russell, 101, of Mendota, passed away Aug. 7, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 11 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Margaret was born Jan. 25, 1919 in Grafton to George and Mattie Carey. She married Gordon J. Russell on Aug. 19, 1945 in a double ceremony with Gordon's identical twin brother, Seldon and his wife Lee Fern (Peroka) at First Methodist Church in Alton.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl (William) Johnson of Lawton, Mich. and Bonita Springs, Fla.; one son, Alan (Mary) Russell of Mendota; two grandsons, Matthew J. (Laura) Russell of Mendota and Patrick J. (Kendra) Johnson of Chicago; three great-granddaughters, Brianna and Brooklyn Russell of Mendota and Josephine Johnson of Chicago; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon; one sister, Anna "Adtline" Millering and a half-brother, David "Lynn" Schlansker.

Rosalie's early childhood was spent in Alton and by sixth grade the family moved to Gunnison, Miss. She graduated from Dranghon's Business College in Tupelo, Miss. in 1937 and after graduation, she returned to Illinois and worked as a bookkeeper for S&L Credit in St. Louis, Mo. A few years later, she moved back to Alton and worked as a secretary for Owens Illinois Glass Company where she met Gordon. After their marriage, they moved to Peoria Heights and then Galesburg, where she worked for the Sealtest ice cream distributor, before moving to Mendota in 1958, where she continued as a homemaker for her family. She was a 50-plus-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, an active member of First United Methodist Church of Mendota and was active in Mendota Area Senior Services. Through her work with MASS, she received a Northern Illinois Chapter Volunteer of the Year award.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to First United Methodist Church, Mendota or Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS).

Clifford W. Aughenbaugh

COMPTON - Clifford Wendell Aughenbaugh, 94, formerly of Compton, passed away Aug. 5, 2020 at Heritage Health in Mendota after a short illness.

A private family funeral service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8 at the Compton United Methodist Church with Pastor Dana Cox officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery in Mendota.

Cliff was born Jan. 19, 1926 in Compton to Jess and Gladys (Davison) Aughenbaugh. He married Verna Hauge on July 20, 1946 at Compton United Methodist Church. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include his children, Douglas (Sue) Aughenbaugh and Jerry (Marcia) Aughenbaugh, both of Mendota, Linda Hoffman of Sorrento, Fla. and David (Jan) Aughenbaugh of Nashville, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Sept. 29, 2017; two brothers, Harold and Donald Aughenbaugh; two sisters, Shirley Jeanblanc and Viola Greskiewicz; a son-in-law, Terry Hoffman; and one son in infancy, Gary.

Cliff attended Compton Grade School and Mendota High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He and Verna resided in the Compton area for 71 years until Verna passed away. Cliff was employed by the Del Monte can plant in Rochelle as a welder for 32 years before retiring in 1986. He was a member of the Compton United Methodist Church, Mendota Elks Lodge, Mendota Moose Lodge, and the Mendota VFW.

Contributions in Cliff's memory may be sent to Doug Aughenbaugh, 1200 Susanna, Mendota, IL 61342 for a memorial to be established at a later date.

Please visit www.TormanFuneralHome.com to sign the online guest book.

Florence M. Kuebel

SUBLETTE - Florence M. "Toots" Kuebel, 93, passed away Aug. 9, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Private Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette with Rev. Randy Fronck officiating. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Sublette. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota and for one hour on Aug. 12 at the church. Due to COVID-19, masks and social distancing were required at the funeral home and church. The family welcomed friends to join them for the committal service immediately following Mass. Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Aaron Kuebel, Matt Kuebel, Ben Kuebel, Jared Kuebel, Jennifer Lewis, Johnny Marks, Cody Marks, Casey Marks and Jesse Nauman.

Florence was born Sept. 30, 1926 in Mendota to Martin and Elizabeth (Kratz) Spitz. She married Charles G. Kuebel on May 27, 1947 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota.

Survivors include her husband of 73 years, Charles; two sons, Bernard (Kathy) Kuebel of Peru and Tony (Kathy) Kuebel of Fulton; two daughters, Cheryl (Tom) Nauman of Amboy and Patsy (John) Marks of Earlville; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Catherine Taylor of Mendota, Carlene Schuhler of Sublette, and Rita Jones of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Leo Spitz, Al Spitz, Martin Spitz and Delbert Spitz and two sisters, Estelle Hines and Delores Brandt.

During her work career, Toots was a clerk and stocker for the National Tea Grocery Store. After marriage, she was the consummate farm wife. She volunteered at Mendota Community Hospital as a "Pink Lady" for over 25 years, was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Church, and helped at the church for funeral dinners.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Dennis J. Jones

MENDOTA - Dennis John Jones, 70, of Mendota passed away Aug. 5, 2020 at home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 11 at Holy Cross Church Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. The Mass was broadcast from a speaker in the church parking lot and able to view on Zoom. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota with military rites by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with a 3:15 p.m. Rosary. Masks and social distancing were required at the funeral home and church.

Dennis was born Sept. 24, 1949 in Amboy to Sylvester "Barney" and Hilda (Chaon) Jones. He married the love of his life, Janet Wagner, on March 15, 1969 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Brooklyn. Together with family they celebrated 51 years of marriage this year.

Survivors include his wife; son, Robert Jones of La Crosse, Wis.; daughter, Meredith (Brian) Janssen of Story City, Iowa; son, Jason (Brandi) Jones of Rockford; five grandchildren, Payton, Tayler, Baylie, and Hayden Janssen and Elle Jones; seven siblings, Raphael (June) Jones, Judy (Walter) Piller, Sylvester "Butch" (Mary) Jones, James (Peg) Jones, Connie (Jerry) Northcutt, Stephen (Jan) Jones, and Debbie (Mark) Walter; as well as many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister-in-law, Margarite Jones.

Dennis was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend who had no enemies. To know him was to love him. He was committed to his faith and his family, as well as to his job at HCC, Inc. in Mendota where he worked for over 47 years. For most of those years he was an engineer and was part of multiple patents before retiring in 2015. He lived his life with a "do it right the first time" mentality. He could fix or build anything, and when an idea for something needed was presented he would often start by saying, "I wonder if a guy could..." and then he would. Of course, the engineer in him started every project with a drawing. Dennis gained the respect of all who knew him and was the person that everyone went to for advice. He always put others first. After being told by his doctor that due to his advanced condition there was no treatment, the doctor said, "I am very sorry" to which Dennis replied, "I'm sure it's not easy for you to share that news" in an attempt to console his doctor. Simply put, Dennis was a great man who will be missed by many.

Dennis loved being with his wife, Janet, and spending time with family and friends. He adored all of his seven siblings and would look forward to them all getting together. His grandchildren meant the world to him and he cherished getting to watch them play sports and perform. He would often give them advice on how they could improve just like he did to his own children. Dennis always looked forward to his Friday night "meetings" at Main Street Station with his buddies from HCC, especially after his retirement. He served for six years in the Army Reserves and was a member of the Elks Lodge and Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mendota. He made the world a better place, and there will be a huge void in many people's lives due to his passing.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross Catholic Church, the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

Roger A. Hamel

TROY GROVE - Roger A. Hamel, 92, of Troy Grove, died Aug. 7, 2020 at Hawthorne Inn in Princeton.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. on Aug. 11 at the Troy Grove Cemetery. Full military services were conducted by Mendota VFW Post 4079.

Roger was born Nov. 20, 1927 in LaSalle to John and H. Mae (Dock) Hamel. He married Joan M. White on July 2, 1949. She preceded him in death on March 20, 2012.

Survivors include one daughter, Renee (Dave) Olsen of Princeton; one son, Randall Hamel of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter-in-law, Michele Hamel of Byron; three grandchildren, Jason (Jenna) Hamel, Kara Olsen, and Mandy (Robert) McCartney; and four great-grandchildren, P.J. and Bella Hamel, and Colton and Brody McCartney.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one son, Robert Hamel; one sister, Maxine M. Hamel; and one brother, John Hamel.

Roger served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army stationed in Fort Carson, Colo. as a ski instructor. He worked for the Chicago Northwest Railroad and then did maintenance at Manley Bros. in Troy Grove, before retiring 30 years ago. He and his wife were avid bowlers, golfers and travelers. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and his best canine friend, Maui.

Online condolences may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.hurstfuneralhomes.com.

