

# State launches \$5M ad campaign to promote masks as virus positivity rate on the increase

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SPRINGFIELD – COVID-19 cases are on the rise throughout the state and Gov. JB Pritzker is hoping a new \$5 million state advertising campaign will help slow the spread of the novel coronavirus by encouraging use of face coverings.

Pritzker announced the campaign, which has the tagline “It only works if you wear it,” at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Operations Center in Springfield. The governor said the costs are reimbursable through federal coronavirus relief funds.

Pritzker said the campaign will permeate “really every kind of medium that you can think of,” including “a good deal on social media,” cable, broadcast TV, Hulu, YouTube and many other platforms.

Pritzker praised a recent action by Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder, who signed an order imposing fines for Springfield bars and restaurants flouting masking, social distancing and capacity restrictions. It also banned occupancy of standing areas at bars both inside and outside.

“But government action isn’t the only answer,” Pritzker said. “In fact, it’s not enough by itself. We also need

all our residents to take this seriously, and to protect themselves.”

The advertising campaign compares face coverings to seat belts and life preservers in an effort to make their use commonplace.

“Every day we do things that keep us safe, like buckling a seatbelt or putting on a bicycle helmet. A mask is no different. It only works if you wear it. So always wear a mask when you’re out in public, to protect yourself and others,” he said. “Keeping it in your pocket or wearing it just around your neck doesn’t work. It’s really that simple.”

When asked if the state or local governments should impose fines for those not wearing masks, Pritzker said, “The idea here is not to chase people down on the street and say, you know, ‘hey you’re not wearing a mask and I’m going to throw a ticket at you.’”

He said the first priority is to ask those without masks to put one on.

“People who refuse to wear a mask, people who are entering public



Gov. JB Pritzker

premises where they know they’re supposed to wear a mask, and who have been reminded, and who aren’t, those people certainly should be, you know, reminded again by police and ultimately if they’re absolutely refusing in public, they’re putting other people at risk, so it’s worthy of considering fine at a local level,” he said.

When asked if the Legislature should return to Springfield to codify some of the mandates Pritzker has put in place, he said the legislative body “hasn’t been willing to move forward on a mask mandate.”

“I went to the Legislature, and I asked JCAR (the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) to consider a rule that would impose fines when people are not requiring masks to be worn. They didn’t want to do that. They wanted to consider legislation and then didn’t bring up that legislation. So we certainly are considering what rule we could put in place that JCAR would approve.”

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, reiterated the need for wearing masks in public as well.

“It’s the same message we’ve been echoing since the beginning. We’re all safer and stronger when we go all in Illinois,” she said.

# Mendota considering measures to slow the spread of COVID-19

MENDOTA – Positive cases of COVID-19 are on the rise in LaSalle County and Mendota. Because of that, Mendota Mayor David Boelk issued the following statement:

“As of today, Aug. 3, the City of Mendota has experienced a five-fold increase in the number of COVID 19 cases in just over three weeks. We have 106 positive cases out of 1,063 tests. That is a positivity rate of almost 10%. Now is the time that I call on everyone to do their part and stay home if possible, wear a mask and socially distance if you cannot.

“I am urging you as the Mayor, as a colleague, as a neighbor and as a father to take this seriously. We are in this together and you have an active role in the outcome. When we look at the statistics, we know that 15-20% of those infected have a severe case where hospitalization is necessary. Of those, up to 50% will need a ventilator. Of those, 50% could die. We are a small community and chances are, you will know

the person or people who will suffer severely or possibly succumb to this terrible virus.

“If the numbers continue to increase, we will have no choice but to issue an executive order mandating all non-essential businesses to close in the City of Mendota. We will order the Mendota Police Department to start issuing fines to people not wearing masks in public. We will fine those people deeming it necessary to hold gatherings of more than 10 people.

“Understand that we take no pleasure in what some may see as a threat. We, however, feel a moral responsibility to do what we must to keep our residents as safe and to quell this surge as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please wear a mask in public, social distance, wash your hands frequently and stay at home as much as possible.

“As of today, the City Clerk’s lobby will be closed to walk-in traffic. The Mendota Police Department is also closed to walk-in traffic.”

# Queen pageant postponed

Due to rise in virus cases, pageant off until further notice

MENDOTA – Due to the current rise in positive COVID-19 cases in Mendota, this year’s Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant has been postponed. It will hopefully be held at a later date.

All of the 11 candidates in this year’s Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant will be receiving Mendota Gift Certificates. The certificates are gifts from Mendota Chamber member businesses who are participating in the Mendota SCF Queen Gift Certificate Program. The gift certificates are redeemable for goods and merchandise in participant businesses. The Chamber would like to thank those members who have participated.

Now let’s introduce seven more pageant hopefuls.

Victoria Arteaga will represent the Mendota Museum and Historical Society in this year’s pageant. She is the daughter of Rita Arteaga of Mendota. She has brown eyes and brown hair and stands 5-3.

A 2020 graduate of Mendota High School, Arteaga was a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She was awarded the President’s Education Award, Mendota Area Business and Professional Women’s Scholarship, Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council Scholarship,



Financial Plus Credit Union Scholarship, and the Dr. Musick Scholarship.

Arteaga will be attending Illinois Valley Community College in the fall and will be seeking an Associates in Applied Science and specializing in nursing.

This summer you will find her waitressing at El Zarape and also working at Home Depot as a cashier. She plans to donate blood during the American Red Cross Blood Drive and to help the community persevere during the pandemic.

Arteaga’s hobbies include cooking, baking, and cosmetology. She also likes spending time with friends and family, and volunteering.

Her plans for the future include earning her Associates in Applied Science and pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree from Northern Illinois University. Arteaga would like to work in a children’s hospital and eventually earn her Master’s Degree to become pediatric nurse practitioner.

The Mendota Area YMCA has selected Bianca

Espinoza as its queen candidate. She is the daughter of Rene and Jennie Espinoza of Mendota. She is 5-11 and has brown hair and brown eyes.

Espinoza is a 2020 graduate of Mendota High School where she played volleyball and basketball four years and soccer for three years. She was a member of Spanish Club for four years and also a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. She was also an honor roll student all four years and was awarded the All-Conference Academic Athlete.

Espinoza has been attending Illinois Valley Community College where received her CNA license. She also earned dual credits her senior year by taking seven classes. She plans to go to St. Francis University in Joliet to pursue a degree as a psychiatric nurse and a minor in psychology.

This summer you will find Espinoza working as a resident associate at Stonecroft Village. She is also spending time with family and friends. She enjoys taking her dog on walks, listening to music, drawing and painting.

Her plans for the future include receiving her Master’s Degree and becoming a psy-

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Four contestants in this year’s Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant, left to right, are Victoria Arteaga, Bianca Espinoza, Theran Schmitt and Anna Bokus.



Three contestants in this year’s Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant, left to right, are Alison Schlesinger, Alli Stielow and Maren Wise. (Photos courtesy of Mendota Chamber of Commerce)

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Status of Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters Draw Down determined

MENDOTA - Based on continued restrictions due to the current pandemic, the 2020 Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters Draw Down has officially been canceled. The event was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 28 but was postponed at that time.

A date for next year's event has been set for Saturday, March 27, 2021. Supporters who purchased a ticket for the 2020 event will be reissued a ticket for the 2021 event at a later date.

As the unanticipated and unprecedented event of the past several months have made planning difficult, organizers expressed their

appreciation to ticket holders for their support and patience. If you purchased a ticket for the 2020 event and have any questions, please contact the person from whom you acquired the ticket.

The Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters works to support the student members of the Mendota FFA Chapter and awareness of the agricultural industry within the community.

To learn more about the Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters, the Mendota FFA Chapter or agricultural education, please contact Matthew Meyer at Mendota High School.

## Dullard achieves perfect attendance

Sean Dullard, a 2020 Mendota High School graduating senior, achieved perfect attendance all four years of his high school career. Dullard should have been recognized at the graduation ceremony on July 18 at the MHS Athletic Stadium. MHS administration apologizes for the omission. Congratulations to Sean.



## 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's plans announced

OTTAWA - The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The Illinois Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's, which attracts hundreds each year to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease, will look different this year. Instead of hosting a large

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## Local Master Gardener program accepting applicants for online training

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

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

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

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

You don't have to be a gardening expert to become a



Master Gardener. All you need is an interest in gardening, some time to volunteer in the community, and a desire to share your knowledge with others. The program is more about connections; connecting people with other gardeners, with their community, and with reliable resources for information. Once connections are forged, it's time to get sowing and growing in our many meaningful community projects.

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

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

Perennials; Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines; Lawns; Small and Tree Fruits; Vegetables; Composting/Organic Gardening; and Living with Wildlife.

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

Registration for the fall 2020 training will be open from Aug. 10 through Sept. 7, and the class will start on Jan. 28. For more information or to obtain materials to begin the registration process, please e-mail Meg E. Overocker, Extension Program Coordinator at meo@illinois.edu or leave a message with your contact information at the Extension office, (815) 224-0889.

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

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

## LaSalle County reports spike in COVID-19 cases

### ◆ Mendota numbers exceed other areas of the county

MENDOTA - Over the past couple of weeks, COVID-19 cases have increased to 579 in LaSalle County. Although the increase is widespread throughout the county, the Mendota zip code area stands out for positive cases. As of Aug. 3, there were 106 cases reported in zip code 61342. This includes at least 10 cases at Heritage Health in Mendota.

In a radio interview on Aug. 4, Mendota Mayor David Boelk said that overall, the citizens of Mendota did a great job during the first three months of the pandemic but have since let their

guard down. "This has gotten totally out of control in the last three weeks," he said. "I'm pleading with citizens to wear masks in public, do social distancing, wash hands as frequently as possible and when possible, stay at home. It's a serious situation out there."

He also emphasized the importance of not having large group events. "People thought they could have groups of 30 or have 65 people at a family reunion. No, you still need to practice all of these things," he said. "We don't want to have to make tough decisions on closing

down, we don't want to be the bad guy but sometimes you're pushed into it."

The number of positive cases in other nearby communities (zip code area) as of Aug. 3: Peru - 42, LaSalle - 38, Ottawa - 78, Earlville - 17, Spring Valley - 49, Princeton - 35.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is available 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency, 711 E. Etna Road, Ottawa. This testing site is open to all regardless of symptoms but appointments are required by calling (815) 433-3366 before arriving on site.

## IVCC's CTE programs to begin

OGLESBY - Many of Illinois Valley Community College's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will meet face-to-face and online when fall classes begin Friday, Aug. 14.

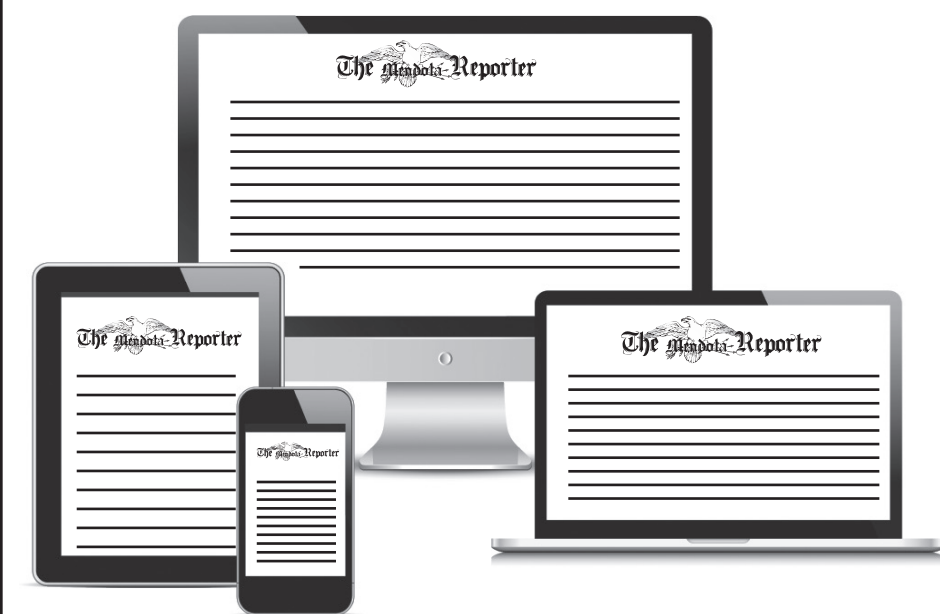
"Individuals interested in learning a new skill or changing careers through a technical program can be assured that many courses will be meeting safely in small groups," said Dean

of Workforce Development Shane Lange.

CTE programs include cybersecurity, business technology, welding, dental assisting, CAD, electronics, computer networking, manufacturing, HVAC, industrial maintenance, automotive technology, electricity, electronics, EMS and therapeutic massage.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Knox College dean's list

GALESBURG - Ashley Kerley of Earlville has been named to the Knox College dean's list of distinguished students for the spring term. To be included, a student must earn at least 2.5 credits in the term and have a grade point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

### Illinois Wesleyan dean's list

BLOOMINGTON - Kennedy Meloy of Earlville was named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2019-20 academic year at

Illinois Wesleyan University. Meloy is a first-year student majoring in nursing. She was among 831 students from 29 states and 16 countries named to the spring dean's list.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on a 4.0 scale.

### Baylor University dean's list

WACO, Texas - Morgan Marquis of Mendota has been named to the Baylor University dean's academic honor list for the spring 2020 semester. Marquis, who is

enrolled in the School of Engineering & Computer Science, is among more than 5,300 Baylor University students honored on the dean's list.

