

MHS returning to in-person classes – but school will be much different

Mask requirement, other safety features put in place for Aug. 14 opening

By **BONNIE MORRIS**
Editor

MENDOTA - On July 22, the District 280 Board of Education approved a plan for Mendota High School students to return to the classroom for the fall semester. But when MHS students begin classes on Aug. 14, it will not be school as usual.

Superintendent Jeff Prusator emphasized that part of the reason MHS was able to create a plan for in-person learning was due to the newer age of the building and a lower enrollment, which allows for social distancing. He pointed out that many other school districts do not have that advantage, which is why the state left the decision for returning to school up to each district. "This is a balancing act, and there is no perfect plan," he said. "But if we didn't feel it was safe, we wouldn't do it."

Prusator explained that the maximum capacity at MHS is 750 students and the current enrollment is only 518. "There is more space at MHS than there is at other schools," he said. "We wouldn't be able to have this plan if our enrollment was higher, if we were at full capacity, because it would be hard to socially distance."

Although class sizes will be the same as usual at MHS, student desks will be spread out in a 4 by 4-foot area and everyone will be required to wear a mask (medical exemptions for masks will be determined case-by-case). Students and staff will all be issued three washable masks or they may use masks brought from home.

To maximize space, class-



MHS students will be assigned to one of four lunch areas and desks will be used in the cafeteria to maximize spacing.

rooms will only have student desks and the teacher's work table or desk. Classrooms will be cleaned with an electrostatic sprayer each day and Prusator noted that there will also be spray bottles of disinfectant cleaner and paper towels in all rooms that can be used for cleaning throughout the day. In addition, maintenance staff will consistently clean door handles and other frequently touched surfaces.

Another safety precaution at MHS is the ability through their HVAC system to change out all the air in the building every two hours, which meets the recommendations for air quality and circulation.

Students will attend school Monday through Friday, but the school day will be held in a block schedule. This means classes will meet every other day for 85 minutes rather than being held every day for a shorter period. This will minimize the amount of



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time spent in hallways and also gives teachers time to take students outside for a 10-15 minute "mask" break during the class period.

The days are designated as Purple Days in which students will attend four classes for 85 minutes (periods 1, 3, 6 & lunch, 7) and then alternate with Gold Days when students attend three different classes and period 8 intervention for 84 minutes (periods 2, 4, 5 & lunch, 8).

This schedule will also

provide teachers with more daily professional development time without eliminating their time with students. Students will be dismissed by 2:35 p.m. each day and teachers will be encouraged to collaborate in lesson development from that time until 3:20 p.m. The same schedule will also be used for remote learning, if needed, during the school year.

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LaSalle Co. issued warning for sharp uptick in virus cases

County experiencing community spread

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Health Department is alerting residents that as of Friday, July 24, the County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics have been moved to orange. Orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. These metrics are intended to be used for local level awareness for each county's progress during Phase 4 and will help local leaders, businesses, local health departments,



and the public make informed decisions and promote healthy behaviors. Individuals, families, and community groups can use these metrics to help inform their choices about personal and family gatherings, as well as what activities they choose to do.

LaSalle County COVID-19 cases are on the rise. As of July 24, the county had a total of 389 cases. Since July 5, the county has identified 165 cases, which is 42.4% of total cases. In addition, per the county-level risk metrics provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health, emergency room visits for COVID-like illness (CLI) have more than doubled over the last few weeks. It is important our area understand how easily COVID-19 is actively spreading. LaSalle County is experiencing community spread of the virus, meaning that some people testing positive for COVID-19 are not able to pinpoint when or where they may have become infected. This is happening all over the county, not one particular area or town. In addition, there have been small clusters of cases among families and household contacts. Social and family gatherings, household sharing, and community spread have all contributed to the uptick in confirmed cases.

Another concerning trend is the high percentage of LaSalle County cases being identified in those 29 years and younger. LaSalle County Health Department Administrator Julie Kerestes wants to remind young people, "the COVID-19 pandemic is not over and it continues to be a serious public health threat. Young people can easily become infected with COVID-19, not experience symptoms and then pass the virus to others more at risk. Those who choose not to wear a mask or disregard the importance of social distancing are putting their parents, grandparents, co-workers, and community at risk."