Gilbert E. Crane

MENDOTA - Gilbert "Gib" E. Crane, 93, of Mendota passed away Aug. 4, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 8 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Military rites were conducted by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Gib was born June 4, 1927 in Troy Grove to Nelson and Myrtle (Roe) Crane. He married Marian Kleffmann on Sept. 24, 1961 at Trinity United Church of Christ, LaSalle.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; three children, daughter Carol Crane of Peru and sons, Mark Crane and Alan Crane, both of Mendota; two sisters, Jean Brueggemann of Menomonee Falls, Wis. and Arlene Schmidt of Mendota; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Crane and Nelson Crane, and three sisters, Roberta, Dorothy and Margaret.

Gib worked at the Mendota Post Office for 48 years where he loved waiting on customers. He was active as Scoutmaster of Troop 106 and Cubmaster and he donated blood for many years. He served in the U.S. Army for two years during World War II. He was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church, Mendota. He enjoyed attending Mendota sporting events.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

H. Bruce Carter

EARLVILLE - H. Bruce Carter, 98, of Earlville passed away Aug. 5, 2020 at Heritage Healthcare Center in Mendota.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 10 at Earlville United Presbyterian Church with Pastor Del Keilman officiating. Burial was at Precinct Cemetery, Earlville. A drive through visitation was held from 10 to 10:50 a.m. at the church. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, those attending services were kindly asked to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Mueller Funeral Home, Ottawa.

Bruce was born Jan. 19, 1922 on the Carter family farm south of Earlville, to Mark and Jane (Aitken) Carter. He married LaVerle Lee, daughter of Alfred and Belle (Hough) Lee of Earlville, on Aug. 30, 1945 at the Gary Methodist Church, Wheaton. They would have celebrated 75 years of marriage at the end of this month.

Survivors include his wife; two children, Harold Carter and Jean (Larry) Imel, both of Earlville; two granddaughters, Kristy (Mark) Actis of Earlville and Jill (Andrew) Sondgeroth of Germantown Hills; and seven great-grandchildren, Carter Imel, Avery Strohm, Payton Actis and Emma, Ben, Hannah and William Sondgeroth.

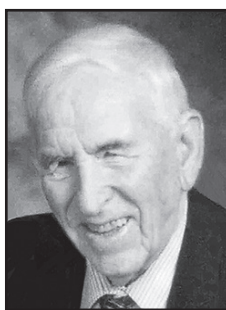
He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Marion Carter Cody and Gwendolyn Carter Shaddle; and two brothers, Forrest and Howard Carter.

Bruce graduated from eighth grade at the Bliss Country School and in 1940, he graduated from Earlville High School. He was the last remaining member of his class, which graduated 80 years ago. He and his brothers assumed farming responsibilities when their father was called to build at the defense plant at Wilmington and the Green River Ordnance Plant. Bruce then continued to farm all of his life until retiring in 1989. Along with farming, he was an inspector for the Illinois Crop Improvement Association. He was an elder and a lifelong member of the Earlville United Presbyterian Church. He served as church treasurer and secretary for many years, was a leader of the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship and an active member of the Earlville Chapter of the Presbyterian Mariners. He was a Charter member of the Earlville Community Historical Society and served as a docent into his 90s and was a volunteer ambulance driver for 14 years. He joined the Mendota Elks Lodge so he and LaVerle could go to dances. Bruce enjoyed square dancing and going to dances throughout the area.

He was a nature lover and was able to identify birds by their calls, trees by their bark and leaves, animals by their tracks and all the wildflowers. An avid collector of Indian artifacts, he traveled to archeological shows to display his vast collection of arrowheads, which were all personal finds. Later, he became interested in collecting pearl buttons, particularly those that originated from the Fox River clams. He enjoyed nature poetry and entertained his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with recitations of favorite memorized poems. Together, Bruce and LaVerle traveled extensively at home and abroad. On their annual family trips, they alternated between going out west and going north to Canada fishing.

Memorials may be directed to the Earlville United Presbyterian Church or the Earlville Community Historical Society.

The online guestbook may be viewed and memories shared at www.MuellerFH.com.



Gifford "Bugs" Fordham Jr.

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

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

Gifford was born Feb. 3, 1948 in Amboy to Gifford and Grace (Hazelwood) Fordham. He married Diane Fetzer on March 7, 1970 and together they had three children. He later married Irene Shaw on Jan. 8, 1999.

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

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

Bugs graduated from Amboy High School in 1966 and was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army having served in the Vietnam War. He was a skilled welder and worked at Agriculture Building Company for over 26 years until he suffered from a stroke that left him disabled in June of 2000. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears. He was an outdoorsman who had a great love of hunting and fishing. He enjoyed his Saturday car rides cruising the country roads and driving by the family farm to look for wild life. He had a large collection of baseball hats and very seldom could Bugs be seen without a hat. He looked forward to visits with his family and loved to share stories and special memories. Bugs was a wonderful father, grandfather and great-grandfather who was very loved and will be deeply missed by many.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Richard L. Shotliff

MENDOTA - Richard "Dick" L. Shotliff, 98, of Mendota passed away Aug. 5, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

A private graveside burial service will be held at Rockton Township Cemetery. A memorial gathering is being planned for Aug. 5, 2021. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Dick was born Jan. 25, 1922 in Beloit, Wis. to Edward and Lyle (Liddle) Shotliff. He met Gisele Gross while serving with the U.S. Army in France and they were married at the American Cathedral in Paris on June 11, 1946. She preceded him in death in 2017.

Survivors include one daughter, Corinne Shotliff of Mendota; a brother, James Shotliff of Rockton; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one son, Stanley, who passed away in 2008; and two sisters, Josephine (Charles) Whiting and Dawn (Lee) Miller.

Dick spent his early years in Rockton and graduated from Hononegah High School, where he was valedictorian of his class in 1940. He was elected MVP in both football and basketball during his senior year. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 and completed basic training at Camp Callan in California and OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga. He joined the 76th Infantry Division at Camp McCoy, Wis. The Division was sent overseas in November 1944 and fought through the Siegfried Line and across Germany to meet the Russians near Chemnitz. Dick attained the rank of Captain and was awarded the Bronze Star and a commendation from the Chief Quartermaster. After the war ended, he was transferred to the Office of the Chief Quartermaster in Versailles (later moved to Frankfurt). While in Versailles, he met Gisele, a French girl working for the quartermaster headquarters, and she introduced him to Paris. When it came time for him to leave the army, they decided they could not separate and were married.

Dick returned to his interrupted education at the University of Illinois, and received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in accounting. He became a CPA and was employed for seven years by Lybrand, Ross Bros., and Montgomery in Rockford. Among his clients, beginning in 1951, was H. D. Conkey & Co. in Mendota. He moved his family to Mendota in 1955 where he was employed by Conco Inc. and H. D. Conkey & Co. for 36 years. He served as controller, treasurer and financial vice president. He also served on the boards of Mendota Community Hospital, Mendota Savings and Loan and Mendota Township High School. He was a charter member of the Mendota Rotary Club for 25 years, and the Mendota Golf Club and Mendota Elks for over 50 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. His hobbies included fishing, golf, and travel (for the first 90 years). In recent years, he and his daughter enjoyed collaborating on crossword and jigsaw puzzles. He remained an active reader and continued to follow politics, the economy and sports, although he no longer shared his thoughts in letters to The Mendota Reporter or elected officials.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services or First Presbyterian Church of Mendota.

Ashley Jo Buchanan

LA MOILLE - Ashley Jo Buchanan, 39, of LaMoille passed away August 6, 2020 in her home.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 14 at Van Orin Repose Cemetery with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Ashley was born May 20, 1981 in Salem, Ind. to William and Karen (Stone) Crook. She married Tyler Buchanan on May 13, 2011. He preceded her in death on March 10, 2018.

Survivors include her son, Abel; her father, William Crook of French Lick, Ind.; her mother, Karen (Dave) Fischer of LaMoille; one sister, Kimberly Autumn (Jason Miller) Crook of Cedar Point; a nephew, Logan Miller of Cedar Point; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Ashley enjoyed music and she loved her son very much. She will be missed by her family.

A memorial has been set up for Ashley's son at Midland States Bank, Mendota.



Marvin A. Hess, Jr.

MENDOTA - Marvin Albert Hess, Jr., 72, of Mendota passed away July 16, 2020 at his home.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22 at Precinct Cemetery, Earlville with Rev. Susan Presley officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Marvin was born Aug. 12, 1947 in Milwaukee, Wis. to Marvin Albert and Cecilia Mary (Dass) Hess, Sr. He married Linda Lou Fordham.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Lou of Earlville; two daughters, Kristen "Krissy" Hess of Earlville and Rebecca Jean (Hess) Riggan of Appleton, Wis.; two brothers, Elliot Hess of Mendota and Barry Hess of Brussels, Ill.; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Marvin Albert Hess III; and one brother, Cameron Hess from Arkansas.