To qualify, undergraduate students must have a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.7 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in a minimum of 12 graded semester hours.

Baylor is a national Christian research university with a mission to educate students for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment. Baylor provides numerous academic and research opportunities

through 127 baccalaureate programs.

### Local student accepted at Palmer Chiropractic

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Madeline Eager of Mendota has been accepted for enrollment for the summer 2020 trimester in the Bachelor of Science, General Science program at Palmer College of Chiropractic's main campus in Davenport, Iowa.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif.; and Port Orange, Fla.

## IVCC reports 'strong financial position'

OGLESBY - Illinois Valley Community College finished the fiscal year in a "strong financial position," Vice President for Business Services and Finance Cheryl Roelfsema said at the board's audit-finance committee meeting on July 28.

Revenues in the general fund, comprised of the education and operations and maintenance funds, were at 99 percent of budget, Roelfsema said. Credit hours, budgeted at 53,000, were just under 51,000.

Roelfsema also presented audit-finance with the tentative fiscal 2021 budget projecting credit hours at 51,000, state funding at just over \$2 million and a 5 percent increase in property tax revenue.

Overall, revenues are projected at \$32.1 million, less than one percent over 2020. Expenditures of \$32.5 million are up less than one percent over the previous year. Revenues and expenditures in the general fund are balanced at \$22.5 million, an increase of 1.4 percent over 2020. The budget is not expected to result in a tax increase.

The general fund includes a \$600,000 contingency to protect the college against uncertainties regarding enrollments during the pandemic and the possibility state support could decrease

if the proposed income tax increase fails at the Nov. 3 ballot.

"All of these uncertainties make it important to have a contingency to cover revenue shortages or investment in personnel, infrastructure, or equipment to effectively deliver instruction," Roelfsema said.

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

Audit-finance also reviewed Information Technology Service's plans for the coming year that include implementation of a student planning module, lab upgrades, installation of a self-service financial aid module and network firewall upgrades.

The committee also examined a dual credit/dual enrollment report on the number of high school juniors and seniors taking IVCC courses at their schools.

Withdrawals, caused mainly by the move to online instruction during the pandemic, resulted in a drop in credit hours and a decrease in head count of 86 students (842 students in 2019-20 from 928 in 2018-19).

## Sister Dominic, OP celebrates 75 years of service

SPRINGFIELD - Sister Mary Dominic Joerger, OP is being recognized for 75 years of service by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield.

A Mendota native, Sister Mary Dominic was a member of Holy Cross Parish in Mendota before professing her vows on June 13, 1945 at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield.

After earning a Bachelor's degree in education from DePaul University and a K-12 Teaching and Supervision Certificate, she went on to receive a Master's degree in elementary education from the University of Illinois.

During her working years, Sister Mary Dominic was an educator serving at schools in Illinois and Minnesota and was a parish volunteer in Springfield. While working in the Diocese of Peoria, she returned to her hometown for one year (1968-1969) and taught fifth grade at Holy Cross School in Mendota.

A private celebration with the Dominican Sisters is planned for Aug. 8. Cards may be sent to Sister Mary Dominic Joerger at: Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62704.

## Walk

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gathering, the Alzheimer's Association is encouraging participants to walk as individuals or in small groups on sidewalks, tracks and trails across Ottawa.

On walk day, an opening ceremony will feature local speakers and a presentation of Promise Flowers to honor the personal reasons participants join together to fight

Alzheimer's and all other dementia, all delivered to participants' smartphones, tablets and computers. A small group of Alzheimer's Association staff and volunteers will create the iconic Promise Garden in a "view only" format on walk day to honor all those impacted by Alzheimer's.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease - the

sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 16 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In Illinois alone, there are more than 230,000 people living with the disease and 587,000 caregivers.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk).

## School bus safety reminder

MENDOTA - Christopher Dvorak, Regional Superintendent of Schools, is reminding the public how important it is to know and obey school bus laws. All drivers should know that flashing amber lights are a warning the bus is going to stop, and flashing red lights and extended stop arm mean the bus has stopped to load or unload children.

Drivers are required by state law to obey these signals. Dvorak asks everyone to please help protect the children who ride school buses by obeying the law.

## CARL'S QUIZ

Who first proposed the concept of contact lenses?

*The answer to last week's quiz is: Watermelon contains about 92 percent water and 6 percent sugar but is still considered very healthy. Watermelon contains more lycopene than any other fresh fruit or vegetable. Lycopene has been associated with a decreased risk in certain cancers and a reduction in the risk for heart disease. Watermelon is also rich in vitamin C.*

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

## Obituaries

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### Kenneth Kurth - service

MENDOTA - A Mass of Christian Burial for Kenneth Kurth, 84, of Mendota, who died April 10, 2020, will be held at 10:30 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.

### Ann James

HANOVER, N.H. - Ann (Van Etten) James, 94, formerly of Mendota, died at her home on July 31, 2020.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family at Pine Knoll Cemetery, Hanover N.H. Arrangements were under the direction of Rand-Wilson Funeral Home of Hanover, N.H.

Ann was born March 22, 1926 in Mendota to Walcott and Ann (Cavell) Van Etten. She married Ensign Robert Crawford James, USN, at the United States Naval Academy Chapel on June 4, 1949. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include seven children, Rand of Kitty Hawk, N.C., Tia of Hanover, N.H., Brad of Stowe, Vt., Julie of Monroe City, Ind., James of Avon, Maine, Jason of Punta del Este, Uruguay and Vanessa of Cornwall, Vt.; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and a sister.

Ann graduated from Mendota Township High School in 1944; from Stephens College for Women in 1946, majoring in aviation and receiving her private pilot's license; and from Michigan State University in 1948 with a BA in psychology. A Navy wife for 24 years, she helped establish the Upper Valley Hostel (Maynard House), David's House, and Outreach House. She was an active member of the United Church of Christ at Dartmouth College.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Upper Valley Humane Society, 300 Old Route 10, Enfield, NH 03748.

### Dorothy Ferry

CALEDONIA - Dorothy Ferry, 83, of Caledonia, formerly of Mendota, died July 25, 2020.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m. on July 30 at the Brian Mark Funeral Home in Clinton with Pastor Linda Winkelman officiating. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until time of service on July 30 at the funeral home. Burial was at Livingston Cemetery.

Dorothy was born Aug. 16, 1936 in Chicago to Otto and Hilda (Radtke) Lau. She married John "Jack" Ferry on Dec. 16, 1967.

Survivors include one daughter, Laura (Matthew) Lee; one son, Douglas; two granddaughters, Catherine and Elizabeth; one sister, Marlene Lau of Wausau; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother. Dorothy grew up in Mendota surrounded by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Getting her first library card was the greatest achievement of her younger years, as she loved to read. She graduated from Mendota High School in 1954 and then went to work for the telephone company. She met her husband when a friend wanted her to help choose the outside of a stereo because she had good taste, while Jack provided sound technical advice. They started dating shortly after and married in 1967. Dorothy had never traveled much outside of Illinois but within months of marrying, the couple was living in New York while Jack attended engineering school for IBM. Shortly afterward they went to Germany, where they lived for two years. She loved experiencing the different cultures of Europe and loved trying all the food, especially the bread. They returned in 1970, took up residence on the family farm in Caledonia and raised two children.

Dorothy enjoyed the quiet of the farm where she lived for 50 years. She started with big gardens but the gardens got smaller while the flowerbeds got bigger each year. She loved having colorful flowers all around the farm and spent much time taking care of them. She was an avid reader, focusing mainly on women's experiences in World War II and her collection of books on history was extensive. Throughout her life she tried various hobbies, such as quilting and sewing. She helped the quilters at Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church and was proud to help make blankets that would help others who did not have such basic necessities. A long-time member of Jefferson Prairie, she helped plan weddings and funeral lunches, served on council and took part in some circles. She was passionate about helping those less fortunate and always promoted causes such as St. Jude's Children's Hospital and ELCA World Hunger.

She was a member of her local Homemakers group for almost 50 years. She loved garage sales and flea markets. Bargaining over a price was something she became quite good at, as she increased her collection of pitchers and other dishware. She never needed any more dishes but couldn't resist beautifully painted china that matched her decor. She loved to do crossword puzzles, as long as the clues were not about sports or modern entertainment. She liked to watch Dr. Pol and cooking shows (but didn't want to make any of the food). She enjoyed keeping a clean, organized household, going so far as to always iron the pillowcases. Relatives and countless friends will miss her kind, helpful spirit as will her immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to ELCA World Hunger and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please share a memory or a condolence with the Ferry family at [brianmarkfh.com](mailto:brianmarkfh.com).



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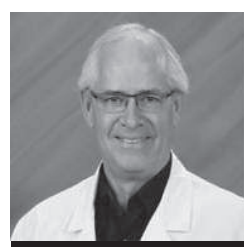
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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Kenneth E. Swanlund

LA MOILLE - Kenneth Eugene Swanlund, 83, of LaMoille passed away July 29, 2020 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 4 at the LaMoille Community United Methodist Church with Pastor Dave Jungnickel officiating. Visitation was held at the church on Aug. 4 from 9:30 a.m. until time of the service. Burial was at Greenfield Cemetery in LaMoille. Social distancing and face coverings were required. Lundquist-Merritt Funeral Home, LaMoille handled arrangements.

Kenneth was born March 22, 1937 in LaMoille to Edgar and Verna (Bauer) Swanlund. He married Sandra J. Riegel on June 1, 1958 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota. She preceded him in death on Sept. 19, 2019.

Survivors include three children, Bradley (Shelley) Swanlund of Peru, Todd (Diane) Swanlund of Arlington Heights and Holly (Michael) Hoffart of Franklin, Tenn.; one grandson, Tyler Swanlund of Chicago; one sister, Dixie (Gary) Anderson of LaMoille; several loving nieces and nephews; and the beloved family cat, Squeaks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and his wife.

Kenneth graduated from LaMoille High School in 1955 and was a lifelong resident of LaMoille. He and Sandra moved to their farm north of LaMoille in 1958. He was a farmer for 48 years, raising corn, soybeans and livestock. He also sold DeKalb seed corn, was a member of the Mendota Moose Lodge and the Bureau County Farm Bureau. He was a lifetime member of the Community United Methodist Church of LaMoille, serving on committees and singing in the church choir for many years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, reading, and visiting with friends over coffee at local establishments in Van Orin and Mendota. He was a member of the Thursday Night Men's Bowling League in Dixon with his brother, Melvin, and enjoyed playing dart ball for the church. He was a Cubs fan and loved nature and animals.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the LaMoille Ambulance Service or the Community United Methodist Church of LaMoille.

## Frank D. Hesik

SUBLETTE - Frank Daniel Hesik, 77, of Sublette passed away July 26, 2020 in his home.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Frank was born May 23, 1949 in Chicago to Frank A. and Mary (Ryan) Hesik. He married Sharon Cunningham on April 1, 1962. She preceded him in death on April 30, 2020.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Hesik of Columbus, Ohio and Edward Hesik of Aurora; three daughters, Tina (Brian) Alberts of Elburn, Sheila (Darrell) Pierce of West Brooklyn and Angie (Jon) Westmaas of Montgomery; two brothers, William (Joan) Hesik of South Carolina and Robert (Cindy) Hesik of Web Lake, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Frank served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Mendota Moose Lodge, the 12th Naval District Honor Guard and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette. He was retired from the State of Illinois. He enjoyed fishing and vacationing with the family in Web Lake, Wis. on Nicaboyne Lake.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.



## Ronald R. Vaessen

SUBLETTE - Ronald R. Vaessen, 80, of Sublette passed away July 31, 2020 at KSB Hospital, Dixon after a six-month illness with his wife and children at his side.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Mass of Christian Burial was private, family only at 11 a.m. on Aug. 5 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette with Father Randy Fronek officiating. Public visitation was from 9 to 10:45 a.m. at the church. A public burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Sublette with military rites by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Masks and social distancing were required by the family. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Ronald was born July 19, 1940 in Spring Valley to Ralph and Della (Pachankis) Vaessen. He married Ruth Ann Schwemlein on Oct. 16, 1965 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota and they were blessed to have 54 1/2 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Julie (Troy) Bryden of Machesney Park; one son, Jared (Laura) Vaessen of Mark; three grandchildren, Jenna Bryden and Luke and Chase Vaessen; and one brother, Neal Vaessen of Sublette.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers-in-law, James Schwemlein and Henry Schwemlein; and one sister-in-law, Donna Vaessen.

Ron was a lifelong resident of Sublette and a 1958 graduate of St. Bede Academy. He worked for Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet for over 44 years as a mechanic and later as a part manager. After retiring, he continued working there part time and also at Vaessen Implement Repair as a parts runner. He served in U.S. Army Reserves from 1962-1968, was a volunteer on the Sublette Fire Department for 33 years and was a lieutenant for part of that time. He was a village trustee on the Sublette Village Board for 18 years and was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church where he sang in the choir for over 50 years. He was a member of JFK Council Knights of Columbus, Mendota. Ron was a loving husband, father and grandpa. He liked to fix things, do photography and videoing and had an interest in trains. He and his wife enjoyed the hobby of railfanning, and this was included in their travels to different states. Many clerks and waitresses will remember him by his joke: Why is a cat on a beach so much like Christmas . . . Sandy Claws!

Memorials may be directed to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette Fire Department, Union Depot Railroad Museum or the donor's choice.