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Eleven young ladies to vie for title of Sweet Corn Queen

Pageant will be a private event held on August 7

MENDOTA – Selecting the queen to reign over Mendota's 73rd Annual Sweet Corn Festival will not be an easy task. There are 11 beautiful young ladies in this year's pageant. The girls have been selected by Mendota not-for-profit organizations to represent them in this year's pageant.

This year's pageant will be a private event to meet LaSalle County Health Department guidelines. The pageant will be held Friday, Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. Each candidate will be allowed only two tickets. No additional guests will be allowed to this event. The Mendota Chamber of



Commerce will be livestreaming the pageant on its Facebook page. WGLC will also be doing a live stream. The Chamber thanks everyone for their cooperation and understanding.

Preparations for the event are underway, as the candidates have recently been practicing for the upcoming pageant. Pageant Co-Chairperson and former Sweet Corn Festival Queens, Ra-

chel Buchanan (2010) and Alison Wasmer (2000), will be working closely with the candidates in preparation for the big night. Each of the Sweet Corn Queen hopefuls will be very busy during the next few weeks, rehearsing stage presence, and getting ready for their interviews with the judges.

Now let's introduce the first four candidates vying for 2020 Sweet Corn Festival Queen title.

The Kiwanis Club has selected Hannah Ambler as its queen candidate. She is the


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Four candidates in this year's Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant, left to right, are Hannah Ambler, Megan Thibodeau, Emme Bottom and Kassidy Barkman. (Photo courtesy of Mendota Chamber of Commerce)

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LOCAL AND AREA

MHS board discusses personnel matters, gives commendations

By **BONNIE MORRIS**

Editor

MENDOTA - Several Mendota High School staff members were commended for their work on the graduation ceremony, which was held outdoors at the MHS athletic field on July 18.

Speaking at the July 22 board of education meeting, Superintendent Jeff Prusator expressed his appreciation to custodians Andy Knowlton, David Stiles and Dustin Kent, who spent a great amount of time working hard to help make the graduation ceremony a success. He also commended tech director, Scott Siri, who was in charge of live streaming a video of the ceremony for those unable to attend. Prusator said the live stream was very well

done with multiple camera angles and the sound was as good as being there in person.

Prusator also recognized Matt Meyer, who served as DJ and Todd Doyle, senior class sponsor. "It took a lot of people to pull it off," Prusator noted. "The senior class wanted to wait so they could have a graduation ceremony with all of them gathered together. They made the right decision and we were very pleased to be able to do that for them."

Board president Jim Laurer also thanked Principal Denise Aughenbaugh and Prusator for their work making the graduation ceremony possible.

Two personnel items were approved during the meeting. The board hired Mary Schallhorn as choir accompanist and they rescinded the maternity leave for Paula Baker, who will return full time without a leave.

Railway work in Mendota will result in detour

MENDOTA - The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the U.S. 34 BNSF railway grade crossing in Mendota will be closed starting Wednesday, Aug. 5.

U.S. 34 will be closed for approximately seven days to allow the BNSF railway to remove the spur track grade crossing, patch the void with asphalt and perform necessary highway approach work.

U.S. 34 traffic will proceed as follows:

- U.S. 34 westbound traffic will proceed south on Sixth Avenue to Fifth Street, thence west on Fifth Street to U.S. 52/Illinois Route 251 (13th Avenue), thence north on U.S. 52/Illinois Route 251 back to U.S. 34.
- U.S. 34 eastbound traffic will proceed south on U.S. 52/Illinois Route 251 (13th Avenue) to Fifth Street, thence east on Fifth Street to Sixth Avenue, thence north on Sixth Avenue back to U.S. 34.

Motorists are urged to use caution and expect some delays while traveling the detour route. Slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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Vaessen elected to state FFA office

SUBLETTE - Margaret Vaessen of Sublette was recently elected the Illinois State FFA Reporter. She will spend one year visiting FFA chapters throughout the state.

Vaessen plans to attend Joliet Junior College for two years and then transfer to a university to continue her studies in agriculture.