Marvin was a very kind man who had many friends. Everyone knew him. He was a hard worker and a very giving man who would help anyone in need. He worked for 43 years as the proud owner of MJS Enterprises selling tools to many businesses, farms and factories in the surrounding areas. He loved his family deeply and all his life loved fishing! He will be sadly missed by many.

Memorials, cards and flowers may be sent to Linda Hess or Krissy Hess or sent or brought to the cemetery.



Franklin Creek's Larry Dunphy Storybook Trail opening delayed

FRANKLIN GROVE - The Franklin Creek Conservation Association has decided to postpone the opening of the Larry Dunphy Memorial Storybook Trail grand opening scheduled for Aug. 15.

Those already registered for this event will receive an email when a new grand opening date has been set.

For other programs and events at Franklin Creek, go to the FCCA Facebook page or check their website.

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is relatively early to start school and even if they wait until after Labor Day to start, the high school would still be able to end the year somewhere between June 4 and June 14.

“We have to consider risk versus reward,” Prusator commented. “Remote learning is the last resort. It is the least effective way to deliver learning and it is very difficult to start the year with remote learning. And with a hybrid plan, if students attend classes in person half of the day, there is basically the same risk as if they were here full time.”

In addition, sports seasons will be held in the spring and not end until sometime in June, so students would still be in school to complete the season.

After several board members said they were in agreement that a delayed start was the best option, the board voted unanimously to start in-person classes for MHS students on Sept. 8. Teachers will return on Sept. 3 and 4. If statistics over the next several weeks do not improve, however, the new start date is subject to change.

“There has to be a community effort to get this back under control,” Prusator emphasized. “The police department and the city offices are again closed to the public and some of the local restaurants have voluntarily closed indoor dining again. This would be our part to help get the trend going down.”

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will revisit the plan approximately every six weeks and communicate this decision in a timely manner to enable parents to plan.

School noted that even when the district returns to in-person instruction, families may still opt to continue with remote learning.

“We feel strongly that in-person instruction is best, and we are hopeful that we can return to some configuration of in-person learning at some point in the near future,” School said. “We will do our best to address any questions you may still have. Please reach out to building administrators or myself with any questions.”

Public Nuisance Ordinance

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances.

It is against city ordinance to have accumulations of trash, building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin.

The city of Mendota requests anyone who is in violation of the above mentioned nuisance regulations to remove the item(s) from your property. Anyone found in violation will be subject to receiving a citation, which involves a court date and fine.

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existence of an emergency at the end of each 60-day period during the time said emergency exists.

Protective Face Coverings
Protective face coverings are now required under Ordinance 08-10-20A adopted by the city council. All persons within the municipal boundary of the city engaging in any activity outside of their residence, while other people are present, shall wear protective face coverings when they must leave their home or report to work.

Examples of when face coverings are required include, but are not limited to:

- Shopping or working at retail businesses, like grocery stores or pharmacies
- Picking up food from a drive-thru or curbside pickup
- Visiting a health care provider
- Traveling on public transportation, taxis or ride-share
- Interacting with customers, clients or co-workers at a place of business or worship that is open to the general public
- Performing services for state and local government agencies, where close interactions with other people are unavoidable
- When feeling sick, coughing or sneezing or otherwise ill

Exceptions: Exceptions to wearing protective face coverings are:

- Protective face coverings are not required for children under 2 years of age, or for those with medical issues that would be compromised by wearing a face covering
- Protective face coverings are not required when engaged in physical activity such as walking or running while maintaining social distancing from others of not less than six feet
- Protective face coverings are not required when alone or with members of the same household
- Protective face coverings are not required when eating or drinking, whether in public or private

The restrictions are effective until the City of Mendota repeals the ordinance.

Any person violating the provisions of the ordinance shall be guilty of an offense against the city and punished by a fine of an amount no to

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exceed \$500.

A business owner or operator may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter or restrict the passing of a person's breath, sneeze, cough or other exhaling from one's nose and mouth.

State of Illinois guidelines and information pertaining to the use of face masks may be found online. Persons may also contact the Mendota City Clerk's office at 815-539-7459 with questions pertaining to the guidelines. Copies of the full ordinances are available to the public by calling the clerk's office.

“We are truly just trying to protect the health and welfare of this community,” stated Boelk. “We are not trying to harm anyone's rights. We are just trying to keep people safe.”

“We all have become lax after a three-month period. We need to be more careful. We're not trying to be the bad guy. Our positivity rate in Mendota is at 13 percent. That is a scary number.”

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

In Aldermanic Reports, Jim Fitzpatrick presented a proposal to purchase a parcel of land near the Victory Baptist Church on West Seventh Avenue for a new lift station. The ordinance was approved.

Alderman John Hesseberger informed the council of a zoning variance request for the property owners at 506 Sixth St. to construct a one-car garage to be located two feet from the property line to the east and three feet to the north. The council agreed that the waiver should be signed prior to the final granting of the request.

Mayor Boelk announced that future council meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Aid for struggling small businesses to start flowing

□ \$636M in ‘Business Interruption Grants’ to help small firms hit by COVID-19

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Financial aid is about to start flowing for Illinois businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published emergency rules this week to implement the Business Interruption Grant program, or BIG. Those rules took effect July 21 when they were submitted to the secretary of state's office.

State lawmakers authorized the program in the budget they approved during their special session in May. It will make \$636 million in federal CARES Act money available to small businesses that have been forced to close or that have seen a substantial loss of customer activity due to COVID-19.

“The Business Interruption Grant program, otherwise known as BIG, is a key component of Governor Pritzker's comprehensive response to COVID-19 and the economic distress it's caused for Illinois businesses and communities,” DCEO spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said in an email. “This historic \$636 million program will provide immediate relief for small businesses which have experienced significant revenue losses as a result of the ongoing pandemic and focuses on businesses and communities hit hardest by the crisis.”

The bill also provides that at least 30 percent of the money must go to businesses located in “disproportionately impacted areas,” or DIAs, which are ZIP codes where there are high concentrations of low-income households and high rates of COVID-19.

Huffman also said that at least \$159 million in grants will go to entities located outside Chicago and the surrounding collar counties.

Although the application window for the first round of grants totaling \$60 million has already closed, the new rules enable the

agency to begin processing those applications and awarding grants.

During the first round, priority is being given to small businesses located in DIAs. Specifically, \$20 million will be distributed to small businesses located in DIAs where there was property damage during recent civil unrest. Another \$20 million is set aside for bars and restaurants; \$10 million for barber-shops and salons; and \$10 million for gyms and fitness centers.

Those businesses must have had certain amounts of income during 2019. They also must have been in business for at least three months prior to March 2020 and have incurred at least \$10,000 in qualifying expenditures since March 21.

The BIG program also sets aside \$270 million for licensed day care centers. An initial round of those grants are to be awarded by Sept. 30. Those grants are being administered by the Department of Human Services and will be awarded to facilities that receive at least 25 percent of their revenue through the Child Care Assistance Program and whose operating capacity has been reduced due to group size restrictions imposed by the Department of Children and Family Services to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

If funds allow, another round of grants will be awarded for the period Oct. 1 through Nov. 30, according to DCEO.

Grant awards may be used to cover operational costs such as staff wages and benefits, occupancy costs, materials, supplies and professional services that are eligible for federal Coronavirus Relief Fund reimbursements and are not otherwise covered by another grant or loan program such as the Payroll Protection Program or other disaster relief programs.

More information on how to apply for the grants is available on the DCEO website.

IVCC students benefit from CARES Act

OGLESBY—More than 1,000 Illinois Valley Community College students received over \$650,000 in federal CARES Act funding in July.

Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski said 1,087 students received a total of \$654,600

with awards ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. The average student received about \$600.

Specifically, 305 students received \$1,000, 126 received \$800, 294 received \$600 and 362 received \$200. The grants, based on credit hours

enrolled, went to students who were at IVCC when the pandemic began last spring.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a \$2 trillion economic relief package, was passed by Congress in late March.



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“Public Official A”

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – In my years covering Illinois politics, I’ve known two men called “Public Official A.”

One is Rod Blagojevich and the other is Mike Madigan.