## Eva Jean Cunefare

MENDOTA - Eva Jean Cunefare, 86, passed away Aug. 2, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Graveside services will be private. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Eva was born March 19, 1934 in Waverly, Ky. to Everett and Anna (Wolfe) Russelburg. She married Elmer "Sam" Cunefare on Feb. 16, 1952 in Tiskilwa. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Arlan (Diane) Cunefare of Tennessee and Brian Cunefare of Kansas; one daughter, Connie (David) Beetz of Mendota; 11 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; two sisters, Katherine Christian of Delaware and Phyllis Salsman of Galesburg; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Dale; twin grandsons; her parents; four brothers; and two sisters.

Eva was an avid Chicago Bulls fan. She enjoyed quilting, completing puzzles, cooking, baking, watching her favorite game shows, and spending time with her family. She was a member of Holy Cross Church and Women of the Moose.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services (M.A.S.S.) or OSF Hospice.



## Donald W. Truckenbrod

MENDOTA - Donald Wayne Truckenbrod, 89, passed away peacefully July 21, 2020 to be with his loving wife of 67 years, Marilyn.

A Celebration of Life will be held next summer, 2021. Tribute donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Donald was born June 30, 1931 in Mendota. He married Marilyn Lois Schmidt. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include five children, Gayle (Steve) Stripling, Gary (Carol) Truckenbrod, Carol Kennedy, Karen (Jeff) Petersen and Scott (Kathy) Truckenbrod; one brother, Kent (Diana) Truckenbrod; one sister, Joyce Schmitt; 15 grandchildren, Eric Kennedy, Niki Mayweather, Christy, Cody and Chad Stripling, Joey, Jeremy and Katie Truckenbrod, Alex, Evan and Tori Petersen, and Cassidy, Colby, Shelby and Keeley Truckenbrod; and six great-grandchildren, Maya and Kai Mayweather and Calista, Carson, Asher and Lily Stripling.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one sister, Marilyn Claire.

Donald was raised in Mendota and attended Northern Illinois University. After a short teaching career, he pursued his passion for law and attended Kent College of Law while raising five children. A deeply respected attorney in McHenry County for over 40 years, he was a pillar of the community he served. He was the true measure of a man, a father, husband, and grandfather. He enjoyed telling stories, restoring old cars, trains, and had an infectious laugh that will be dearly missed.

## Evangelina De La Torre

LA SALLE - Evangelina De La Torre, 88, of LaSalle passed away July 30, 2020 in her home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 3 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial will be in Tijuana, Mexico. Visitation was from 4-6 p.m. on Aug. 2 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Evangelina was born Dec. 6, 1931 in Jalisco, Mexico to Saturnino De La Torre and Maria Lupercio. She married Luis Caldera in 1982 in Mexicali B.C., Mexico. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her two daughters Ana M. (Arturo) Bermudez of LaSalle and Angie (Raul) Rosales of Mendota; three brothers, Arturo, Alfonso and Oscar; one sister, Estela; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons and two daughters.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

## Charlotte Corcoran

SAVOY - Charlotte Corcoran, 91, of Savoy, formerly of Earlville, passed away July 28, 2020 at the Champaign Urbana Nursing and Rehab.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 1 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ottawa with Rev. Bruno Byomuhangi officiating. Burial was at St. Columba Cemetery. Visitation was from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 1 at the Mueller Funeral Home, Ottawa. Pallbearers were Kyle Cook, Rick Cook Jr., Mark Corcoran, Brent Goodchild, Duncan Goodchild and Matthew Goodchild.

Charlotte was born April 3, 1929 in LaSalle to Andrew J. and Ellen (Coughlin) Safranski. After her mother died when she was two years old, Charlotte was then raised by loving aunts and uncles in LaSalle. She married Robert J. Corcoran on Nov. 19, 1949 at St. Patrick's Church in LaSalle. He preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 2015 after 65 years of marriage.

Survivors include one daughter, Eileen (Ken) Goodchild of Champaign; two grandchildren, Cynthia Goodchild of Charleston and Brent Goodchild of Orlando, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Jean Safranski of St. Charles; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one sister, Margaret Liss; and two brothers, Edward and Andrew Safranski.

Charlotte was a graduate of LaSalle-Peru High School and worked at Westclox in Peru. She and Robert later settled on a farm south of Earlville, where they farmed for 49 years. During that time Charlotte also worked at Marathon Electric in Earlville for 22 years. When they retired from farming in 1998, they moved into Earlville for 10 years. She was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church, Earlville. In 2008, Charlotte and her husband moved to Savoy to be close to their daughter and family.

Memorials may be directed to St. Matthew Catholic Church Eucharistic Minister Committee, 1303 Lincolnshire Drive, Champaign, IL 61821 or a Catholic Mass.

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chiatric nurse practitioner. The Mendota Elks Lodge #1212 has chosen Thera Schmitt to represent it in this year's pageant. She is the daughter of Erik and Veronica Schmitt of Mendota. She has dark brown hair and brown eyes and stands 5-0.

A 2020 graduate of LaSalle-Peru High School, Schmitt also attended MHS from 2016-2019 where she was a member of the volleyball and bowling teams. She was also a cheerleader, served on Student Council and was a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. While attending L-P, Schmitt was on the bowling team. She was also in the National Honor Society, a Harbor Homeroom Leader and Challenge Day Student Leader.

Schmitt plans on attending Illinois Valley Community College and then transferring to Northern Illinois University. She will pursue a degree in health science specializing in physical therapy.

This summer you will find Schmitt working at Woodhaven Lakes serving ice cream and working the register. She is also plans on taking some summer college course.

In her free time, she enjoys hiking, yoga, and learning Spanish. She also loves watching movies, and learning about and meeting new people.

Schmitt's plans for the future are earning her Bachelor's in Health Science then applying for NIU's DPT program and pursuing a career as a physical therapist.

Anna Bokus will be representing the JFK Knights of Columbus Council #2090. She is the daughter of Michael and Kaela Bokus of Mendota. She stands 5-7 and has blonde hair and blue eyes.

Bokus is a 2020 graduate of Mendota High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society Vice-President and Math Team. She was an honor student for all eight semesters and competed in Academic Challenge and Scholastic Bowl. She was also chosen as an Illinois State Scholar. Bokus played on the volleyball, basketball and softball teams for four years. She received All-Conference honors in all three sports. She also served on Student Council and was Senior Class President. She plans to attend Loyola

University-Chicago College seeking her Bachelor's Degree, specializing in biology or pre-med.

This summer you will find her working at Beck's Ice Cream waiting on customers and making ice cream. She is also giving swimming lessons. Bokus looks forward to spending time with her family and friends before heading off to college this fall.

She enjoys spending time swimming, reading, being with her friends, and traveling. She also likes meeting new people. Bokus added that she loves to volunteer, help others and participate in the St. Jude Run every year.

She plans to graduate from Loyola University with a degree in biology, then go on to medical school to become a pediatric oncologist and work at St. Jude's.

Alison Schlesinger will be representing the Rotary Club of Mendota in this year's pageant. She is the daughter of Tod and Christine Schlesinger. She stands 5-10, and has blue eyes and blonde hair.

Schlesinger graduated from Mendota High School in 2020. She was active all four years in Mendota FFA Chapter, Chapter Officer for three years, 2016-17 Freshman Outstanding FFA Member and 2017-2019 FFA Chapter Scholar. She was also a member of Interact Club, where she was treasurer her senior year, was on Prom Committee, Homecoming Committee and also served as Student Council Vice President.

This summer you will find Alison working at the Mendota Golf Course where she helps with basic course maintenance. She can also be found helping with the family farm. When she's not working, you can find her spending time gardening, reading and writing short stories. She has a few small trips planned to Wisconsin this summer.

Schlesinger plans to attend Illinois Valley Community College in the fall and then transfer to Illinois State University. She is seeking a Bachelor's of Science degree specializing in Agronomy and Agricultural Business.

The Mendota Business and Professional Women have selected Alli Stielow to represent it in this year's pageant. She is the daughter of Shawn and Angie Stielow of Mendota. She has light brown hair and blue eyes, and stands 5-9.

Stielow is a 2020 graduate of Mendota High School. She was a member of the tennis team for all four years. She also was an active member in Interact Club, Student Council, where she served as President, cheerleading, and participated on the yearbook staff as editor-in-chief both junior and senior years.

She will be attending Northern Illinois University in the fall. She plans to earn a Bachelor's degree in human resources.

This summer you will find Stielow working at the front counter at CVS being as a cashier. She will also be spending time with her family and friends.

She enjoys traveling and baking, and especially loves spending time with her family.

Her plans for the future include graduating from Northern Illinois University and pursuing a career in human resources.

The Mendota Lions Club has selected Maren Wise as its candidate for this year's pageant. She is the daughter of Scott and Elizabeth Wise of Mendota. She has hazel eyes and brown hair, and is 5-2.

Wise is a 2020 graduate of Mendota High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, an Illinois State Scholar and a member of the Trojanettes Dance Team. She was a delegate at the 79th Annual American Legion Illini Girls Sate and received the President's Award.

Wise plans to attend Illinois Valley Community College this fall.

This summer you will find Wise working at O'Connell's Jellystone Park. She is also working for the Peru Parks and Recreation Department where she teaches dance fitness. When she isn't working, Wise can be found spending time with her family.

Wise takes a major interest in doing anything related to dance. She participated in the Mendota Just for Kix program where she is also employed as an instructor and teaches ages 3-14 multiples styles of dance.

In her free time, she enjoys restoring furniture, gardening and reading.

Her plans for the future include finding a career path that's rewarding and humbling. She would ideally like to help people and or animals. Wise added that she would like to continue being involved in dance and spending as much time with her family as possible.

## City stays with current electric supplier

MENDOTA—The Mendota City Council held a short regular meeting on Aug. 3. Alderman John Holland presented the electric municipal aggregation supply bids and the council approved a new three-year contract with the current supplier, Dynegy Energy Services. Holland said the new agreement is at a 3.6 percent decrease

from the most recent contract.

Alderman Jay Miller gave details of a license addition request. The Corner Tap was approved for one additional gaming machine.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Aug. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

## IVCC plans virtual express registration Aug. 11

OGLESBY — A Virtual Express Registration event is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 at Illinois Valley Community College.

Students can apply, register, see a counselor and, if necessary, meet with a financial aid representative, said IVCC Director of

Admissions and Transfer Services Quintin Overocker.

"It will be a virtual one-stop shop," said Overocker. "All students need do is call (815) 224-0324. We will direct them to everything they need."

Overocker said up to four counselors are expected to

cover each session. Students can also visit campus in-person during the events and whenever the college is open.

Students unable to pay for fall semester classes beginning Friday, Aug. 14 are encouraged to call Financial Aid at (815) 224-0438.

## Pritzker warns of deep cuts without federal aid

By PETER HANCOCK  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker said Aug. 3 that Illinois faces the prospect of having to make deep spending cuts over the rest of the fiscal year if Congress does not pass an economic relief package that helps states make up for the massive loss in revenue they've seen since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I continue to do my part to make calls, to make sure that people understand that Republican-led states and Democratic-led states all have this challenge of revenues that fell off a cliff because of COVID-19," Pritzker said during a news conference in Springfield.

COVID-19 first appeared in Illinois in January and it quickly spread to all corners of the state, prompting Pritzker to issue a stay-at-home order that virtually shut down major segments of the economy. Similar economic restrictions were imposed in other states as well, although many were less strict than those in Illinois.

As a result, base revenues flowing into state coffers fell during the fiscal year that ended June 30 by a little more than \$1.1 billion.

In May, state lawmakers passed a budget for the new fiscal year that began July 1. That budget was roughly \$5 billion out of balance compared to revenue estimates available at the time, but the plan was to fill in the gap by borrowing from the Federal Reserve and by passage of a proposed constitutional

amendment to allow the state to levy a "graduated" income tax that would impose higher tax rates on higher levels of income.

The budget authorized borrowing roughly \$4.5 billion through the Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility, something the Fed board approved earlier this year as a way to help state and large local governments make up for the loss of revenue they've seen.

In Illinois, the plan was to borrow that money and pay it back with aid that lawmakers expected Congress to approve.

Republicans in the General Assembly argued against that plan, saying it would be unwise to rely on short-term borrowing to balance the budget, especially when it was still unknown what, if any, kind of relief package Congress would authorize in the future.

But Democrats argued that using the Federal Reserve's credit program was the best option available because it enabled the state to continue spending and spurring economic activity at a time when businesses and consumers couldn't.

Now, as negotiations between the Democratic-led U.S. House and Republican-led U.S. Senate have dragged on, many observers say it looks increasingly less likely that the next economic relief package will include aid to states.

Although the House has passed its own version of a relief package that includes about \$500 billion to help

states make up for their lost revenue, the latest Senate proposal does not include such aid.

And as recently as July 23, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told CNBC that, "the president is not going to bail out Chicago and New York and other states that prior to the coronavirus were mismanaged."

Without federal aid, however, Pritzker said Monday that there will be significant cuts and job layoffs in Illinois and throughout the country.

"But this is going to be up to the Congress. They're the ones who have the ability to help us and to help all 50 states with the challenge we all have. But there are going to be layoffs across the country, not just related to state government, but when you don't fund state and local governments you're going to see, and you've already seen to some degree, layoffs," Pritzker said. "Not to mention those who provide services to state and local governments, private companies whose contracts no doubt will be put aside because the money isn't flowing, because we don't have the ability to balance the budget in the way that we had originally intended to."