Following her election, an impromptu parade was held in Sublette. She was taken around town on one of the fire trucks, which was followed by other fire vehicles, family and friends.

Vaessen is a 2020 graduate of Amboy High School.



LIHEAP heating program will be available beginning July 27

MENDOTA-Tri-County Opportunities Council's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help with a one-time payment toward utility bills.

LIHEAP will be available to all households and there will be no priority periods. Households in need of energy assistance, especially those with disconnection notices, high past due balances and the general population that has been most likely affected by wage fluctuations due to COVID-19, are encouraged to apply. In addition, propane

customers are strongly encouraged to apply in August when fuel prices are at their lowest.

Open enrollment for the PIPP program will also begin July 27. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis until March 31, 2021 or until funds are exhausted.

To receive assistance a household must be within the income guidelines and provide the following information: copies of social security cards for every member in the household, 30-day income for every household member 18 years of age or older, a current complete gas and electric bill and Medic-

aid card for any household member that may receive one. Additional information may be requested at the time of application.

Walk-in applications will not be taken. Applications will be taken "in-person" by appointment only at all satellite offices or remotely through various means such as mail, fax, e-mail, etc. The Rock Falls office is accepting appointments Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact the Rock Falls office at (815) 625-7830 or 1-800-323-5434 to make an appointment or visit www.tcohelps.org for locations and dates/times for LIHEAP applications at the agency's

BEST, Inc. offers free virtual workshops

OGLESBY - The Business Employment Skills Team (BEST, Inc.) announces the release of their new virtual workshops for job seekers on their YouTube Channel at: BEST Inc. LWIA 4 YouTube, and their website at www.best-inc.org. "During the COVID-19 pandemic these workshops help job seekers safely update their job seeking skills from the comfort of their home," said Dianna Schuler, business relations manager at BEST, Inc.

BEST, Inc. provides services to individuals and businesses. They offer a broad spectrum of services to adults, youth, dislocated workers and businesses with employment and training needs. These new virtual job search workshops have been designed for a wide range of job seekers, from the first time job seeker to the long term member of the labor

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satellite offices.

LIHEAP applications will be taken through June 30, 2021 or until funds are exhausted. The gross income eligibility has increased to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. For the 30 days prior to the application date, income cannot exceed the following: 1-person household, \$2,127; 2-person household, \$2,873; 3-person household, \$3,620; 4-person household, \$4,367; 5-person household, \$5,113; 6-person household, \$5,860.

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LaSalle Co. COVID-19 cases increase sharply in July

♦ Emergency room visits double in recent weeks

LASALLE COUNTY - The LaSalle County Health Department alerted residents on July 24 that the county-level COVID-19 Risk Metrics were moved to orange. Orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. These metrics are intended to be used for local level awareness for each county's progress during Phase 4 and will help local leaders, businesses, local health departments, and the public make informed decisions and promote healthy behaviors.

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LaSalle County COVID-19 cases began rising quickly in July. In the three weeks since July 5, the total number of cases jumped by 42.4 percent with 165 new cases reported. As of July 24, the county had a total of 389 cases and four days later, the total cases had increased to 427.

In addition, county-level risk metrics provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health show emergency room visits for COVID-like illness more than doubled over the last few weeks.

With these increases, it is important that our area understands how easily COVID-19 is actively spreading. LaSalle County is experiencing community

spread of the virus, meaning that some people testing positive for COVID-19 are not able to pinpoint when or where they may have become infected. This is happening all over the county, not only in one particular area or town.

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The Health Department is encouraging everyone to do their part and continue to recognize the role they play in helping LaSalle County slow the spread of COVID-19. It is necessary for all county residents to wash their hands, watch their distance (staying at least 6 feet away from other people), and

COVID-19

wear a face covering. Face coverings are effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and are one of the best prevention tools available to the public.

In addition to continuing to provide daily COVID-19 updates, the Health Department will begin sharing a weekly coalition bulletin with the public. Since March, the LaSalle County Health Department has been preparing a weekly bulletin that has been distributed to our community healthcare partners and coalition members. The bulletin was intended to help partners stay apprised of the ever-changing public health and emergency preparedness issues in our area related to COVID-19.