In 2005, years before he was impeached or convicted of corruption charges, court documents ominously referred to someone as “Public Official A.” It was the first noticeable stray thread that would eventually lead to the political unravelling of Blagojevich.

Last month, federal prosecutors tagged Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan with that moniker in a plea deal with Commonwealth Edison. The giant utility serving Chicago and much of northern Illinois essentially admitted to giving bribes to Madigan.

The bribes would be in the form of contracts and jobs at the giant utility that Madigan could dole out to his supporters. In the court documents, Public Official A was identified as the Illinois Speaker of the House, a post held by Madigan.

Last month, through a spokesperson, Madigan said he is innocent of wrongdoing. And he has not been charged with a crime.

Madigan and Blagojevich have a long and contentious relationship. For nearly eight years, both men faced off over the state budget and legislation. Although Madigan co-chaired the former governor’s re-election campaign, he later spearheaded the drive to impeach him. Blagojevich is the only Illinois governor to have been removed from office.

Because of this, Blagojevich brings a unique perspective to Madigan’s political maginations -- and what it is like to be the target of a federal probe.

First, what does it mean to be “Public Official A?” “It means they have a target on your back,” the former governor told me during a nearly hour-long telephone interview.

After serving nearly eight years in prison on corruption charges, Blagojevich was released earlier this year when President Donald Trump commuted his term.

The gap between being Public Official A and an inmate is not very long, he said.

“It may take years; but in the course of a lifetime, it’s not very long at all. Once they have painted a bullseye on your back, they are out to get you,” Blagojevich said.

Already, several members of Madigan’s caucus have called for him to resign.

But in a statement, the House speaker said, “I understand that the last couple of weeks have been difficult for our caucus and party, and I have had many candid conversations with members of the Democratic caucus on this matter. The feedback is positive and demonstrates continued support for me and my leadership roles. I have no plans to resign.”

Blagojevich said Madigan may be hanging on to the speakership and his position as chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party to be in a better bargaining position.

Federal prosecutors pursuing cases against other elected officials have entered into plea agreements where the politician agrees to leave office in exchange for a reduced sentence.

“He has to hold onto the speakership and the chairmanship of the Democratic Party,” Blagojevich said. “It’s so he can have bargaining chips with the federal prosecutors, so that in the event that he gets indicted, which could very well happen based upon what’s happened so far, he has more bargaining chips to deal with when it comes to making a deal. Madigan is the ultimate deal maker here.”

Madigan spokeswoman Maura Possley declined to respond to Blagojevich’s statements.

Although Blagojevich is a Democrat, since the president commuted his sentence, he has become an enthusiastic Trump supporter, even going so far as to call himself a “Trumpocrat.”

Blagojevich contends Madigan hopes to see presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden defeat Trump so a different federal prosecutor will be appointed for Northern Illinois.

“If Biden gets elected they’re going to put a Democrat U.S. Attorney in. Madigan would pull strings. ... And there’ll be all kinds of back room discussions to try to get a U.S. Attorney who will agree to throw the case out against Madigan. That’s his own path to avoid sinking with the Titanic. Otherwise I think he’s really facing a lot of cold dark nights in that North Atlantic.”

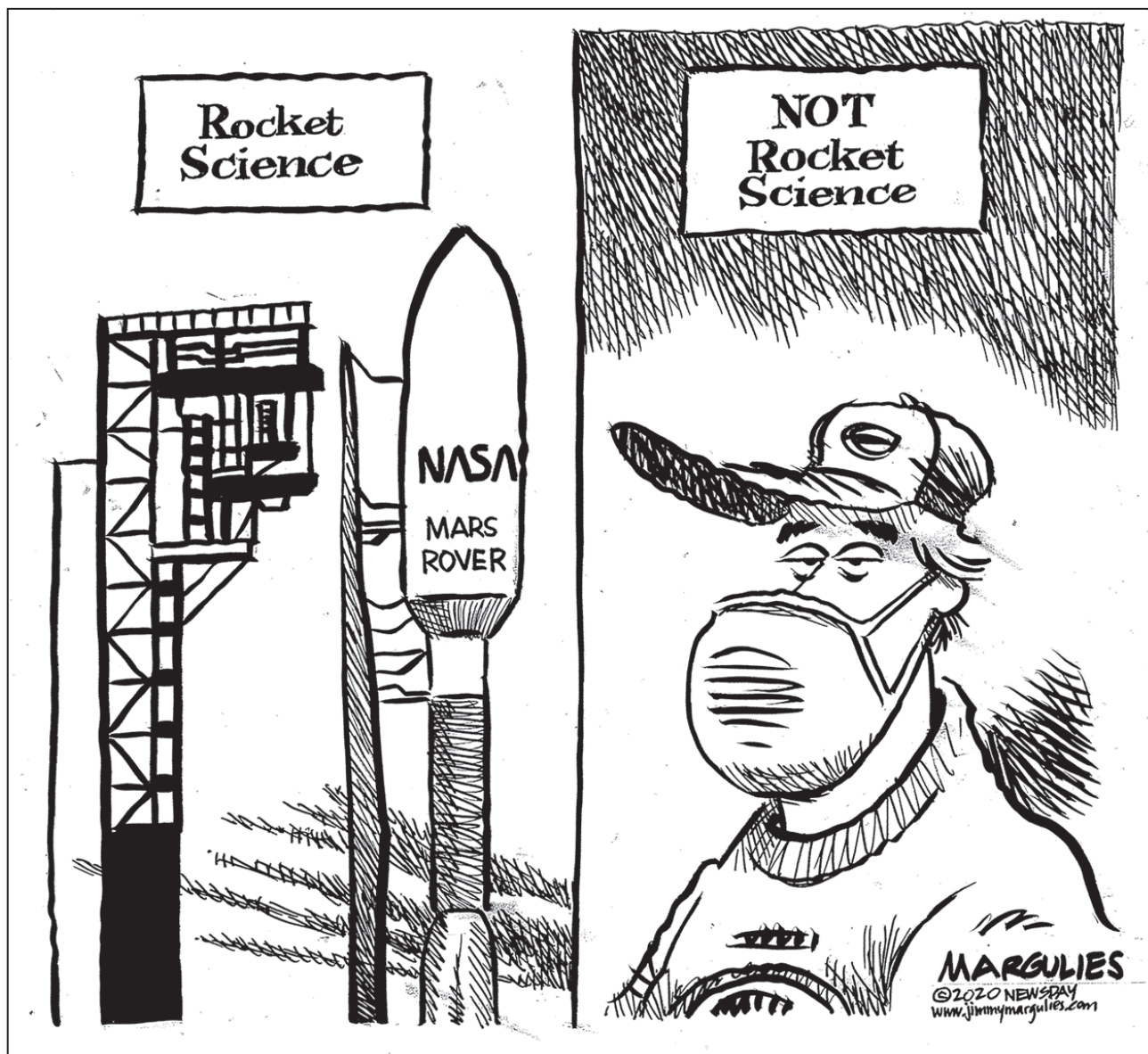
Blagojevich said if the current U.S. Attorney is serious about eventually charging Madigan with a crime, he may seek to act sooner rather than later because of the possibility of an administration change.

But when pressed Blagojevich concedes he doesn’t know for sure if there is sufficient evidence to charge the House Speaker.

Blagojevich added federal prosecutors very well may now be putting pressure on those around Madigan.

“It’s been my unhappy experience of being a Public Official A. It is not a good place to be. You learn very early on -- and very quickly who your friends are. They get squeezed so hard and treated, so mercilessly, just to get them to bend and break against you. My own experience tells me that no one withstands that pressure. ... Sooner or later, they’re going to abandon ship. And the captain is going to be left with the Titanic to sink all by himself.”

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MEA versus District 289 – 1975

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Aug. 16, 2000)

By Jessica Nashold

When The Mendota Reporter appeared Aug. 20, 1975, negotiations between Grade School Board District 289 and the Mendota Education Association were at an impasse. Starting March 11, 1975, negotiations had lumbered along with proposals and counter-proposals and meetings May 3, May 29, June 2, June 13, July 1, July 15, July 29, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13. An impasse committee made up of John Lovgren, Ed Tomaszewski and Dwight Heckert ruled in favor of MEA at the May 29 meeting, but the board tabled the decision and subsequent negotiating sessions took place. A new impasse committee composed of Tim Munson, Sam Snuffin and Mayor Louis Koopersmith ruled in favor of the board, but included an amendment the board found unacceptable.

Board president Lee Bunton then asked MEA president Dale Roedl if their negotiating team would meet with the board. When?