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## Incinerator Hours

MENDOTA—Incinerator (burn pit) hours for the city of Mendota are as follows:

- Monday — 3 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday — 9 a.m. to noon
- Thursday — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- Friday — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The incinerator is located south of Mendota near the sewage treatment plant.

## Fortune Phrase winner gets \$25 Sullivan's card

MENDOTA — July flew by and with it went The Mendota Reporter's Fortune Phrase game, which concluded for another year. Out of all the correct answers in week four, the one turned in by Bob Schwabenland of LaMoille was drawn to win the \$25 gift card from Sullivan's Foods.

The correct phrase was "The Fortune Phrase Goes Goodbye At The End Of July."

The words were hidden in the following ads:

The — El Zarape Mexican & American Restaurant; Fortune — Reporter-garage sales; Phrase — Reporter — Where is it?; Goes — Sullivan's Foods; Goodbye — Reporter-E-edition; At — Mendota Farmers Market; The — Reporter-classifieds; End — Setchell Agency; Of — Eureka Savings Bank; July — Krenz Dental.

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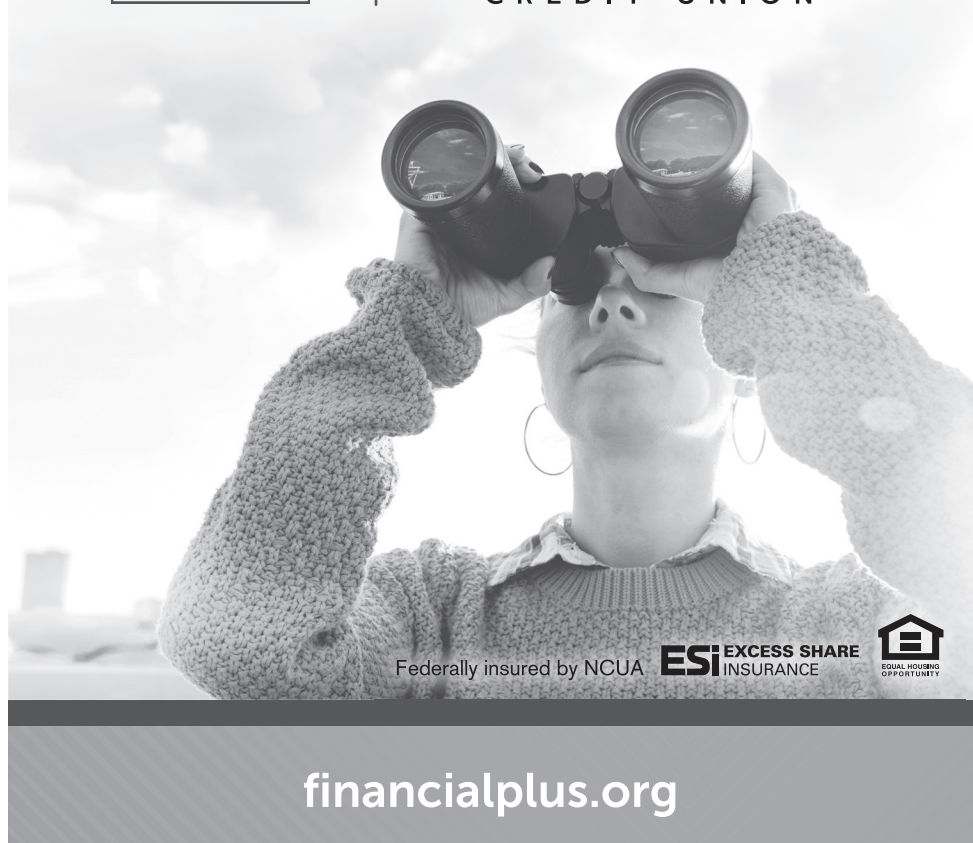
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## Nobody sees the wizard

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – “Nobody gets in to see the wizard. Not nobody, not no how.”

Those words quoting the “Wizard of Oz” hung from the wall of the statehouse office of Tim Mapes.

And they summed up his job nicely. He was the gatekeeper to Mike Madigan, speaker of the House and chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party.

He routinely turned away legislators, lobbyists, businessmen and others seeking an audience with the most powerful politician in Illinois.

But in the wake of a recent plea deal between Commonwealth Edison and federal prosecutors: people are asking: What does Tim Mapes know and what will he say?

There is no indication that Mapes has done anything wrong, but it was the nature of his job to be in the know.

After all, for 26 years, he was Madigan’s chief of staff. And he also was the director of the Illinois Democratic Party – while Madigan was speaker of the House and chairman of the Democratic Party.

Tim Mapes was once one of the most important people in Springfield. But unless you are an inside player in state government, you’ve likely never heard of him.

In the recent plea deal, ComEd 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.

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

That said, it would appear that Madigan is the target of federal prosecutors. And this is why questions have been percolating through Springfield as to whether prosecutors will seek Mapes’ cooperation in pursuing a case against Madigan.

When George Ryan went to prison, it was after his former chief of staff, Scott Fawell, testified against him. When Rod Blagojevich was locked up, it was after his chief of staff Bradley Tusk testified against him.

So, it’s no stretch to assume the feds may be hoping for some cooperation from Mapes or one of Madigan’s other confidants.

“Madigan plays it pretty close to the vest,” Fawell said. “He only has a few people who he tells what he is thinking and Mapes was one of them. I anticipate the feds are going to put pressure on him to see if they can get him to talk. The thing is when you are chief of staff, you’re the go-to guy to get things done.”

Fawell, who was sentenced to more than six years in prison on corruption charges, said the pressure to testify is enormous.

“They will go through your taxes and see if there is anything there that they can prosecute you on. Then they will lean on your friends and family members and threaten them with prosecution if you don’t cooperate. There is a reason the federal government wins 99 percent of its cases.”

Mapes did not return phone calls seeking comment. He has not been accused of any crime.

But all has not been well between Mapes and his former boss.

In 2018, Madigan removed Mapes from his jobs, after he was accused of fostering “a culture of sexism, harassment and bullying that creates an extremely difficult working environment.”

It’s worth noting the sexagenarian was not accused of making sexual advances toward any staff members. Accusations centered on remarks that just a few years before would likely not have resulted in any disciplinary action. He was an early casualty of the #MeToo movement.

Whether the circumstances of his ouster would make him more or less likely to cooperate with federal investigators is not known.

“It’s an extremely isolated position he’s in right now,” Fawell said. “I remember showing up at a golf tournament when the feds were investigating George Ryan. Nobody wanted to talk to me because they feared being subpoenaed. You feel very alone.”

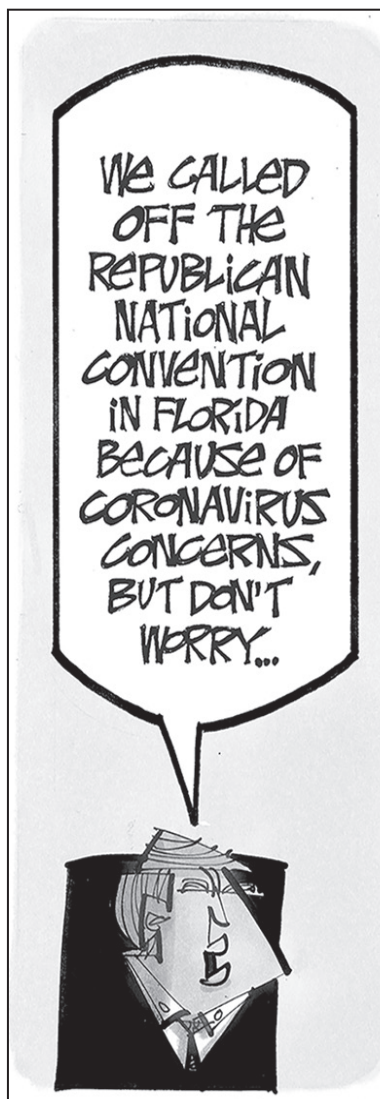
Longtime statehouse reporter and political observer Charles Wheeler III, said he doesn’t anticipate criminal charges being made against Madigan.

“Mike Madigan knows where the line is and he doesn’t cross it. He’s not going to cross it in public and he’s not going to cross it in private when he’s talking to Tim Mapes or anyone else. If the prosecutors had anything on Madigan, they would have already charged him.”

But Fawell said dealing with federal prosecutors is rarely so straight forward.

“I’m not saying that people lie. But after they have been interviewed several times by prosecutors, what they remember being said in a particular conversation can change.”

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



## 30 years of golden ears – 1977 festival

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Aug. 7, 2002)

By Jessica Nashold

The Sweet Corn Festival dominated the news during the early weeks of August 1977. Dave Westerman was general chairman for the second year. The Queen contest was held at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Dawn Bauer was crowned 1977 National Sweet Corn Queen and also served as Tri-County Fair Queen. Runners-up for Sweet Corn Queen were Pam Bias and Karen Whalen. Anita Merriman was 1977 Miss Congeniality. Thirty tons of sweet corn were donated by Del Monte.

On a Focus page, by D.J. Bice, it was reported that the 1977 harvest of sweet corn, locally, started July 21 and would probably be completed Sept. 1. In an interview, Tom O’Donnell, who with his brother John had grown peas and corn for Del Monte for 15 years, stated the 1977 yield of corn had been 5 ½ tons per acre. He said Del Monte corn was “known for its taste and sweetness.”

Free sweet corn from Del Monte was distributed after the big parade, Sunday, Aug. 14. The Holy Cross Mothers Club also sponsored a sweet corn supper at the school that day between 5 and 7 p.m.

Although the customary Saturday night beer garden was rained out, the Sunday beer garden started a little earlier, to make up for it.

During an August Sidewalk Sale, The Mendota Reporter offered new or renewal subscriptions at \$3.50. Impossible to resist, the bargain rate attracted 120 new subscribers and 510 renewals. The names of all these bargain subscribers were published in the Aug. 10 issue.

Following the resignation of Gerald Mezmarich, principal of Northbrook School, the grade school board selected Dr. Harry Vaughan at a special meeting, Aug. 2, 1977. Vaughan had earned his Doctorate in Education at Northwestern University. He had served most recently

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

at a school in River Grove, with an enrollment of 630 and faculty of 40. Vaughan’s salary was to be \$21,000 plus \$1,000 toward moving expenses.

Forster Implement Co. broke ground for a new building on a 15-acre site south of Mendota on Route 51. Jim Forster of DeKalb and Gary Holland had purchased Reeser’s Implement Co. in September 1972. Always the authorized John Deere dealer for this area, increased volume of business dictated the move to a site where expansion was feasible. The new building was to be 80x220 feet, a Butler Pre-Engineered steel structure. Phalen Steel Construction was designer and builder.

Completion – November 1977.

Brandner’s Corral opened a retail store at 711 Illinois Ave. They featured Levi’s for men, women and youngsters.

Fashionette Salon, in the North Main Mart, reported change of ownership. Sharon Funfsinn sold to Rhonda Schmitt and her mother, Olivia Akey.

Diana Shawback, 17, of rural Mendota, maintained a lively correspondence with 71 pen pals in seven foreign countries as well as in the U.S. In August 1977, Kim Bradshaw, 17, a pen pal from England, paid her a visit. Diana was to visit England in the spring. Said Diana –

I can hardly wait.

E. Ben Harrison, a former Mendotan living in Chicago, frequently sent letters to the Reporter editor. A letter published Aug. 10, 1977, records the thinking which preceded his decision to renew his subscription, even an \$9, the rate

for out-of-town subscribers. Citing contributions by D.J. Bice (a real pro), the detailed council news, including “gems” among direct quotes from Mayor Louis Koopersmith, Harrison decided to go for it –

Here is nine of mine for 52 of yours.

Del Monte was advertising Sweet Corn Ensilage at \$1 per ton.

Direct from the Plant.

When Spurgeon’s installed a new air conditioning unit in August 1977, they donated their old unit to the Mendota Fire Department. Jerry Whitmore of Whitmore’s Electric and Jim Wade of Triple Service volunteered to make the installation.

Phil Bailey, director of LaSalle County Civil Defense, let it be known that student architects and engineers would soon be in the area to inspect buildings. If work was needed for “fallout protection,” they would make recommendations.

A number of Mendota boys were privileged to attend Sherwood Youth Camp, sponsored by the Illinois Police Association. The camp was located on 440 acres at Victoria, Ill., 26 miles from Galesburg. In 1977, there were 12 cottages with room for 10 campers and one counselor each. Camp activities included boating, swimming, fishing, archery and target practice. Boys selected by the Mendota Police Department for the two-week outing were Terry and Tom Bowers, Vernon and John Gadd, Brian Schrader, Doug Liedtka and Keith Dias.

Attorneys Fremont M. Kaufman, J. Paul Aplington and Jerome Sigel announced opening of a law office at 900 Washington St. The LaSalle office was at 160 Marquette St. and they also saw clients in West Brooklyn on Thursdays.

## In defense of Liz Cheney

By Rich Lowry

In this summer of Republican discontent, a handful of GOP House members have identified what’s ailing the party: Liz Cheney.

The two-term Wyoming congresswoman, chair of the House GOP Conference and daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney was called out at a conference meeting for myriad alleged sins, including insufficient loyalty to President Donald Trump.

This episode is much more telling about Cheney’s internal GOP critics than Cheney.