With the pandemic continuing to evolve, LCHD is now including statistical data for the LaSalle County area. They are sharing this bulletin on their website and social media and will continue doing so each Friday. Anyone wishing to receive the bulletin by e-mail should visit their website or social media pages to access to link to be added to the distribution list.

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed on the COVID-19 pandemic. For questions, please contact the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

St. Ambrose dean's list

DAVENPORT, Iowa - St. Ambrose University has announced its dean's list for the spring term. Local students receiving this honor include Katie Beetz, Kathryn McNally, and Annah Scholl of Mendota and Gillian Sondgeroth of Troy Grove.

The dean's list recognizes full-time students who achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for the term.

St. Ambrose is a private, coeducational, comprehensive university. For more information about St. Ambrose go to www.sau.edu.

Wartburg College graduation

WAVERLY, Iowa - Kimberly Schlesinger of Compton was among 276 Wartburg College students awarded diplomas during a virtual spring commencement on May 24. Schlesinger graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy (BM). She is the daughter of Jeff and

Theresa Schlesinger.

Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

UW-Platteville dean's list

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - Two local students, Lucas Anderson of Mendota and Marie Barnickel of Compton, have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville spring semester dean's list. Anderson is majoring in mechanical engineering and Barnickel is an agricultural business major.

Students earned the high honors while making a quick transition from in-person classes to alternative delivery in March because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To be included on the dean's list, the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

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force. Information on completing an online application and self-care during your job search are among the topics covered in these short videos.

New workshops are being added weekly.

For more information, contact Dianna Schuler at (815) 640-9406 or log on to www.best-inc.org. BEST is an EO employer/program.

CARL'S QUIZ

Watermelon is approximately what percentage water?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Country artist George Strait has the most consecutive years charting a number one single.

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

VFW kicks off of annual \$30,000 scholarship competition

MENDOTA - Commander Laurie Emmer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Department of Illinois announced the kick-off of this year's VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition.

Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed entry form to their local VFW Post by Oct. 31. The 2020 theme is, "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned." Students begin by competing at the local post level, then post winners will compete at the district level. The district winner will



then advance to the state competition.

Each of the state first-place winners will receive a four day trip to Washington, D.C. and the chance to compete for their share of more than \$150,000 in scholarships. The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 college scholarship.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of

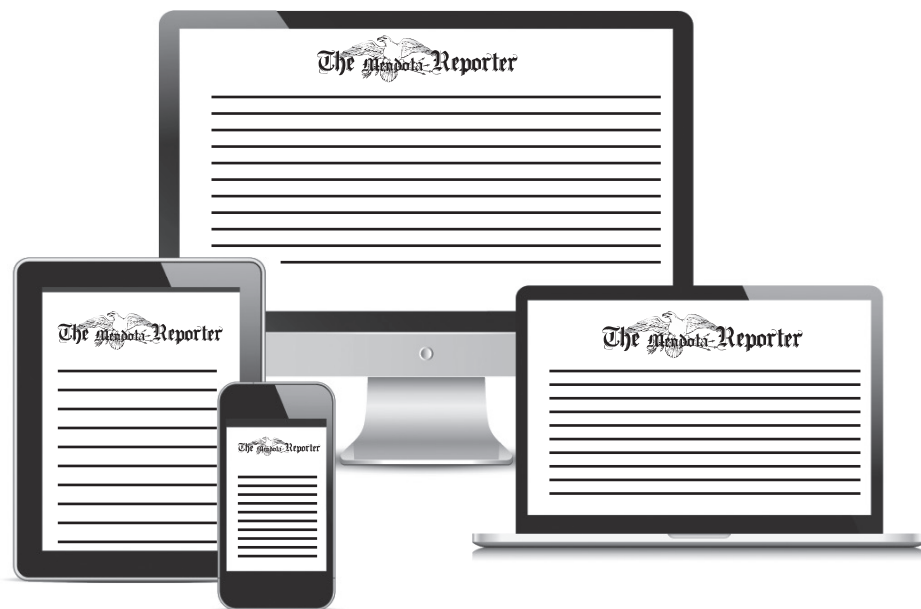
Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The competition was created to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles.

Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2.1 million in educational scholarships annually.

Interested students and teachers should contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at their local VFW Post or contact VFW State Headquarters by phone at (217) 529-6688 or e-mail the VFW Department of Illinois at vfwil@vfwil.org for more information.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Marjorie Sibigroth

OHIO - Marjorie (Kessel) Sibigroth, 91, of Ohio passed away July 23, 2020 at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, Peoria surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Gene Vincent officiating. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services. Masks are required and social distancing is appreciated. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota.

Marjorie was born Feb. 19, 1929 in Ladd to Paul and Frances (Tones) Kessel. She married Edwin Sibigroth on June 5, 1947 in Ladd. He preceded her in death in 1998.

Survivors include eight children, Linda Genore, Ralph (Diana) Sibigroth, Virginia Orndorff, David (Merry) Sibigroth, Michelle (Thomas) Steinkamp, Charles (Barbara) Sibigroth, Richard (Nancy) Sibigroth and Thomas (Karen) Sibigroth; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Robert (Marge) Kessel and Ronald (Pat) Kessel.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Barbara Sibigroth; four brothers; five sisters; and two sons-in-law, Thomas Genore and Eugene Orndorff.

Marjorie worked for many years as a stay at home mom, as a nurse's aide at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton and then retired after 30 years of service with Borg Warner in Dixon. She was a member of Ohio Lutheran Church and Mendota VFW Ladies Auxiliary. During her retirement years she enjoyed gardening, knitting, visiting her family and watching her beloved Chicago Cubs.

Memorials may be directed to OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, American Diabetes Association, American Kidney Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice.

Theresa M. Schmitto

MENDOTA - Theresa Marie Schmitto, 66, of Mendota passed away July 27, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, July 30 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. Due to COVID-19 masks are required and social distancing is encouraged. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 31 at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Theresa was born April 29, 1954 in Madison, S.D. to Richard and Verna (Stayton) Coss. She married William Schmitto on Nov. 15, 1985. He preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1995.

Survivors include three sons, Ricky (Connie) Falcon of Mendota, Danny Falcon of LaMoille and Charlie (Katie) Manz of Mendota; six grandchildren, Kayla Woods, Buddy Falcon, Madison Falcon, Kelly Falcon, Cody Falcon, and Valerie Manz; six great-grandchildren; a special niece, Becky (D.J.) Boatman of Mendota, and several nieces and nephews; and two sisters, Margaret Rosales of Mendota and Sheila (Bob) Arteaga of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, "Little" Larry Falcon on Nov. 14, 1977; two brothers, Jack Coss and Gary Coss; one sister, Betty Barrera; and her parents.

Theresa enjoyed the simple life - she was a dedicated and loving mother and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She didn't need possessions or the like to get by, but a vacation with her sisters would always do the trick. Her table was always open for honest conversation or to teach a hard lesson, and her famous lasagna was always the first dish to run out at family functions.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Rosemary Simpson

ROCHELLE - Rosemary "Rosie" Simpson, 64, of Rochelle, formerly of Mendota, left this world on July 25, 2020 at JourneyCare Hospice Center in Barrington where she had been a patient for several days and family said their goodbyes in her final struggle with COPD.

Rose was born April 10, 1956 in Mendota to Marion "Tuffy" Simpson and Zada Brown Simpson.

Survivors include three grown children, Bradley Simpson of Minnesota, Erika Hallam and David Myers of Texas; five grandchildren, all in Texas; three sisters, Andrea Bryan formerly of Mendota, Dawn Sturges of Arkansas, and Shawn Cherney of Naperville; and nieces, nephews, several cousins, and aunts.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Rosie grew up near LaMoille where she attended school and then graduated from Mendota High School. She was involved in tumbling most of her life as a participant, a studio owner, coach and in later years as a judge for USTA. A scholarship in honor of her has been created by the USTA. She was also a talented artist, a friendly, caring and kind person who always welcomed all with a big smile. She most recently made her home in Rochelle and was a member of the Methodist church.

2020 Senior Expo canceled

Resource Guide will be available at no cost

ROCKFORD - After much thought and many discussions, Lifescape has decided to cancel the 2020 Senior Expo due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. They are sad that they are unable to hold the event this fall for the community and will miss seeing their community partners and community members.