“Right now,” Bunton replied.

They met several times during the evening of Aug. 20, and in the final meeting, ending at 10:45 p.m., teachers voted to accept the board’s offer. Roedl’s opinion –

The teachers’ morale suffered a blow.

With the death of Third Ward alderman William Long, Mayor Murray Reeser appointed a former Third Ward alderman, Jack Reeder, to complete Long’s unexpired term. Reeder had served 13 years as Third Ward alderman before being defeated for the post by James Strouss.

The summer of 1975 was a hot one. The Reporter interviewed Norm Gorecki, manager of the Mendota pool, who was assisted by Carol McCready, head lifeguard. Gorecki said the pool averaged 350 to 400 kids most days. The maximum allowed was 500. To keep

Backtracks & Sidetracks

water clear, a pump drew water from the diving area, circulating it through three 4,000-gallon tanks and returning it to the pool. About 1,200 gallons of water splashed or was evaporated from the pool each day. The water was chlorinated.

There were eight lifeguards on duty who rotated stations between poolside and the bath house. There were two maintenance men.

Dolly and Elmer Hall converted their East Side Grocery at 604 Sixth St. to Hall’s Liquor Store. They handled all kinds of bottled liquor.

At the State Theatre in 1975, most attractions ran for a week. The feature from Aug. 21-27, 1975, was “The Apple Dumpling Gang,” a Walt Disney Production in Technicolor. Many well-known names were listed in the cast – Bill Bixby, Susan Clark, Don Knotts, Tim Conway, David Wayne and Slim Pickens. Strangely, no mention was made of the price of admission. However, hours of shows were given – one evening show during weekdays, with two each evening on Saturday and Sunday. There was also a Saturday matinee.

Alderman Marjorie Carroll proposed that the city establish a position for a Supervisor of Parks, Public Buildings and Recreation Facilities. This would be a year-round post and carry a salary of \$750 per month. Tom Kerns was first to be appointed.

The Men’s Garden Club chose the lawn of Mrs. Margaret Schimmer at 1201 Monroe St. as the August Lawn of the Month.

The Loft, on Route 34 east of Mendota, celebrated its first anniversary in business on Aug. 23, 1975, from 5 to 9 in the evening and on Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Every customer received a free glass of champagne and some garlic bread “to go.” Meals were served smorgasbord style.

David Hershberger joined R.W. Carroll Realty at 603 Eighth Ave. as a licensed real estate salesman. He transferred from a Dixon firm.

Recognizing the popularity of garage sales in this community, The Reporters D.J. Bice visited a number of them and provided a comprehensive survey in the Aug. 20, 1975 issue.

At 405 12th Ave., Wilma Scott and her sister, Dorothy Burkart, were conducting their third sale at the Burkart residence. ***Bernice Guinnip, in the trailer court at 111 S. 13th Ave., had a two-day sale to dispose of her household goods as she was moving to Arizona to join her son. ***Ruth Martin, 500 Fourth St., assisted by her daughter, Debi Metcalf, was having a garage sale for the first time. ***Darlene Beetz of rural Mendota and Elaine Lemmer of 1207 Fifth St., held a sale at the home of their mother, Lillian Becker, at 311 Third Ave. ***Norma Peasley, 305 Fourth Ave., was joined by Clara Guehler and Loretta Tonn for a joint effort.

All the ladies professed satisfaction with this means of disposing of surplus possessions. The customers were likewise happy with their finds.

School accident insurance was included in the 1975-76 MTHS activity fee priced at \$15. Principal Robert Cooper stressed that this did not cover injuries suffered by students when away from the school grounds. If students wanted 24-hour coverage, it could be obtained by bringing an additional \$15 to the principal’s office by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Shame on America’s teachers’ unions

By Rich Lowry

No other group has shown as much contempt for its own work during the coronavirus crisis as teachers.

Their unions are actively fighting to keep kids out of the classroom, and also to limit remote instruction, lest it require too much time and attention from people who are supposed to be wholly devoted to educating our children.

This has been a wrenching time in the U.S. labor market, with tens of millions thrown out of work, and also an inspiring one. Not only have doctors and health-care workers put themselves on the line, cops and firefighters have done the same. Workers we never before would have thought of as essential -- grocery store employees, delivery guys, meat-packing workers -- have kept absolutely necessary parts of the economy operating.

Then, there are the teachers’ unions.

Theirs has been a diametrically opposed approach to the everyday heroes of America. Their first and last thought has been of their own interests. They have sought to limit their labor while still getting paid -- at the ultimate cost of the education of kids who may never fully make up the gaps in their learning during their time out of the classroom.

Obviously, any gathering of people has its risks, and school districts should make every reasonable accommodation to the realities of the pandemic. There are many teachers who are better than their unions -- or not members of a union at all -- and some are truly at high risk from the virus. Yet the unions have represented institutional laziness and selfishness at a time of incredible strain for parents across the country.

The unions have a handy foil in President Donald Trump, but it shouldn’t require wearing a MAGA hat to acknowledge

the benefits of in-person instruction, and the experience of other advanced countries suggests it carries low risks.

The American Academy of Pediatrics released a statement in June saying that it “strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.”

The New York Times has cited research suggesting that the cancellation of classes in the spring cost students a significant portion of their learning for the year, and they might be seven months behind the curve. Online learning, especially for younger kids, is a poor substitute for being in the classroom, and many districts didn’t even offer that.

As states and localities try to avoid a repeat of that debacle, many unions are throwing every obstacle in the way. In California, the unions pushed to delay students coming back to the classroom, and in Los Angeles, the union has been negotiating to limit the time teachers spend on online instruction, too.

Unions around the country have offered endless excuses why they can’t even do a simulacrum of their job. Teachers might be abashed about their appearance teaching by video from home. The privacy of teachers might be violated if video instruction is recorded for use by parents and their kids at a convenient time. Teachers can’t handle simultaneous classroom and video instruction.

If the teachers’ unions get their way, teachers’ letter grade during this crisis will be a shameful “incomplete.”

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson
Q: Is “Grey’s Anatomy” coming back for a new season? How many years has it been on now? — **R.A.**
A: The long-running ABC hospital drama “Grey’s Anatomy” has been renewed for a 17th season, and I wouldn’t be surprised if it was aiming for the milestone of 20 years on the air. In fact, three of its stars -- Kim Raver (Dr. Teddy Altman), Camilla Luddington (Dr. Josephine Karev) and Kevin McKidd (Dr. Owen Hunt)-- recently inked deals to continue for another three seasons if the show continues. The show’s star, Ellen Pompeo (Dr. Meredith Grey), is committed at least through the end of season 17. ABC Entertainment president Karey Burke told Deadline.com that “‘Grey’s Anatomy’ will live as long as Ellen is interested in playing Meredith Grey.”
“Grey’s Anatomy” moved to 9 p.m. EST this past season, airing right after its spinoff series “Station 19.” Raver and McKidd have appeared on its sister show



E. Pompeo

and will continue to do so as, according to Deadline.com, “the two series become more closely integrated.”
I’m sure your next question is when will the new season premiere? That I don’t know. The ABC.com website states “new season coming soon, Thursdays on ABC,” but no specific date has been posted yet.

Q: Will the prime-time Emmy Awards be held this year as a normal awards show in an auditorium? I saw that the nominees were announced, but how will the actual ceremony go? -- **E.W.**
A: Alas, there won’t be a typical awards ceremony inside a huge auditorium complete with beautiful gowns on the red carpet this year. Instead, the 72nd Primetime Emmy Awards will be virtual and air Thursday, Sept. 20, on ABC. Jimmy Kimmel will host, and celebrities will likely be at home and shown on camera.
The Daytime Emmy Awards held a virtual ceremony back in June and it was a ratings success. The MTV Video Music Awards is the only ceremony going the more traditional route during the pandemic. It’ll be held

on Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Barclay Center in New York City. Oliver Weisberg, CEO of the Barclay Center, stated that a team of medical experts “have been working hard to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved.”