She rightly refuses to play by the dumb rule insisted on by MAGA and Never-Trump Republicans from their respective parts of the spectrum, that the only two options are to submit to the president totally or to oppose him totally, with no honorable space in between.

Cheney is a member of Republican leadership, which imposes its obligations, but she hasn’t checked her mind or conscience at the door. She has deeply held views on foreign policy and doesn’t hide them, even when they depart from those of the president.

She has also been a consistent voice for taking the pandemic seriously and wearing masks, and has defended Dr. Anthony Fauci. Can anyone doubt that if Trump had taken her tack, he’d be in a stronger position today?

But some of Cheney’s colleagues are upset with her rather than the president. Her occasional dissents supposedly endanger the project of taking back the House, an absurd notion.

This is a variant of the odd political accounting of the most fervent Trump supporters. By their lights, if, say, the president stumbles his way through a “Fox News Sunday” interview, that’s not the problem. No, the problem is only if someone who is right-of-center points it out.

This logic has put an accent on whispered conversations in the GOP -- even the most vociferous defenders of the president will often admit in private that they are disquieted or even outraged by something Trump has said or done, but won’t dare say it openly.

It is also a way to deflect any responsibility from the president, when, obviously, if the worst comes in November, it will be because of what he did in office, not because Rep. Liz Cheney said it’s a bad idea to pull U.S. troops out of Germany.

Whatever you think of Cheney, she inarguably has a well-thought-out worldview that she defends resolutely and thoughtfully.

The Cheney episode shows how loyalty, or purported loyalty, to Trump is used as a political bludgeon in internal GOP fights.

According to Sen. Rand Paul, who took shots at her in the press after the GOP meeting, “She tries to sabotage everything he tries to do in foreign policy, so I don’t know whether she’s a good advocate for the president.”

But it’s not as though when Paul strongly disagrees with Trump, the senator salutes smartly and marches in lockstep.

The backdrop to the Cheney conflict is a broader fight over foreign policy. At the moment, that takes the form of a struggle to influence Trump’s policy decisions. If the president loses, it will be one of a host of ideological conflicts over the direction of a post-Trump party.

Whichever way it goes, Cheney is going to be a formidable voice, and her willingness to speak her mind, even at times when it is discouraged, redounds to her credit.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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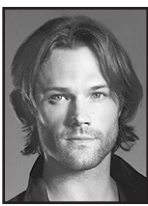
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

**By Dana Jackson**  
Q: Do you know if they're going to finish the final season of "Supernatural" on the CW network? -- **A Reader, via email**  
A: "Supernatural," starring Jensen Ackles and Jared



**Padalecki**

Padalecki, was nearing the end of its run after 15 years on the CW network when the pandemic shut down production. There are seven episodes left, five of them having already been shot earlier this year. The plan is for those last seven episodes to air this fall before Padalecki starts filming his new series, "Walker," which is set to begin production in January. This, of course, all depends on the pandemic. Soap operas like "The Bold and the Beautiful" and "General Hospital" have been among the first shows to re-emerge from the dark. Hopefully more prime-time projects also will begin filming scripts. As for "Walker," it's a remake of the hit series "Walker, Texas Ranger," which aired from 1993 to 2001 and starred Chuck Norris, and it'll be part of

the CW's lineup.  
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Q: What happened to Lucy Lawless? I haven't seen her since she played "Xena." I loved that show. -- **H.M.**  
A: Lawless, who hails from New Zealand, is still acting. After the hit syndicated series "Xena: Warrior Princess" ended almost 20 years ago, Lawless guest starred on countless prime-time shows before landing regular roles on "Battlestar Galactica" from 2005-09 and "Spartacus" from 2010-12. She then tried her hand at comedy -- and succeeded -- with a recurring role as Ron Swanson's (Nick Offerman) wife on "Parks and Recreation."  
Currently, you can catch her in the Aussie crime series "The Code," on the Ovation TV channel. Lawless plays schoolteacher Alex Wisham, whose students are involved in a car accident. Alex has footage on her phone of the crash and shares it with a journalist (Dan Spielman), which leads to terrifying consequences from some political bigshots.  
If this sounds familiar, "The Code" originally aired on the Audience Network and on Acorn TV before debuting Aug. 1 on Ovation TV. For more information, visit [www.ovationtv.com/the-code](http://www.ovationtv.com/the-code).

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Q: My wife and I just finished watching the entire series of "Breaking Bad." It is, without a doubt, the best drama series. Does the show's creator, Vince Gilligan, plan any additional episodes/seasons? -- **J.D.**  
A: "Breaking Bad" starred Bryan Cranston as Walter White, a high-school chemistry teacher who turns to crime, namely making meth, after being diagnosed with terminal cancer. It ended after five seasons on the AMC network, a wise decision by its creator, Gilligan, because it concluded while it was at its most brilliant with one of the best series finales ever.  
Gilligan then created a prequel, "Better Call Saul," which will conclude with its sixth season sometime in 2021. While there are no more episodes of "Breaking Bad," Gilligan did gift fans with the Netflix movie "El Camino," which told what happened to Aaron Paul's character, Jesse, after that terrific "Breaking Bad" finale.  
Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.  
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## Hollywood

**By Tony Rizzo**  
HOLLYWOOD -- Brad Pitt, best supporting actor Oscar winner for "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," has finally chosen his next acting project. It's the action/thriller "Bullet Train," about five assassins on a fast-moving train with only one stop from Tokyo to Morioka. The assassins discover their missions are related. Who will make it off the train, and what's waiting for them at the next station?  
Pitt and his ex-wife Jennifer Aniston are obviously good "friends" again. Reportedly, after going to a protest (over George Floyd's death), Brad visited Jennifer at her home the next day. When he learned she had donated \$1 million to Color of Change, he decided to match her \$1 million donation. Now that's togetherness.  
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Kristen Stewart, best known as Bella in "The



**Stewart**

Twilight Saga," is taking on the persona of Princess Diana in "Spencer" (her maiden name). It will shoot early next year and follow Diana's life over one of her final Christmas holidays at The House of Windsor in the Sandringham Estate. The minute the project was announced it was pre-sold to distributors all over the world.  
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In 1953, Disney spent \$4 million to make the animated film "Peter Pan," which grossed \$87 million and is considered a classic. In 1991, TriStar made the live-action film "Hook," with Robin Williams as Peter Pan and Julia Roberts as Tinker Bell, for \$70 million. It grossed \$300 million. In 2015, Warners got panned for making "Pan," with Hugh Jackman as Captain Hook and Garrett Hedlund as Peter Pan. It cost \$150 million and grossed only \$128 million.  
Undaunted, Disney, now looking for projects for Disney+, has announced it will make "Pan & Wendy," with 12-year-old British schoolboy Alexander Molony and

12-year-old Ever Anderson, daughter of Milla Jovovich and director Paul Anderson (who were star and director of "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter," in which Ever played young Alicia). Hedging its bet, Disney has added Jude Law to play Captain Hook, for star power.  
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Amazon is going first class all the way with the "Lucy & Desi" biopic. It's cast two-time Oscar-winning actress Cate Blanchett to play Lucy, and the screenplay was written by best adapted screenplay Oscar-winner (for "The Social Network") and five-time Emmy Award winner (for "The West Wing") Aaron Sorkin. To add even more credibility to the project, it's being produced by, among others, Lucy and Desi's children, Lucie Arnaz, Luckinbill and Desi Arnaz, Jr. It follows the 20-year marriage of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. The search is on for actors to play Desi, Fred and Ethel. Tough casting, we all love Lucy, but we love "I Love Lucy" more!  
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## Strange But True

**By Lucie Winborne**  
\* Sociologists have discovered an interesting correlation between economic health and women's clothing: The worse the economy, the longer women's skirts become, while the better the economy, the shorter they rise.  
\* Coca-Cola owns all website URLs that can be read as abcs, up to 62 h's.  
\* The world's shortest escalator is the one in the basement of the More's Department Store in the city of Kawasaki, Japan. It's 33 inches tall and has only five steps.  
\* Realizing that surgical antiseptics were marketable to just a small group of professionals, the makers of Listerine began to market the product as a floor cleaner -- as well as a cure for gonorrhea. While we won't necessarily vouch for the latter, in a pinch, just add a capful for every gallon of water and mop away. Other uses include dandruff elimination, deodorant, a numbing agent for toothache pain and tick removal.  
\* The famous Battle of Hastings didn't take place in Hastings, but a town seven miles away, today called Battle.  
\* A 1938 issue of "Mademoiselle" magazine had a handy bit of advice for college gals seeking suitors: have your mom send you some flowers to trick all the boys into thinking they have competition. No word on whether it worked.  
\* According to an American study, Californians are less likely to barbecue on a Tuesday than any other day of the week.  
\* Ferdinand Demara, aka "The Great Impostor," posed as a surgeon aboard a Navy destroyer in the Korean War, where he was forced to operate on 16 people. He proceeded to speed-read a textbook on general surgery and was able to successfully perform all the operations without losing a single patient.  
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Thought for the Day: "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would rather have talked." -- Mark Twain

Answers  
King Crossword  
Solution time: 25 mins.

## • Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Hungary?
2. MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace given to Rose in the movie "Titanic"?
3. TELEVISION: Which TV comedy led to a spinoff series called "The Andy Griffith Show"?
4. HISTORY: The Motion Picture Association of America established modern movie ratings in which year?
5. ADVERTISING: What is the name of the rooster in the Kellogg's Cornflakes advertisements?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many gills are in a pint?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is spumoni?
8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century poet once wrote, "August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time"?
9. BIBLE: How many times did Noah send a dove from the Ark to seek land?
10. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the clavicle?

- Answers
1. Budapest
  2. The Heart of the Ocean
  3. "The Danny Thomas Show"
  4. 1968
  5. Cornelius
  6. Four
  7. A layered Italian ice-cream dessert
  8. Sylvia Plath
  9. Three
  10. Collar bone

## King Crossword

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8 Drag along  
12 That girl  
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24 Famous  
28 Flowering vine  
32 Clinton veep  
33 Standard  
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36 Watch chain  
37 Sister of Osiris  
39 Grump  
41 Eighth Greek letter  
43 Rip  
44 Historic period  
46 Healthy  
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55 Aye opponent  
56 Heap  
57 Carte  
58 Conk out  
59 Choir member  
60 Vail gear  
61 On in years

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1 Norway's capital  
2 Fellow  
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4 Team animals?  
5 Evergreen type  
6 Caviar, really  
7 From the start  
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10 Web address  
11 Albanian money  
17 Coffee break hour  
19 Lemieux milieu

22 Piece of work  
23 1992 presidential candidate  
25 Bean curd  
26 Cupid's alias  
27 Society newbies  
28 Skewer  
29 Launder  
30 One of HOMES  
31 Chills and fever  
35 Dutch Renaissance scholar  
38 Audiophile's setup  
40 Expert  
42 Joan of --  
45 Weaponry  
47 Loosen  
48 Catch red-handed  
49 Changed the color  
50 Hot tub  
51 Painter's medium  
52 Last (Abbr.)  
53 "A mouse!"  
54 Blackbird

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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.)  
If cinema is a feast for the eyes, then cinema about food is ... a four-course meal? A buffet? Well, whatever it is, it's delicious start to finish. If you're feeling hungry for something to pass the time, give these tasty treats a shot.  
"The 100-Foot Journey" -- A cold war over hot food erupts when an Indian family sets up shop across the road -- the titular 100 feet -- from a prestigious French bistro. The French chef, Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren), offers sabotage at every turn, while her protege, sous chef Marguerite (Charlotte Le Bon), slowly falls in love with Hassan (Manish Dayal), the gifted chef of the new Maison Mumbai. Over

time, Madame Mallory recognizes Hassan's talent. As racial tensions between the two groups are addressed, a single savory omelette opens the door to harmony and happiness for all.  
"Ratatouille" -- In this adorable Pixar animated film, Remy (voiced by Patton Oswalt), a foodie rat with a precocious palate, joins forces with Alfredo Linguini, a sympathetic kid whose father just happened to be the late renowned chef Auguste Gusteau -- a believer that "Anyone can cook." Linguini goes to work in Gusteau's Parisian restaurant as a dishwasher, but when Remy figures out how to surreptitiously control Linguini's movements, the pair's creations as a cook create quite a stir, to the dismay of the interloping Chef Skinner, who has been abusing Gusteau's name for marketing. With every dish, you'll be rooting for the tiny chef under the hat.  
"Julie & Julia" -- Amy Adams plays Julie Powell, a New York writer who begins

a blog about cooking all 524 recipes in Julia Childs' "Mastering the Art of French Cooking." Meryl Streep plays Julia Child, whose story is shown in flashbacks from her arrival in Paris with her diplomat husband, attending Le Cordon Bleu to learn about French cooking and ultimately putting together the cookbook and the publishing process. Along the way, we explore cooking as creativity, challenge and character-building.  
"No Reservations" -- A fast-paced and competitive bistro kitchen gets an emotional makeover when head chef Kate (Catherine Zeta-Jones), facing some life challenges, gets a new sous chef (Aaron Eckhart) with a mind, talent and style all his own. It's a rom-com set in a kitchen, and while it's hot and spicy, it's pretty light and easily digestible. Also stars Abigail Breslin and Zoe Kravitz in a supporting role.  
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## POLICE BLOTTER

### SUSPENDED LICENSE, WARRANT ARREST

Andrew J. Chase, 19, of Peru, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Meriden Street and Brownie Lane at 8:20 p.m. July 29. Also, Chase was wanted on a valid Bureau County failure to appear arrest warrant for driving while license suspended. The subject was released with LaSalle County and Bureau County court dates.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Alexis A. Castelan, 20, of Spring Valley, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and East Fourth Road at 6:14 p.m. Aug. 1. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### NO DRIVER'S LICENSE

Jennifer L. Lesley, 47, of Ottawa, was charged with no driver's license after a traffic stop at Fifth Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 1:58 a.m. Aug. 2. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Lilonda S. Brooks, 39, of Chicago, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and East Fourth Road at 9:35 a.m. Aug. 2. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Ashley Hoover, 32, of Mineral Wells, Texas, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Third Street and Ninth Avenue at 12:47 a.m. Aug. 3. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

## Social Security redesigns retirement benefits portal

By Mike Weitz

PERU — We are excited to tell you about our redesigned retirement benefits portal at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement). Keeping you informed about our products and services, and helping you prepare for making decisions that will affect your benefits is very important to us. Preparing for retirement is one of the most important decisions you can make.