Because Lifescape does not want older adults, caregivers, and families to miss out on valuable resources and information, they are compiling a 2020 Lifescape Senior Expo Resource Guide. Instead of walking through the Rock Valley College Physical Education Center

and viewing over 100 booths, the public will be able to read about the organizations and companies from the comfort of their home.

The resource guide is free and will be shared with clients. The guide will be available for pickup at their office at 705 Kilburn and will also be available in PDF version so the information can be shared electronically via social media and e-mail.

While they are extremely disappointed to not have the annual Lifescape Senior Expo, they are happy to share the area's many resources through the 2020 Lifescape Senior Expo Resource Guide.

Registration open for free Elks Clinic for children

PERU - Mendota Elks 1212 and Oglesby Elks 2360 lodges in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation will sponsor a free children's orthopedic assessment clinic on Thursday, Aug. 13.

The Elks will hold the clinic by appointment only from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Illinois Valley Community Hospital, 925 West St., Peru on the first floor across from the X-Ray Department. (Enter the hospital from either lower level on the south side or the main level on west side.) Dr. Richard Erickson of Carol Stream will be the clinician

in charge.

To schedule an appointment, call the Illinois Elks Children's Care office at 1-800-272-0074 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no charges for any services at this clinic.

No medical referral is necessary for the clinic but physicians are welcome to refer patients for a specific reason or a second opinion. School nurses are also welcome to refer children and families to the clinic.

The clinic is an ideal time to have a child reviewed for bone and joint development. Children who have feet

pointing out or in, who complain of back, knee, leg, ankle pain or have a back curvature, they can be seen at this clinic. There is no charge for any diagnostic services.

The Elks will provide financial assistance to the best of their ability for children needing further treatment or specialty equipment when the family lacks sufficient resources to do so. In the past, the Elks have purchased therapy services, corrective shoes, braces, wheelchairs and augmentative communication devices to help children overcome a variety of physical challenges.

Walter M. Delaney

PERU - Walter M. Delaney, 64, of Peru passed away peacefully July 15, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family.

Private services will be at a later date. Cremation rites will be accorded. Ptak Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Walter was born July 19, 1955 in Mendota to Walter E. and Shirlee (Greenwood) Delaney.

Survivors include one daughter, April Delaney of Peru; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; one sister, Dawn DuBois of Peru; and a niece.

Walter was a tool design engineer for Caterpillar for over 33 years.

Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at Ptakfh.com.

How to reach Social Security during the COVID-19 pandemic

By Jack Myers

SPRINGFIELD—During the current coronavirus pandemic, Social Security continues to provide help to you and other people in your communities.

While their offices are not providing service to walk-in visitors due to COVID-19, they remain ready and able to help people by phone with most Social Security business. Individuals can speak with a representative by calling the local Social Security office or the National 800 number. To find the local office phone numbers online, use the Social Security Office Locator at www.ssa.gov/locator.

Many secure and convenient online services are offered at www.ssa.gov/onlineservices where you can:

- Apply for Retirement, Disability, and Medicare benefits;
- Check the status of an application or appeal;

- Request a replacement Social Security card (in most areas);
- Print a benefit verification letter; and
- Much more.

Although people can do most of their business with Social Security online, they realize that the web based service channel is not right for everyone. You can still count on them by phone. If you have a critical situation that they cannot help you with by phone or online, you may be able to schedule an appointment.

If you need help, please do not wait until you can see someone in-person. Call them now and get the help you need. They also understand that getting medical and other documentation can be difficult due to the pandemic, so they are continuing to extend certain deadlines wherever possible.

(Myers is a Social Security Public Affairs Specialist.)

Main road at State Fish & Wildlife area to be closed during paving project

◆ Parking areas remain open to visitors

BUREAU COUNTY - The main park road at Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area in Bureau County will be closed to the public through Aug. 10.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Illinois

Department of Transportation, is finishing the aggregate base repair and seal coating of the main park road.

Please note, the closure dates are subject to change should weather interfere with the construction schedule.