Q: I was just reading about the death of Wilford Brimley. I remember him on a show with “Days of Our Lives” star Deidre Hall. What was it called again? -- **W.B.**
A: You’re thinking of “Our House,” which aired from 1986 to 1988 on NBC. Deidre Hall (Marlena, “Days”) played his daughter-in-law, whom he takes in, along with his grandchildren, after the death of his son. Shannon Doherty played one of the kids and recently stated that the late Brimley was like a grandfather to her in real life.
Brimley passed away at the age of 85 and is survived by his wife, Beverly, and his three children.
Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.
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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo
HOLLYWOOD -- Is nothing sacred anymore? The University of Southern California has removed an exhibit honoring John Wayne, and there are threats of removing John Wayne’s name from what was once The Orange County Airport. It’s because of an interview he gave in 1971 to Playboy Magazine. The quote in question is: “With a lot of blacks there’s quite a bit of resentment along with their dissent and possibly, rightfully so, but we can’t all of a sudden get down on our knees and turn everything over to the leadership of the blacks.” No one objected at the time, but the world was a different place then.
Wayne was a formidable figure who became a star in 1939 because of “Stagecoach.” He made 142 films, many of which he produced himself, through his company Batjac Productions. His films, such as “The Green Berets” (1968), which were pro-American when many were against the Vietnam War. He was a staunch Republican who campaigned for Richard



Eastwood

Nixon, but when Nixon lost, Wayne proclaimed, “I didn’t vote for John F. Kennedy but he’s my president.” His first wife was from Panama and he was extremely vocal opposing communism. He employed a diversity of actors, among them Hispanic, Black, Asian, etc., especially for “The Alamo” (1960) and “The Green Berets.” He showed his “True Grit” in 1969 and was rewarded with a best-actor Oscar.
Today’s climate is very different from when the Playboy article appeared. Comics can’t tell ethnic jokes without offending someone and possibly losing their career, as Michael Richards did. Back then there was no social media, which gives anyone and everyone a voice than can be magnified, right or wrong. Where do we draw the line? A person is declared dead after missing for seven years, yet a statement from 50 years ago, by a man recognized as “an American Natural

Resource,” can threaten his legacy. Where does it end?

A sequel to “Knives Out” is already in the works. The screenplay received an Oscar nomination, and Daniel Craig will be back as Benoit Blanc. Craig’s latest 007 film, “No Time to Die,” will be released Nov. 20. Craig allegedly signed a two-picture deal, yet he’s telling people he’s done playing James Bond. Waiting in the wings as the top contender to replace him is “Outlander” hunk Sam Heughan.

The streaming hit movie “The Outpost,” about a squad of outnumbered U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan, stars a number of celebrity offspring: Scott Eastwood (son of Clint), Milo Gibson (son of Mel), James Jagger (son of Mick), Will Attenborough (grandson of Richard) and Scott Alda (grandson of Alan). As a famous sign at The William Morris Agency reads, “If there has to be such a thing as nepotism ... keep it in the family!”
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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne
* A Florida waitress was promised a new Toyota after winning a sales contest at her restaurant, but was given a toy Yoda, a “Star Wars” doll, instead. She sued the company, and received more than enough to buy herself a new Toyota.
* Fear of dolls is called “pediophobia.”
* Alchemist Hennig Brand is thought to have used upwards of 1,500 gallons of human urine in his quest to make gold. After he evaporated, boiled and distilled it multiple times, it started to glow in the dark and burst into flames. He had instead discovered the element phosphorus.
* “Phantom Vibration Syndrome” is the name for when someone thinks their phone is vibrating, but it isn’t.
* Cats have more than 100 vocal sounds, while dogs only have about 10.
* Astronaut John Young caused a small scandal in 1965 when he smuggled a corned beef sandwich aboard Gemini 3. When he took it out in zero gravity and tried to eat it, it broke up, sending crumbs flying around the cabin. No harm was done, but the incident sparked a safety review by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and a statement from NASA assuring that steps had been taken “to prevent recurrence of corned beef sandwiches in future flights.”
* Jim Carrey’s make-up routine for “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” was so intense and his costume was so uncomfortable that he underwent training from the CIA’s torture experts!
* Take a good look at Disney princesses and you’ll notice that they’re all essentially attired in typical princess garb of gown, tiara, etc. But here’s a small difference you might not have picked up on -- some wear gloves, and some don’t. What’s up with that? The ladies without gloves are commoners who married into royalty.

• Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is the only one whose name ends with the letter “Q”?
2. COMICS: What was the name of Dennis the Menace’s dog?
3. GOVERNMENT: Which Cabinet department oversees the National Park Service?
4. ANATOMY: What is a common name for metacarpophalangeal joint?
5. SCIENCE: What is absolute zero?
6. MUSIC: Which famous musician’s nickname was Bocephus?
7. MOVIES: What was the setting for Alfred Hitchcock’s film “The Birds”?
8. ASTRONOMY: Which moon is the largest in our solar system?
9. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word “veritas” mean?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only U.S. president who also served later as chief justice of the Supreme Court?

- Answers
1. Iraq
2. Ruff
3. Interior
4. Knuckle
5. The lowest temperature theoretically possible. -273.15 Centigrade or -459.67 Fahrenheit
6. Hank Williams Jr.
7. Bodega Bay, California
8. Jupiter’s Ganymede
9. Truth
10. William Howard Taft
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ACROSS

1 Height of fashion?
4 First victim
8 Expansive
12 Retirement plan acronym
13 Sushi bar soup
14 Grooving on
15 Plaid garment
17 Greek vowels
18 Small barrel
19 Irish overcoats
21 Wunderkind
24 Thither
25 Atmosphere
26 — sauce
28 Florida city
32 Mid-month date
34 Chow down
36 Painter
37 Archaeologist’s find
39 Cushion
41 Opposed
42 Plaything
44 Malign
46 Young child
50 Mongrel
51 Hodgepodge
52 Yankee
53 Doodle’s feather?
56 Huff and puff
57 “Zounds!”
58 Erstwhile

DOWN

1 That guy
2 Mound stat
3 Holy fish?
4 Pedro’s pals
5 Recycling receptacle
6 Jacob’s brother
7 Humble
8 “Platoon”

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Knitting need
Scruff
“Science Guy” Bill
locale
Initial stake
Celebrity
Pitch
Barbie’s companion
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Twosome
Stash
Curly’s brother
Shrill bark
Coconut
cookie
Senior moment?
Zits

33 Take a chair
35 Slight amount (Abbr.)
38 Army rank
40 Ten-year period
43 Sanaa’s land
45 Bear hair
46 Country singer Keith
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48 A-line designer
49 Sitarist’s rendition
53 Upper limit
54 Aye rival
55 Mamie’s man

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By Amy Anderson
(Editor’s note: We are at the end of the coronavirus theater movie releases, and what is being released now are direct-to-DVD titles or garbage titles with little to no information. As a result, we will offer themed columns like this one when reviewable movies are not available.)
I can tell you from firsthand experience that being a single mom is a hard job. Without any disrespect to the dads, it seems there is no off switch from what children demand from their mothers -- short order cook, full service maid and concierge, finder of all things, endless repository of knowledge, chief medic, personal tutor and life guru. In honor of Single Working Mom’s Day this month, here are six films featuring single moms out there doing it for their kids.
“**Erin Brockovich**” (2000) -- Facing a desperate situation, an unemployed single mom of three uses her feminine wiles and dogged determination to land a job in a legal office. Then she

adds in her big brain and some serious grit to unearth a massive coverup of an energy company’s dumping toxic waste and poisoning a whole town. Julia Roberts stars as Brockovich.
“**Baby Boom**” (1987) -- Diane Keaton headlines as JC, a corporate executive turned surprise single mom when a relative names her as guardian and unexpectedly dies. Maternal duties pull her focus from her high-stakes advertising job, and she moves to the countryside to regroup, emerging as a baby food magnate.
“**Beauty Shop**” (2005) -- Part of the “Barbershop” comedy series, this gem features Gina (Queen Latifa), who is such a dedicated mom that she moves from Chicago to Atlanta so her daughter can attend a special music school. There, she takes a chance on opening up a salon to spite her former boss, with hilarious results.
“**Mamma Mia!**” (2008) -- On the eve of Sophie’s (Amanda Seyfried) wedding,

she interacts with three special guests -- the three men who could potentially be her father. All were lovers of her free-spirited single mom, Donna (Meryl Streep), who runs a bed and breakfast on a gorgeous Greek island. It’s a musical, using only the songs of the Swedish superpop group ABBA.
“**Where the Heart Is**” (2000) -- Pregnant and abandoned, Novalee Nation (Natalie Portman) gives birth in a Walmart. Aided by the kindness of strangers, she sets out to raise her baby daughter Americus with love. Bonus single mom: Ashley Judd plays nurse Lexie, who befriends Novalee and has three kids of her own.
“**One Fine Day**” (1996) -- Uptight architect single mom (Michelle Pfeiffer) and rakishly charming reporter single dad (George Clooney, at his Clooneyest) are thrown together for the day when their kids just miss a field trip at their New York City school.
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POLICE BLOTTER