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

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Mendota Elementary Dist. 289 releases plan for start of the school year

MENDOTA - Students attending Blackstone, Lincoln and Northbrook schools in Mendota District 289 are scheduled to return to the classroom on Monday, Aug. 24. District 289 has implemented a blended plan for instruction in which students will be in their classroom during the morning hours and then move to remote learning sessions from home in the afternoon.

The plan for the start of the school year will be in effect through Sept. 18 unless circumstances require moving to full remote learning. The district will re-evaluate the blended learning plan on Sept. 18 based upon the COVID situation at that time, the heat/weather conditions, the effectiveness of the current model, and feedback from families and staff. Any changes in the plan will be communicated to parents and staff.

Potential full-day, in-person instruction could begin on Monday, Sept. 21. If the entire district is again closed due to COVID-19, the schools will then move into structured full remote learning.

### District Transition Team

The District 289 transition team was comprised of 22 parents, teachers and administrators. They began meeting on July 6 to plan for fall instruction and the return to school. The team worked through federal, state and health department guidelines, but these guidelines still continue to evolve almost daily. The District Transition Team was responsible for the creation of the plan which balances student and staff safety with best practice instruction.

### District #289 Return to School Plan

District 289 staff will return to schools Aug. 18-21 and students will start in person classes Aug. 24. The district will designate two of the five COVID remote learning plan days for Aug. 20 and 21 for training and preparation (staff attends, but students do not).

The following items were discussed and considered prior to creating this plan: Health, safety, educational needs, educational best practices, state, federal, CDC, and IDPH guidelines, parent input, space, enrollment numbers, weather/heat, and wearing face coverings.

### Daily Schedule

All students K-8 will begin in-person classes on Monday, Aug. 24 from

8 to 11:35 a.m. and then have remote learning daily from 12:35 to 3 p.m. as an extension of their morning instruction. Teachers will be available through email from 12:35 to 3 p.m. to answer questions or provide support. Remote learning will look different for every grade level.

PreK students will be assigned to attend in-person instruction from 8:15 to 10:45 a.m. on either Monday/ Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday. All families will be contacted for start date and assigned days.

Any student with a verified medical need prohibiting participation in this blended learning hybrid plan should contact administration for further information/assistance.

**DROP OFF:** Students may NOT be on school grounds until 7:45 a.m. each day unless they are bus students.

### Social distancing

Mendota elementary school students and staff are encouraged to maintain social distancing (6-foot separation) throughout the school day as much as possible. Each building will work to ensure social distancing. This will include social distancing in the hallways and classrooms. Each classroom will remove all non-essential furniture to help accommodate with social distancing. Signage reminding staff, visitors, and students to maintain social distancing will be placed at all entrances, in classrooms and throughout other common areas. Building staff will review their student pick up and drop off procedures to maintain social distancing. Students will be granted access to their lockers on a staggered basis with direction from their classroom teachers.

### Face Coverings & P.P.E.

Staff and students will be required to properly wear a nose and mouth covering (face covering) in all areas. Face coverings will be worn at all times in all locations. This requirement is subject to change as these guidelines evolve. Gloves or other PPE must be used as needed when assisting students requires close contact. Mendota Elementary District will provide a clear face shield and a face covering to all employees. Employees may also use (and are encouraged to use) their own approved face covering. Students who do not bring their own face

coverings will be provided with one, but are encouraged to provide their own personal face covering.

### Health Screening

Only students and staff who are healthy should report for in-person learning. Students and staff must enter each day through the designated doors which will be equipped with a walk-through touchless temperature scanner. Students and staff showing one or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19 and/or (a fever over 100.4) should remain home and seek additional medical assessment:

- Fever or chills
- Headache
- Cough
- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- A measured temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater
- Nausea or vomiting
- Known close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19

Any student or staff member who begins to exhibit a high fever and COVID-19 like symptoms must report to the designated area, following the building procedure. Students will wear a face covering and will remain in the quarantine area until a parent or guardian picks up the student or alternative transportation home is arranged. Staff will remain in the quarantine area until they are able to leave. These individuals must self-monitor and return to school according to the IDPH guidelines. A doctor's note may be required for staff returning to work.

Staff who has had contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19 must notify their building principal or supervisor immediately and follow IDPH guidelines for self-monitoring and self-quarantine. Students/families who have had contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19 must notify their building principal immediately and follow the IDPH guidelines for self-monitoring and self-quarantine.

### Facilities

All custodial/maintenance staff play a critical role in adhering to school guidelines. The sanitation procedures will include extra sanitation efforts using certified EPA products in both low/high contact areas

including:

- Desks
- Door handles
- Countertops
- Handrails
- Light switches
- Drinking fountains
- Restroom fixtures

Building custodians, maintenance and cleaning personnel will conduct daily cleaning and disinfection. An EPA approved cleaner will be used for disinfection along with our standard cleaning protocols. All frequently touched surfaces (door handles/knobs, desktops/tabletops, countertops, light switches, pencil sharpeners, computer keyboards, phones, toys, sinks and faucets) will be cleaned on a regular basis. Restrooms, hallways, cafeterias, and common areas will be cleaned throughout the day. Soft surfaces such as carpets and rugs will be disinfected daily. Items such as cloth toys or other cloth material items that cannot be disinfected will not be used.

Extra sanitation efforts will occur during evenings and will include the use of a Halo Fogger to sanitize classrooms.

### Training

Each staff member will be required to complete safety training related to our social distancing, face covering and hand hygiene procedures. Each building will provide training to staff that is specific to their unique circumstances. Hand hygiene, wearing face coverings, and social distancing will be included in our curriculum to help educate our students on the importance of proper hand hygiene and personal safety.

Staff will also be provided with training focused on remote learning specifically tied to district curricular platforms. Students will be provided with training focused on remote learning while they are participating in face to face learning.

### Classrooms

#### Pre-Kindergarten (PK) classrooms

All parents will be required to use car line for drop off and pick up.

Classroom areas must be clearly marked to show where to sit, stand or line-up with social distancing as much as possible.

Students will remain with the same classroom group throughout the day, services will take place in the classroom when feasible or remotely.

Common areas must

be clearly marked to show where to stand or line up for 6-foot spacing.

Windows must remain open for increased ventilation as much as possible.

Hand sanitizing must occur whenever anyone enters the classroom.

Classrooms will be cleaned after each use or at least daily.

Do not share school supplies between students or staff.

### Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms

Seating must socially distance as feasible.

Clearly mark common areas and tables to show where to sit, stand or line up for 6-foot spacing.

Students (K-5) will remain with the same classroom group throughout the day and any student needing special services may be pulled out.

Schedule restroom and hand washing breaks to be coordinated throughout the day.

Schedule and coordinate recess by grade level to minimize student mixing.

Hand sanitizing must occur whenever anyone enters the classroom.

Sharing of school supplies between students or staff is not permitted.

Daily cleaning of classrooms.

Stagger transition times.

Schedule/coordinate activities by grade level to minimize student mixing.

### Hallways, Main Office, and Common Areas

Six-foot social distancing when possible.

Require face coverings for staff and students.

Clearly visible signage reminding everyone of social distancing and face coverings usage at entryways, hallways, classrooms, and common areas.

If playground and equipment is eventually used, it will be cleaned after each use.

Provide access to building by authorized personnel only. Visitors will be as needed only and will be restricted to a main office area (clearly visible signage at each entryway).

Restrict students to specific areas as identified by the building principal.

Clean high-touch areas throughout the day.

### School Closure Plan

Mendota elementary schools must be prepared for a short-term closure, regardless of community spread, if an infected person has been in a school building. If this happens,

the CDC recommends the following procedures regardless of the level of community spread.

### Coordinate with local health officials

Once learning of a COVID-19 case in someone who has been in a school, Mendota schools will immediately notify local health officials. These officials will help administrators determine a course of action for the classroom school and programs.

The school superintendent will notify the LaSalle County Health Department of the positive case of COVID-19.

The two entities will collaborate to confirm the positive COVID-19 case and to what degree the Mendota elementary schools Positive Case Plan will be implemented.

### School Dismissal for a Suspected or Positive COVID Case

The school, grade level or classroom will be dismissed for 3-14 days depending on specifics of exposure. The initial short-term dismissal allows time for the school and the local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school. Local health officials will help the school determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.

Schools are not expected to make decisions about dismissal or canceling events on their own. Mendota elementary schools along with the LaSalle County Health Department recommendations for the scope (e.g., a single school, multiple schools, or the full district) and duration of school dismissals will be made on a case-by-case basis using the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and the specific cases in the community.

During any school dismissal, all extracurricular group activities, school-based afterschool programs, and large events (assemblies, music events, and sporting events) will be cancelled.

During any COVID school closure, staff, student, and their families are discouraged from gathering or socializing anywhere. This includes group childcare arrangements.

If a particular school building or the entire district is closed due to COVID, the district will then move into structured full remote learning.

## Kishwaukee College collaborating with Rockford University to offer degree completion opportunities

MALTA - Rockford University has announced its partnership with three regional community colleges - Highland Community College, Kishwaukee College and Rock Valley College - to provide a flexible, seamless option to transfer college credits or an associate degree (A.A., A.S., or A.A.S.) toward a bachelor's degree in business management or accounting.

The collaboration between the institutions facilitates the easy transfer of credits from the community college to the degree completion program at the PURI School of Business at Rockford University. Community colleges are often where students begin their higher education, earning general education credits and exploring interest in a particular major.

"Rockford University has long-standing partnerships with our regional community colleges," noted Dr. Eric Fulcomer, president of Rockford University. "We believe this collaboration is good for our students and the region as it provides another path to a bachelor's degree."

Chris Kuberski, president of Highland Community College said as part of their strategic plan, Highland has emphasized strengthening partnerships with other educational institutions in an effort to expand educational pathways for students. "Our programs provide a solid foundation, and we're happy to facilitate the transfer of students' credits to the next step in their education and career. We appreciate our partnership with Rockford University and how it intersects with our goals as an institution," he added.



Established partnerships make the transfer of earned college credits easy and pave the way for more students to earn bachelor's degrees. "Many of our students start their education at Kishwaukee College and then choose to continue their education after completing their degree with us," stated Dr. Laurie Borowicz, president of Kishwaukee College. "The partnership with Rockford University provides an opportunity for students to seamlessly transfer to a bachelor's degree program, without losing time or credits."

Ron Geary, VP and chief academic officer at Rock Valley College, said some of the hurdles and red tape are being removed. "Collaborations with our four-year partner institutions help us better advise and prepare students for success, and Rockford University's willingness to accept all associate's degrees - even those in applied science - opens up opportunities for a large percentage of our student body," he said.

With more students interested in completing degrees to advance their careers, Rockford University's PURI

School of Business is innovating ways to put a bachelor's degree in business or accounting more easily within reach for adults juggling school, work, and families. In addition to this collaboration, Rockford University's degree completion program is now offering experienced workers the opportunity to apply up to 25 credit hours of documented work training programs toward a degree in business management or accounting studies. For students with real-world, valuable skills and training to translate, this saves both time and money, allowing student to more quickly earn that next promotion and career-long success.

The collaboration with community colleges, credit for documented work training, multiple start dates every five weeks, and hybrid online and face-to-face classes are just some of the ways Rockford University is meeting the needs of today's non-traditional college students.

"The students enrolling in our degree completion program are different than our traditional college students," said Dr. Mandolen Mull, director of the Adult Degree Completion Program at Rockford University. "They have demanding jobs, families, and other obligations to manage and yet still need to unlock their career and earning potential by developing skills and earning their bachelor's degree. We're proud to have created a unique program just for them and continue to find ways to adapt to meet their needs."

Rockford University's degree completion program is accepting applications year-round.

## Free soil health presentation planned

FRANKLIN GROVE - Franklin Creek Conservation Association has scheduled a soil health presentation to be given by Jim Isermann, field manager for Soil Health Partnership.

The event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 16 from 5-7 p.m. Isermann will show how successful farmers are working to improve soil health and environmental outcomes while maintaining profitability and reducing inputs.

Registration is free but is required to attend. To register, call the Grist Mill at (815) 456-2718.

The presentation will meet at Sunday's Shelter, which is located in Franklin Creek State Natural Area. Due to COVID-19, masks will be required at the presentation when physical distance cannot be maintained.