During the road project

closure, visitors can still access the site by walking in through designated parking areas. Visitors will not be allowed to enter the construction area.

The Mautino SFWA Area is located in Bureau County, south of Sheffield and west of Buda on Buda Blacktop between IL Route 40 and US

Route 34.

The site consists mostly of unreclaimed strip mine ground and contains several lakes of various sizes. The 911-acre area includes 891 acres that are available for archery deer and turkey hunting, approximately 435



acres for upland hunting and 40 acres available for dove hunting.

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LOCAL AND AREA

MHS

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Prusator said the school building will open at 7:30 a.m. and everyone coming in will have their temperature checked and be asked self-certification questions regarding their health and any close contact they have had with anyone who has tested positive or is suspected of having COVID-19.

He noted that student arrival times are naturally staggered and only two doors will be open. Students riding the bus or being dropped off by car will enter through the front doors of the school. Juniors and seniors will park in the back lot and enter through the gym doors only.

The block schedule also allows for staggered dismissal times in which seniors and some juniors will be able to leave before the remainder of the students. "We don't want everyone leaving at the same time and large groups of people gathering," Prusator said.

When work began on creating a re-opening plan in early June, the MHS Cares Committee was divided into three groups, one to cover core subject areas; another for subjects such as consumer science, industrial arts, choir and band; and the third for transportation, cafeteria, nurse, school resource officer and administration. After the first month, the entire committee began meeting together. "The three committees were totally professional and totally committed. Each one brought something to the table and I commend them for that," Prusator said. "It was a difficult process because we would think we were getting somewhere and by the end of the meeting ended up with more questions than answers."

MHS parents were also sent a survey asking whether they preferred in-person instruction, hybrid (part in-person, part remote) or remote learning only. About 40 percent of MHS parents (213) responded: 39.7 percent preferred hybrid (part in-person, part remote); 38.1 percent preferred in-person only; and 18.6 percent wanted remote learning only.

A survey of the MHS

Cares Committee, which included over 20 members, was: 66 percent preferred in-person only and 33 percent wanted hybrid. No one in the committee was in favor of remote learning to start the school year.

There is an option for parents who do not want their student to return to the classroom to request remote learning for the semester. Prusator said the committee thought it was important to make that available and so far, about 10 parents have asked about it. He explained that there is a real concern about the learning deficit that was experienced by students because of the sudden, unexpected move to remote learning last spring. "Remote learning was a failure; the kids lost a semester," he said. "It happened so quickly, we weren't prepared. If you have a deficit for one semester and then you add a second semester, it compounds the deficit. It's a real concern. There is really no substitute for being in the classroom with a teacher."

But Prusator also emphasized that MHS is now much better prepared to provide remote learning if that becomes necessary or for students who choose that option first semester. The school has a web-based curriculum that is approved by ISBE and includes subjects such as Algebra I and Algebra II. He noted that remote learning students will be held to the same standards as those attending in person and will be monitored for attendance by Steve Hanson.

"At our last committee meeting, we also had two board members join us," Prusator said. "The board of education had the final decision on the plan and all six members attending the July 22 board meeting gave unanimous approval. Jason Motter was absent, but he was also in favor of the plan."

Although MHS now has a plan in place, Prusator cautioned, "This plan was presented on July 22, but it could all change at any time. Right now, it seems the (COVID) numbers are going in the wrong direction."

Other items included in

the MHS plan follow. To see the entire MHS re-opening plan online, go to mendotahs.org or to their Facebook page.

Nurse's office

- Room 301 (next to the nurse's office) has been converted to an isolation room and any student who is ill or shows symptoms will go there. The room has a direct exit door to the front parking lot to minimize contact with others. The room will also be equipped with a camera and audio so it can be monitored by the nurse.

Transportation

- Bus capacity will be 50 people including the driver. Drivers will be screened daily at the bus garage for temperature and self-certification.

- A face mask is required for everyone at all times; students will have the same assigned seats.

- Buses will be disinfected with a hydrostatic machine after the morning and afternoon routes.

Lunch

- Three lunch periods - maximum of 50 students per space.

- Students will be assigned to one of four lunch areas: two in the cafeteria, one in the gym, and one in the media center.