POSSESSION OF ADULT USE CANNABIS

David M. Plata, 18, of Plainfield, was charged with possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle after a traffic stop at Sixth Avenue and Eighth Street at 9:56 p.m. Aug. 3. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Michael Rodriguez, 39, of LaSalle, was arrested at 9:56 p.m. Aug. 5 on a valid Winnebago County warrant for domestic battery. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

WARRANT ARREST

Paige L. Bolz, 22, of 704 Sixth Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 3:15 p.m. Aug. 6 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to ap-

pear on a charge of driving while license suspended. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

ASSAULT

Ethan A. Brown, 24, of 728 ½ Main St., Mendota, was charged with assault on a peace officer at 2 a.m. Aug. 6. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI,

OTHER CHARGES

Steven J. Nichols, 28, of 305 North St., Earlville, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, fleeing/attempting to elude a peace officer, improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol after a traffic stop at Illinois Avenue and 16th Street at 12:17 a.m. Aug. 7. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Justin Waterworth, 30, of

Ottawa, was charged with driving while license revoked after an investigation at 10:45 p.m. Aug. 8. Waterworth also had an active LaSalle County warrant. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Hannah J. Olson, 20, of 812 Main St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers investigated an incident at Washington and Main streets at 1:52 a.m. Aug. 9. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail for a bond hearing.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Peter Marquez, 45, of Chicago, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Fourth Avenue and 12th Street at 7:19 p.m. Aug. 9. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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Mendota woman dies in crash on Route 251

WEST BROOKLYN — A 67-year-old Mendota woman died as the result of a two-vehicle collision at Welland Road and Route 251 at 10 p.m. July 26.

Denise Pennington succumbed to her injuries on July 27. The LaSalle County coroner has not released her cause of death.

According to a report from the Lee County Sheriff's Department, a vehicle driven by Richard Foster, 67, of Mendota, was southbound on Route 251 when he struck a stopped vehicle occupied by Pennington.

Foster was charged with aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol.

The LaSalle County Coroner's Office, Mendota Fire Department, Troy Grove Fire Department and Mendota Police Department assisted at the scene.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Mark Twain Zephyr passes through Mendota enroute to restoration

MENDOTA - There is big news happening in the world of railroading, as one of the most historic trains in the Midwest is currently in the process of being transported more than 600 miles by semi-truck to a new home where it will be restored to welcome passengers aboard for the first time since the late 1950s.

The Mark Twain Zephyr was one of nine stainless steel passenger trains built for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad in the 1930s. For most of its two decades in regular passenger service (1935-1958), it traveled between Burlington, Iowa and Saint Louis, Mo. generally following the scenic course of the Mississippi River.

Since 1959, it has been owned by a number of private individuals who have attempted to re-build the train's exterior and interior, but for one reason or another were never able to complete their dream of getting it to be fully operational.

The Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad, located in Trego, Wis., completed its purchase of the Mark Twain Zephyr on June 29. Greg and Mardell Vreeland, owners of the WGNRR,



plans to restore the engine and four passenger cars over the next year using their team of full-time experienced electricians, carpenters, and mechanical engineers. The Vreelands say their goal is to have the Mark Twain Zephyr up and running by late 2021, providing passengers scenic rides on the Wisconsin Great Northern's main line in Washburn County, Wis.

On July 31 and Aug. 1, the engine called "Injun Joe" was transported from a railroad yard in St. Louis to the Wisconsin Great Northern in Trego, Wis. via Interstates 55, 39, 94 and U.S. 53.

Later this month, the four other passenger cars, "Becky Thatcher," "Huckleberry Finn," "Tom Sawyer" and "Effie Dean" will follow. While the exact timing and

route of the upcoming moves are currently unknown, those interested in catching a glimpse of railroad history in motion should follow Facebook and Twitter (@MarkTwainZephyr). More information about the history of the train and restoration plans are now available at www.MarkTwainZephyr.com. There is even a section where people who remember

riding the Zephyr back in the day can post their memories.

Besides giving passengers the chance to experience a ride on the Mark Twain Zephyr, there are also plans to turn the train's former baggage car into a museum featuring various displays about the Burlington Zephyrs. Once complete, visitors to the railroad will be able to walk through and enjoy

various displays, maps, time-tables, photographs, blue prints, and much more. The Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad is proud to partner with the Midwest Rail Rangers, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, who will be designing some of the museum displays and working to raise and oversee donations for the museum car.

Research teams at the railroad have also been busy since the start of this year putting together a 400-page book that tracks the history of the Mark Twain Zephyr from the first blue print to now. Once published in early September, the book will be available at www.MarkTwainZephyr.com with purchases benefitting the museum car displays.

Next year will mark the Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad's 25th season of providing unique experiences for passengers through the Northwoods. The WGNRR is currently home to America's only moving Bed & Breakfast Train. Travelers also enjoy the Elegant Dinner Train, Sightseeing Excursions, Santa Trains, wine and cheese aboard the bi-level Sky Parlour Car, and much more.

IVCH Auxiliary awards scholarships

PERU - Five students pursuing college degrees in nursing and other healthcare-related fields are the recipients of scholarships totaling \$5,000 from the Illinois Valley Community Hospital Auxiliary.

Recipients of the \$1,000 awards include:

- Melissa Mata of Peru, who received the Ruth Daniels Scholarship. She is a nurse in the IVCH day surgery unit who is enrolled in the family nurse practitioner program at the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University.

- Madison Aimone of Utica, a University of Iowa student who is considering a career in radiology, ophthalmology or audiology.

- Gwen King of Granville, an employee in the IVCH transitional care office who is pursuing a degree in Health Services

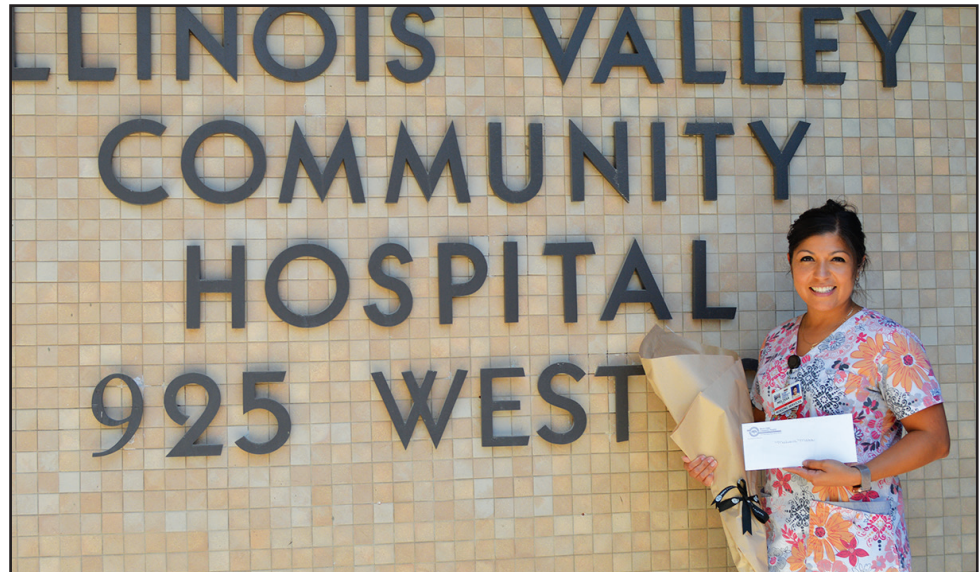
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- Vanessa Rosales of Peru, an IVCH endoscopy tech who is also a nursing student at Illinois Valley Community College. She eventually wants to be a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

- Jenna Lusietto of Arlington, who is enrolled in the nursing program at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

IVCH employees and their children are eligible to apply for the annual Auxiliary scholarships. The scholarships are funded with money raised by the Auxiliary through fundraisers and sales in the hospital gift shop.

Melissa Mata accepts the Ruth Daniels Scholarship at IVCH. (Photo contributed)



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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Fay Vaughn

LAMOILLE - Fay Dean Vaughn, 97, of LaMoille passed away Aug. 5, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 10 at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille with Rev. Rick Wulf officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Fay was born Dec. 13, 1922 in McLeansboro. She married Robert Vaughn.