## Storybook Trail grand opening set at Franklin Creek State Natural Area

FRANKLIN GROVE - Franklin Creek Conservation Association invites the public to join it for light snacks and refreshments at Franklin Creek State Natural Area on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to attend this celebration of the completion of the Larry Dunphy Memorial Storybook Trail featuring the children's book Miss Maple's Seeds.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, guests are required to register if they plan to attend. Reservations are limited to 50 people for each slot. There are two time slots to choose from (9-10:30

a.m. or 10:45 a.m.-noon). Links to register are on the association's website at franklincreekconservation.org and on its Facebook page.

During the event guests will have the opportunity to help choose the next featured storybook on the trail. There will also be a reading of Miss Maple's Seeds for each group. Those interested in attending should register by Aug. 13. Masks and physical distancing are required at all FCCA programs and events.

For other programs and events at Franklin Creek, refer to the calendar on its website.



# SPORTS

## IHSA Board approves modified sports schedule for the 2020-21 school year

❑ Football, volleyball, boys' soccer moved to 'spring sports' season starting Feb. 15

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for a special meeting on July 29, 2020, where the Board announced its intended plans for the 2020-21 school year. The plan has been sent to the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) for final approval.

“This plan, like nearly every aspect of our current lives, remains fluid,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “Changes may come, and if they do, we will be agile while putting safety and students first. It was important that we provide a framework today for our student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and officials to begin preparing for the 2020-21 school year.”

The COVID-19 pandemic led the Board to propose unprecedented scheduling changes for the 2020-21 school year. They include playing all sports over the course of truncated fall, winter, spring, and summer seasons. As a result, several team sports will shift to new seasons, including football, boys' soccer, and girls' volleyball moving from the fall to the spring.

“I applaud our Board of Directors for choosing a model that allows every student-athlete the opportunity for a modified season,” said Anderson. “Based on our recent conversations, it is our expectation that today's plan meets all of IDPH's safety guidelines and will be approved.”

IHSA boys' and girls' golf, girls' tennis, cross country and girls swimming & diving will remain as fall

sports, and can proceed to start on Aug. 10 as scheduled. Per Governor Pritzker's announcement on July 29, fall sports will begin with competition limited to conference opponents and other schools in the same general geographical area. Schools will be provided more details in the coming week about the scheduling limits, and scheduling will continue to be assessed throughout each season. The condensed 2020-21 season dates will be as follows:

- Fall: Aug. 10 to Oct. 24
- Winter: Nov. 16 to Feb. 13
- Spring: Feb. 15 to May 1
- Summer: May 3 to June 26

“The Board believes this plan offers the most realistic chance for student-athletes to participate in interscholastic sports while balancing the challenges of a new academic setting and IDPH Guidelines,” said Erie High School Principal and IHSA Board President Tim McConnell. “We are an education-based athletic association, and school has to come first. By delaying the majority of the team sports in the fall, it will allow our schools and students the chance to acclimate to what will be, for many, a totally new educational experience. We will do our best to try to give every student-athlete the opportunity for a season this school year.”

State Series tournament decisions will be made on a sport-by-sport basis as each season progresses, but providing postseason opportunities remains a priority of the Board. This could potentially include culminating State Series Tournaments after Regional or Sectional rounds, or

seeking other non-traditional means to conduct events.

“I understand that today's announcement will be met with mixed emotions,” said Anderson. “Our staff and Board have heard from thousands of people over the past few weeks with ideas, opinions, and proposals on how we should proceed. We respect and understand their passion, because we share in it. It is a great reminder that if we want high school sports to return to normal, we all need to do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19.”

The Board also extended the current Phase 4 Return To Play Guidelines, which will allow sports slated to be played in the winter, spring and summer seasons to allow an additional 20 days of contact for schools between Sept. 7 and Oct. 31 following IDPH Phase 4 Guidelines.

The Board also verified that IHSA by-laws do not prevent schools who are conducting remote learning from participating in IHSA sports and activities. Participation will remain a local school and district decision, regardless of the learning plan a high school is utilizing.

The Board discussed IHSA activities for the 2020-21 school year but did not take any action. The IHSA's activity offerings include Bass Fishing, Chess, Debate, Drama & Group Interpretation, Individual Events, Journalism, Music & Scholastic Bowl.

“We believe we can still offer many of our activities via virtual contests,” said Anderson. “The Board has asked our staff to investigate those possibilities, and we will

report back soon on if and how each can be held.”

Keegan Hill, Mendota varsity football coach, said he fully understands the decision of the IHSA Board to move football to a February start.

“The opportunity to play football this spring will be different but considering the circumstances it is the safe play,” said Hill. “The players and coaches have had a very productive summer together while following the state guidelines.”

“The early communication is a seven-game regular season. The postseason format has yet to be released/finalized. If we can work together and have a safe school year where everyone gets a chance to compete in their sport(s) of choice, that will be great for everyone involved, especially the student-athletes.”

Further details on items such as sport season and practice limitations will be released to IHSA schools following IDPH approval of the plan.

The new IHSA schedule for the 2020-21 school year is as follows:

**FALL SPORTS (Aug. 10-Oct. 24)** – boys' and girls' golf; girls' tennis; boys' and girls' cross country

**WINTER SPORTS (Nov. 16-Feb. 13)** – boys' and girls' basketball; wrestling; cheerleading; dance; boys' and girls' bowling.

**SPRING SPORTS (Feb. 15-May 1)** – football; boys' soccer; girls' volleyball.

**SUMMER SPORTS (May 3-June 26)** – baseball; softball; boys' and girls' track & field; girls' soccer; boys' tennis.

## IESA reinstates most fall sports

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois Elementary School Association Board of Directors once again held a special meeting to discuss the status of fall sports and all IESA activities for the 2020-21 school year. The meeting was convened as a result of the announcement by Governor Pritzker on July 29 regarding youth sports.

During its meeting on July 23, the IESA Board made the decision to cancel the fall activities of golf, softball, baseball, and cross-country. That decision was based on the information the Association had at the time of the meeting. The All Sports Guidance document that was recently released from the Governor's Office placed the sports of golf, softball, baseball, and cross-country in the “lower risk” category. Sports in that category can hold practices and interscholastic games. As a result of these four sports being recategorized to lower risk and with interscholastic competitions being allowed, the IESA Board for Directors has approved a plan for the return of regular season contests in these activities and a limited state series.

Softball, baseball, and cross-country teams were allowed to begin their practices on Aug. 3 and they may conduct their first game or contest on Aug. 15. Please note that competitions may not be held before Aug. 15. This means that contests previously scheduled to start before Aug. 15 will need to be cancelled. This start date is mandated by the Governor's Office. Girls' basketball has been moved to the spring, with practice starting March 8. A copy of that document is available at this link: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/sfc/servlet.shepherd/document/download/069t-000000CyCndAAF?operationContext=S1>

A regional only level of the state series for softball and baseball will be held the week of Sept. 21 and a sectional only level for cross-country will be held sometime between Oct. 10-17. A sectional only level for golf will be held on Sept. 9.

Additionally, the Board approved a plan for modified seasons in all remaining IESA sports and activities. The purpose of the plan is to provide schools, administrators, coaches, parents, and officials with a general framework for their sports and activity programs in the 2020-21 school year. It is a very fluid plan and circumstances/guidelines/mandates may change any part of the plan at any time. The plan is available at this link: <https://www.iesa.org/temp/IESAAAlternativePlan.pdf>

Statement from IESA executive director Steve Endsley: “I speak for the Board when I say they do not like to reverse decisions. In this case, the Board believed the information that became available after their initial decision on July 23 warranted a review of that decision. Ultimately, the Board approved the resumption of a regular season in the sports deemed lower risk and a plan for the remainder of the school year. It is important to remember that the 2020-21 school year is not going to be the same as previous years. We are hopeful that the remainder of the sports and activities will be held. Currently, the majority of those activities have been deemed as medium or high risk. The Board felt that the plan they approved provides direction and a blueprint should we be able to move forward. This is the world in which we live today where things change daily. If we want our student-athletes to have the benefits that the privilege of participating in education-based activities provide, everyone has to be accountable for following all mandates and requirements.”

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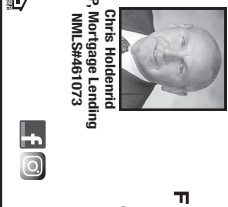
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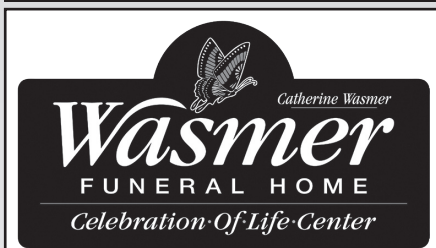
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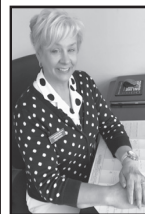
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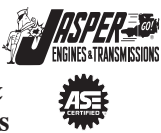
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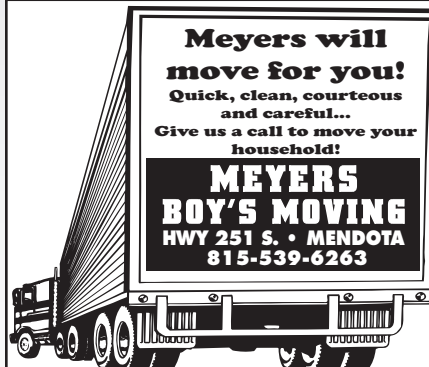
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### Preschool (3-year-old class)

- 1 Book bag (regular size, easily accessible)
- 2 Folders (plastic) \*\*\*
- 2 Extra sets of clothes in a Ziploc bag (1 warm & 1 cold weather, each with socks) \*\*\*
- 1 Roll paper towels - optional
- 1 Box Jumbo Crayons - 8 count
- 1 Paint smock/old T-shirt
- 2 Dry erase markers, EXPO, fine tip
- 1 Water bottle with drinking straw attached that closes & seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
- PLEASE LABEL EACH ITEM WITH NAME

### Preschool (4-year-old class)

- 1 Book bag (regular size, easily accessible)
- 2 Boxes of crayons (8-10 count only)
- 2 Boxes facial tissues
- 1 Box of washable markers (Crayola)
- 2 Folders (plastic)
- 2 Extra sets of clothes in a Ziploc bag (1 warm & 1 cold weather, each with socks) \*\*\*
- 1 Paint smock/old T-shirt
- 2 Dry erase markers, EXPO, fine tip black
- 1 Water bottle with drinking straw attached that closes & seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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### Kindergarten

- 4 Boxes facial tissue (150 count)
- 2 Erasers – Pink Pearl
- 1 Book bag – regular size (not preschool size)
- 2 Boxes of 12 Ticonderoga pencils (#2 lead) sharpened
- 1 Large zippered pencil case
- 4 Boxes Crayola large-size crayons (8 count, basic colors)
- 2 Boxes colored markers (8) (FAT, basic colors)
- 1 Crayon/pencil box (plastic - no handle or zipper)
- 1 Scissors (rounded tip) Fiskars brand
- 2 Large **Elmer's** glue sticks
- 1 Paint smock (large adult T-shirt is best, easy on/easy off)
- 1 Bath towel (for rest period - no mats or beach towels)
- 2 Folders with pockets (pockets should be on the **bottom**)
- 1 3-ring binder (**to be purchased from teacher**)
- 1 Box Ziploc baggies GALLON SIZE
- 1 Wireless computer mouse
- 1 Small earbuds
- Tennis shoes for gym
- Shorts or tights under jumpers and skirts
- 1 Water bottle with drinking straw attached that closes & seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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### Grade One

- 1 Rosary
- 1 Book bag/back pack
- 2 Boxes of crayons 16 or 24 count (basic colors)
- 2 Boxes of 12 “Black Barrel Ticonderoga Pencils” (#2 lead), sharpened
- 2 Erasers (Pink Pearl)
- 2 Boxes facial tissue (150 count)
- 1 Box Ziploc bags – quart size
- 1 Paint smock/old shirt
- 1 Large zippered pencil case
- 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 Box colored markers (8 count, basic colors)
- 1 Scissors (rounded tips)
- 8 Glue sticks (Elmer's) (0.77 oz.)
- 3 Book covers (jumbo size)
- 4 Dry erase markers, black fine tip
- 2 Folders with pockets (one red, one blue)
- 1 Wireless computer mouse
- 1 Small ear buds
- Gym shoes
- Shorts for girls (when wearing uniform jumpers or skirts)
- 1 Water bottle that seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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### Grade Two

- 1 Rosary
- 1 Paint smock/old shirt
- 1 Book bag/Back pack
- 3 Boxes 12 Ticonderoga Pencils (#2 black lead), sharpened
- 2 Boxes of crayons (24 count)
- 2 Erasers (Pink Pearl)
- 4 Boxes Kleenex facial tissue
- 6 Folders with pockets (at least one of each color – red, blue, green, yellow)
- 1 Package of loose leaf paper
- 2 Composition notebooks
- 1 Large zippered pencil case
- 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 Scissors (pointed tips)
- 1 Large bottle Elmer's Glue All
- 4 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 Box fat markers Crayola brand
- 2 Yellow highlighters
- 1 Box skinny markers Crayola brand
- 1 Box colored pencils (basic colors)
- 1 Spacemaker pencil box (no handle)
- 1 Box Ziploc bags – quart size
- 4 Dry erase markers, Expo black chisel tip
- 4 Book covers
- Gym shoes
- Shorts for girls (when wearing uniform jumpers or skirts)
- 1 Wireless computer mouse
- 1 Small ear buds
- 1 Water bottle that seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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### Grade Three