Survivors include six grandchildren, Darla Kleckner and Tim Lewis both of Mendota, Jenny Mooney of Kenosha, Wis., Shannon Lewis of LaSalle, Jason Lewis of Jonesboro, Ark. and Amanda Manion of LaMoille; 11 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and one daughter-in-law, Susan C. Lewis of LaMoille.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Jerry Dean Lewis.

Fay enjoyed working at McDonalds. She had a large collection of angels. She enjoyed reading the Bible, working puzzles, listening to WGLC in the mornings while playing solitaire and watching television. She was always wanting "sugar" (i.e. kisses) from the grandkids.

Memorials may be directed to Heritage Health, Mendota.



Francis M. Rapp

LA SALLE - Francis "Frank" Michael Rapp, 77, a resident of the LaSalle Veteran's Home in LaSalle, passed away Aug. 8, 2020 at the Veteran's Home.

Due to COVID-19 there will not be a visitation or church service as planned. Public graveside services will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Tom McMurtry officiating. Military rites will be conducted by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Merritt Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Frank was born May 26, 1943 in Mendota to Andrew and Mary (Stenger) Rapp. He married Frances (Johnson) Rapp on Jan. 29, 1968 in Freeport. She preceded him in death in 2014.

Survivors include one brother, Andrew Rapp of Oglesby; three stepdaughters, Bernadette (Terry) Hambley, Angela (Ron) Schmitt and Elizabeth Rapp; three stepsons, Joseph Rapp, Stephen Rapp and Anthony Rapp; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three sisters, Joanne, Theresa and Mary Agnes.

Frank served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was employed at Sunstrand in LaSalle before his retirement. He was an active member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, LaSalle.

Memorials may be directed to the LaSalle Veteran's Home or Lighthouse Baptist Church.



Richard L. Simpson

LA SALLE - Richard "Rick" L. Simpson, 57, of LaSalle passed away peacefully at home Aug. 5, 2020 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Due to COVID-19, services will be private. Burial will be at Troy Grove Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Rick was born June 9, 1963 in Peru to William "Bill" and Linda (Crane) Simpson. He married Ronda Parsons.

Survivors include his wife, Ronda; his two children, Lisa (Nick) Sweeney of LaSalle and Scott Simpson of Tonica; two stepsons, Benjamin and Jacob Harris, both of Spring Valley; one sister, Paula Roberts (Mark Setchell) of DeKalb; and two nephews, Tyler Roberts of LaSalle and Spencer McLaughlin of Ottawa.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rick was a graduate of LaSalle-Peru Township High School. He farmed for most of his life, and worked at Manley Bros. in Troy Gove for over 20 years. Rick never met a stranger that he couldn't strike up a conversation with. He loved hunting and fishing, 2nd Sunday brunches, motorcycles and attending bike rallies where he made friends that became like family.

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LA SALLE - "Playing with the Enemy: A Baseball Prodigy, World War II, and the Long Journey Home" is the title of a live virtual program to be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25. Hosted by the LaSalle Public Library, the free program is open to the public and will be presented virtually on Zoom.

Author Gary Moore will discuss his book, "Playing with the Enemy," a biography about his father, Gene Moore. Filled with history and hope, Gene Moore's life begins and ends in a small, downstate Illinois town but encompasses World War II, North Africa, baseball and dreams of the Major League, a captured German U-boat and an uncommon and extraordinary friendship with "the enemy."

Gary Moore, who lives in Bourbonnais, won the 2006 Military Writers Society of America Book of the Year for his acclaimed book. He has appeared on CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX, and has spoken to groups, both large and small, from coast to coast, and in Europe.

To receive the virtual viewing link for this program, register by going to <https://bit.ly/30G1qFh>. For more information, please contact Rachael at rbloomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us.

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LOCAL AND AREA

The key to moving past your pain

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I'm so passionate about this message because I know it's true from personal experience. I was sexually abused by my dad and other men throughout my childhood. Then, as an adult, I went through years battling migraine headaches and also had breast cancer. So

I know what it's like to hurt so badly you don't think you can go on another minute, and I know how amazing it can be to experience healing and restoration through Christ.

The key to going through the healing process—letting go of the past and moving on—is committing yourself to do things God's way, trusting Him and obeying His Word. It's not always easy...it takes time and means you're going to have to do some things you'd rather not do...

things you think are unfair or that don't feel good.

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When God showed me in John 10:10 that Jesus came so I could have a good life that I actually enjoyed, I became determined to have it, no matter what I had to do to get it. In Mark 11:24-25 (NIV) Jesus says, "I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you



stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Jesus is saying that whenever I'm praying, if I am harboring unforgiveness in my heart, then God cannot answer my prayer. There have been times when I've prayed for God to change my husband, Dave, or our kids or someone who was upsetting me, and what I needed to do was pray for Him to forgive my sin, ask Him to help me forgive the ones who had hurt me, and choose to love them.

We have to learn to love people right where they are, the way they are, because that is how we can help them get to where they need to be. Now, I'm not suggesting that you let people abuse you or continually take advantage of you, but you can't live with bitterness in your heart and experience the healing and restoration you desperately need.

The Why Behind the What

It helps us forgive others when we understand that hurting people hurt people. In other words, when someone is wounded, they often end up wounding others if

they don't get healing in their soul. Many times when people hurt us, they are acting out of their own pain and may not even realize what they are doing.

A long time after I left home and escaped that abusive situation, I came to see that my dad had done those things to me because of the way he had been raised. He grew up in a family that practiced incest and it caused him to behave like that in our home. He knew it wasn't right, but I really believe that he didn't understand how badly he was hurting me all those years that he abused me.

Understanding this about my father helped me forgive him, and I actually felt sorry for him. He led such a miserable life and at the end, he had more regrets than anything else to speak of. Thankfully, he accepted Christ as his Savior when he was 83, but it's sad that so much of his life was wasted because of his pain from the past.

If you've been hurting for a long time because of something that's happened in your past and you've refused to lay it down, I hope you'll see that there's a much better way to live. Don't settle for a life of misery due to bitterness and un-

forgiveness. Instead, make a determined decision to trust God and do things HIS way.

Remember: God is smarter than you and whatever He tells you to do, He has your best interest at heart. Trust Him and forgive!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-teaching CD series *Burnt But Not Bitter*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so.
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And I hope I have that desire in all
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I hope that I will never do anything
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Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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3. In Luke 7, where did Jesus raise a widow's son from the dead? Amos, Nain, Lystra, Philippi
4. From Genesis 4, who is considered the father of all musicians? Jeremiah, Joash, Jubal, Job
5. In Luke 1, what was Elisabeth and Zacharias' child named? Elisabeth, Zacharias, Thomas, John
6. From Genesis 12, where did Abram go after leaving Ur? Iconium, Nineveh, Haran, Salem



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 2 Kings;
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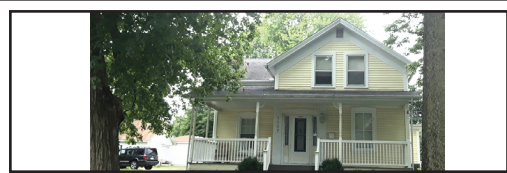


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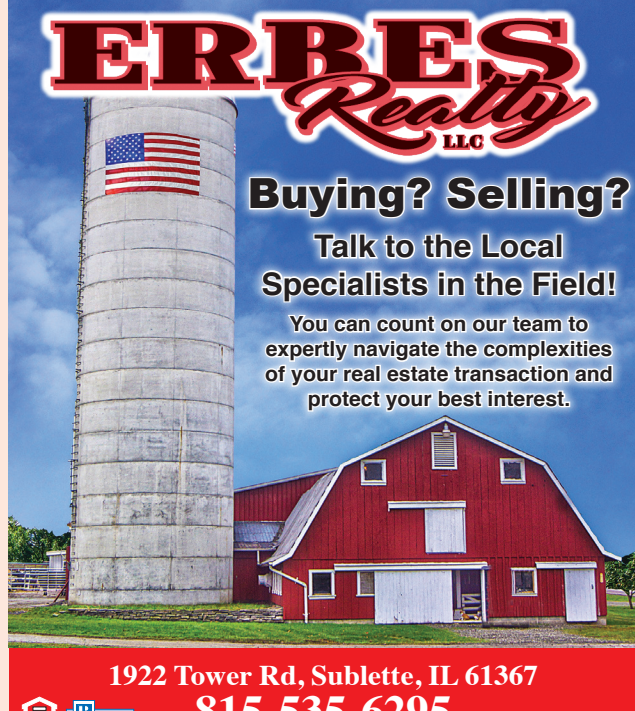
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