- 1 Rosary
- 1 Book bag/Back pack
- 4 Boxes facial tissues
- 7 Folders with pockets (pockets on bottom, no black, no glitter)
- 1 Package loose-leaf paper – white, wide rule
- 1 Paint smock/old shirt
- 2 Boxes 12 Black Barrel Ticonderoga Pencils (#2 lead) sharpened
- 6 Pens (red ballpoint)
- 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 Scissors (pointed tips)
- 1 Bottle white glue
- 1 Elmer's glue stick (.77oz)
- 1 Box Ziploc bags – gallon size
- 2 Yellow highlighters
- 2 Black Sharpies, fine point
- 4 Book covers (jumbo size)
- 2 Boxes of crayons (24 count)
- 2 Erasers (Pink Pearl)
- 2 Large zippered pencil cases
- 1 Box fat markers (8 count, basic colors)
- 4 EXPO dry-erase markers, **fine** (any color)
- 1 Box colored pencils (8 basic colors)
- 1 Space maker pencil box (NO handle)
- Post it notes, 2 X 2-inch
- Gym shoes
- Shorts for girls (when wearing uniform jumpers or skirts)
- 1 Wireless computer mouse
- 1 **Small ear buds** that fit in pencil case - size is a must
- 1 Water bottle that seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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### Grade Four

- 1 Rosary
- 1 Book bag/back pack
- 1 Box colored markers (8 or more)
- 1 Box colored pencils (24 or more)
- 1 Box of crayons (24 count)
- 3 Boxes of facial tissue
- 3 Folders with pockets (pocket should be on the bottom)
- 1 Package loose leaf paper (WIDE RULE-WHITE ONLY)
- 3 ZIPPERED pencil cases
- 1 Box 12 Black Barrel Ticonderoga pencils (#2 lead) sharpened
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 6 Pens (red ballpoint)
- 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 Scissors (pointed tips)
- 1 Bottle white glue
- 1 Elmer's glue stick (.77oz)
- 3 Book covers (jumbo size)
- 2 Erasers (Pink Pearl)
- 1 Composition notebook

- 1 Protractor
- 1 **Small ear buds** that fit in pencil case - size is a must
- 1 Paint smock/old shirt
- Gym shoes
- Shorts for girls (when wearing uniform jumpers or skirts)
- 1 Package 4 X 6 notecards
- 1 Computer mouse
- 1 Water bottle that seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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### Grade Five

- 1 Rosary
- 1 Book bag/back pack
- 1 Box Crayola colored pencils (8 or more)
- 1 Box Crayola crayons (16 or more)
- 1 Set colored markers (8 or more)
- 1 Eraser (Magic Rub or Pink Pearl)
- 1 Accordion type folder with at least 9 sections
- 3 Boxes of facial tissues (150 count each)
- 6 Pencils (#2 black lead) (*more during the year*)
- 4 Blue or black pens (*more during the year*)
- 2 Red pens (*more during the year*)
- 1 Loose-leaf paper (white/wide rule) (*more during year*)
- 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 Scissors (pointed tips)
- 5 Glue sticks
- 1 Bottle Elmer's glue
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Black Sharpie permanent markers (fine & ultra-fine tip)
- 1 Zippered pencil case (no boxes)
- 2 Packages 3 X 3-inch Post It notes
- 4 Composition notebooks (**not spiral bound**)
- 1 **Small ear buds** that fit in pencil case - size is a must
- 3 Jumbo book covers
- Gym shoes
- Shorts for girls (under skirts, for PE)
- Deodorant
- Computer mouse
- 1 Water bottle that seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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### Grade Six

- 1 Rosary
- 1 Book bag/back pack
- 1 Calculator (Scientific, about \$12)
- 1 Box Crayola colored pencils (8 or more)
- 1 Box Crayola crayons (16 or more)
- 1 Set colored markers (8 or more)
- 1 Eraser (Magic Rub or Pink Pearl)
- 1 Accordion type folder with at least 9 sections
- 3 Boxes of facial tissues (150 count each)
- 4 Pencils (#2 black lead) (*more during the year*)
- 2 Blue or black pens (*more during the year*)
- 2 Red pens (*more during the year*)
- 1 Loose-leaf paper (white only/wide rule) (*more during the year*)
- 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 Scissors (pointed tips)
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Bottle Elmer's glue
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Black Sharpie permanent markers (fine & ultra-fine tip)
- 1 Zippered pencil case (no boxes)
- 1 Package 3 X 3-inch Post It notes
- 4 Composition notebooks (**not spiral bound**)
- 1 **Small ear buds** that fit in pencil case - size is a must
- 2 Jumbo book covers
- Gym shoes
- Shorts for girls (under skirts, for PE)
- Deodorant
- Computer mouse
- 1 Water bottle that seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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### Grade Seven & Eight

- 1 Rosary
- 1 Book bag/back pack
- 1 Calculator (Scientific, about \$12)
- 1 Box crayons (16-24 count, can be from last year)
- 1 Box colored markers (8 or more)
- 1 Package colored Sharpie markers (optional)
- 2 Black Sharpie permanent markers (fine and ultra-fine point)
- 1 Box colored pencils (8 or more, can be from last year)
- 1 Eraser (Pink Pearl)
- 4 Boxes facial tissue (150 count each)
- 1 Accordion type folder (at least 9 sections)
- 1 Package loose-leaf paper (white only, not reinforced hole)
- 2 Single subject notebooks (for science & social studies)
- 2 Pencil cases (zippered); no space makers
- 4 Red pens (*more during the year*)
- 4 Pencils (#2 black lead - mechanical preferred) (*more during the year*)
- 4 Pens (BLACK OR BLUE ONLY!) (*more during the year*)
- 1 Protractor (clear or see-through)
- 1 Ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 Scissors with pointed tips
- 1 Unopened package of highlighters
- 2 Glue sticks (0.77)
- 3 Jumbo size book covers (new ones if current ones have holes)
- 1 **Small ear buds** that fit in pencil case - size is a must
- Gym shoes
- Shorts for girls (under skirts, for PE)
- Deodorant
- Computer mouse
- 1 Water bottle that seals
- 3 Face masks
- 3 Wet Ones hand/face wipes - if available (NOT Clorox)
- 3 Containers Clorox wipes - if available
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will end.  
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your will does not mean that I am  
actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to  
please you does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all  
that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything  
apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this you will  
lead me by the right road, though I  
may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost and  
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Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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1. Is the book of Romans in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 8, who tried to buy the Holy Spirit after he saw people receiving it from the apostles?  
Stephen, Timothy, Caiaphas, Simon
3. With whom did Lot escape the city of Sodom before it rained down brimstone and fire?  
Wife, Son, Two daughters, Three friends
4. In 2 Kings 9, who was thrown from a window and struck the ground dead?  
Hezekiah, Jezebel, Joash, Abner
5. From Genesis 2:12, which was good and found in Eden?  
Sapphires, Rubies, Diamonds, Gold
6. Who was the wife of Joseph?  
Tamar, Rebekah, Asenath, Taphanes

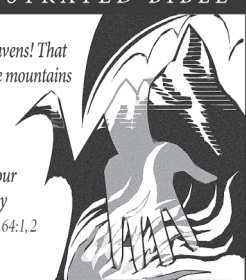


ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Simon; 3) Two daughters; 4) Jezebel; 5) Gold; 6) Asenath

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#### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That  
You would come down! That the mountains  
might shake at Your presence  
as fire burns brushwood,  
as fire causes water to boil,  
to make Your name known to Your  
adversaries, that the nations may  
tremble at Your presence! Isaiah 64:1, 2*



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## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

### 7-8-2020 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF MENDOTA-TROY GROVE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, LaSalle County, Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared, in tentative form a Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance and the Secretary of this Board has made available to public inspection. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MENDOTA-TROY GROVE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following is an estimate, by source, of the expected receipts and revenues of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District General, Insurance and Audit Funds, for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021:

Estimated Cash Balance May 1, 2020:	
Checking Account	\$1,985.80
Money Market	\$74,311.93
	\$76,297.73

Anticipated Revenues and Receipts	
Real Estate Tax Revenues	\$170,000.00
Replacement Tax Revenues	40,000.00
Hose and Equipment (Grant)	10,000.00
Interest On Deposits	100.00
Special Insurance Tax Levy	15,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	20,000.00
Total Anticipated	
Revenue and Receipts	\$255,100.00
Total Cash Balance & Anticipated	
Revenues & Receipts	\$332,397.73

Section 2. That the following sums of money be and they are hereby budgeted and appropriated for corporate purposes for the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, a Fire Protection District in LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021 for the following purposes:

Administrative and Operating Expenses:	
Intergovernmental Ambulance Agreement with City of Mendota	9,000.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	12,000.00
Fire Insurance & Property Floater	10,000.00
Building, Liability, misc. insurance	40,000.00
Office supplies & postage	500.00
Membership & Dues	500.00
Publishing & filing fees	2,000.00
Annual audit	3,000.00
Compensation of Trustees	7,000.00
Legal Secretary	3,000.00
Legal expense	4,000.00
Chiefs salaries	8,000.00
Schools & seminars	5,000.00
Contract with Mendota Fire	8,000.00
Clothing allowance	12,000.00
Contracts with City of Mendota	10,000.00
Salaries/contract labor	30,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses	40,000.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATING EXPENSES	\$204,000.00
Equipment Expense:	
Fire & Safety equipment & vehicles	600,000.00
Fuel, oil for Trucks	20,000.00
Protective Equipment	20,000.00
Maintenance & repairs to equipment	20,000.00
Supplies	10,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT EXPENSE:	\$670,000.00
Building Expense:	
Fire Station improvements	10,000.00
Operation & Maintenance on Fire Stations	10,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSE:	\$20,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET & APPROPRIATION-GENERAL FUND	\$894,000.00
EXPECTED CASH BALANCE APRIL 30, 2021	\$200,000.00

Section 3. The Trustees shall have the power and authority during the aforesaid Fiscal Year from time to time, as in their judgment may be necessary, to make transfers among the various line item appropriations for the purpose of meeting exigencies that may arise during the year to the extent permitted by law.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 7-8-2020 and shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation in the Mendota-Troy Grove Fire Protection District, LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, within thirty (30) days of the date hereof. The newspaper shall furnish a certificate of publication to the Secretary of the Fire Protection District, which certificate shall be placed in the official records of the Fire District and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after ten (10) days from its publication.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, LaSalle County, Illinois, on the 8th day of July, 2020, and was filed with the Secretary of said Fire Protection District the same date. The vote of said Ordinance being as follows:

AYES: 2  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

*Barry Sutton*  
Barry Sutton

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois.

Approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Fire Protection District of LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, this 8th day of July, 2020.

*Daryl Sondgeroth*  
Daryl Sondgeroth

President of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, LaSalle County Illinois  
No. 0802  
(Aug. 5, 2020)

## NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 13, 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as RRH Remodeling and Construction located at 903 5th St., Mendota, IL 61342.

DATED July 13, 2020  
Robert Havenar  
Applicant

No. 0705  
(July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2020)

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LASALLE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
ELAINE MARIE )  
SETCHELL, )  
DECEASED )

NO: 2020-P-000020

## CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of ELAINE MARIE SETCHELL of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 23, 2020, to CAROL SETCHELL RAMER whose address is 4266 E 4th Road Mendota, IL 61342 as INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 West Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the Executor or both, on or before January 23, 2021, which date is not less than six months from date of first publication. Any Claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated the 15th day of July, 2020.  
Carol Setchell Ramer  
4266 E 4th Road  
Mendota, IL 61342  
Telephone: (815)539-5321  
No. 0706  
(July 22, 29, and August 5, 2020)

## NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 14, 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Laresa Child Care located at 1144 2nd St., LaSalle, IL 61301.

DATED July 14, 2020  
Teresa Phillips  
Applicant

No. 0707  
(July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2020)

## 113 FINANCIAL

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DATED July 14, 2020  
Willie Sutton  
Applicant

No. 0708  
(July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2020)

### CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

No. 2020-P-128

## CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of RICHARD T. THOMPSON of 280 North 2619th Road, Peru, Illinois 61354. Letters of Office were issued on July 28, 2020 to MARK A. THOMPSON, 438 North 2209th Road, Oglesby, Illinois 61348, as independent administrator, whose attorneys are DOUGLAS B. OLIVERO & ASSOCIATES, 1615 Fourth Street, Peru, Illinois 61354.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. If claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, then claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within three months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. A copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address. DOUGLAS B. OLIVERO & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys for Estate  
1615 Fourth Street  
Peru, Illinois 61354  
Telephone: 815/224-2400  
No. 0801  
(Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2020)

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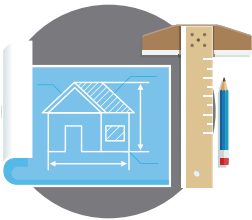
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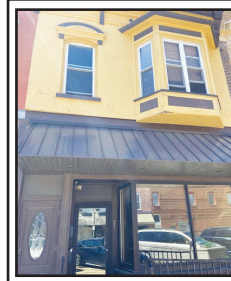
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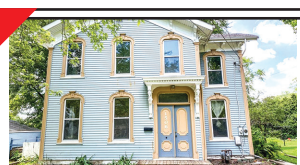
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