- Grab-n-go lunches will be delivered to assigned area.

- No cash will be used - all money must be put on student account before school.

- Desks will be used in the cafeteria instead of tables to maximize spacing.

- Plexiglass will be used to separate tables in the gym.

- Water bottles (donated by MHS Booster Club) and bottle filling stations will replace drinking fountains.

MHS expects to receive \$205,000 through the CARES Act, which will help offset the expense of additional cleaning, enhanced professional development and other safety precautions.

While there are many unknowns for potential situations that could arise in the coming months, Prusator said if a student or staff member were to test positive for COVID-19, the LaSalle County Health Department would then take over and provide the school with a plan going forward.

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daughter of Carl and Susan Ambler of Mendota. She has blue eyes and brown hair, and stands 5-5.

Ambler is a 2020 graduate of Mendota High School, where she was active in several sports including tennis, basketball and cheerleading. She was a member of the MHS Band where she served as president and was the 2019 Marching Band Drum Major. In addition, she has served on the Student Council, National Honor Society, National Honor Society president and is an Illinois State Scholar.

This summer you can find Ambler working at Beck's serving ice cream. She will also be vacationing with friends and preparing for college in the fall.

Her plans for the future include receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Graduate Degree specializing in school psychology. She also hopes to work with students with learning disabilities and serve as a mental health counselor for high school students.

Ambler loves forming new friendships, helping whoever she can, and focusing on becoming the best person she can be.

Megan Thibodeau will represent the Mendota Booster Club in this year's pageant. She is the daughter of Holly Phalen and Curtis Thibodeau. She has blonde hair and brown eyes and stands 5-4.

Thibodeau is a 2020 graduate of Mendota High School, where she was involved in cheerleading all four years. She was also a member of Student Council, Prom Committee and Spanish Club.

She will be attending Illinois Valley Community College starting this summer. She is seeking an Associate of Science degree specializing in business.

This summer you will find Thibodeau working at Walmart as its department manager of online grocery pickup. She will also be vacationing with close friends.

Her goal is to graduate next summer with an Associate of Science degree and then transfer to NIU to earn a degree in business.

Emme Bottom will be representing the Mendota

Quarterback Club. She is the daughter of Rick and Jody Bottom of Mendota. She stands 5-5 and has brown hair and green eyes.

Bottom graduated from Mendota High School this year, where she was a varsity cheerleader all four years and was captain her senior year. She also took part in Student Council and Yearbook for four years. She was an honor roll student for three years and baseball manager three years. She was also a member of the Spanish Club and Academic All-Conference Team.

Bottom plans to attend Illinois Community College where she will study digital design.

This summer you will find her working at Anytime Fitness and working with her dad at his business. She will also be taking senior photos of her classmates.

Bottom enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She also likes to make custom vinyl work (cruicut), drawing and designing artwork.

Her future plans after college are to stay creative with her job and eventually open her own business to create digital art and marketing.

Bottom loves living in a small town and always looks forward to seeing everyone at the Sweet Corn Festival.

The Mendota Optimist Club has selected Cassidy Barkman as its queen candidate. She is the daughter of Sandy Barkman and Darren Barkman. She stands 5-5 with blonde hair and brown eyes.

Barkman is a 2020 graduate of Mendota High School where she played softball all four years. She also participated in volleyball and was also on the honor roll.

She will be attending Illinois Valley Community College in the fall. She is seeking a degree in the medical field.

This summer you will find Barkman working at Liberty Village in Princeton as a dietary aide.

She enjoys being with friends and playing softball.

Barkman's plans for the future include graduating from college and pursuing a career as a nurse or in the veterinary field.

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The Health Department is encouraging everyone to do their part and continue to recognize the role they play in helping LaSalle County slow the spread of COVID-19. It is necessary for all county residents to wash their hands, watch their distance (staying at least 6 ft. away from other people), and wear a face covering. Face coverings are effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and are one of the best prevention tools available to the public at this time.

In addition to continuing to provide daily COVID-19 updates, the Health Department will begin sharing a weekly coalition bulletin with the public. Since March, the LaSalle County Health Department has been preparing a weekly bulletin that has been distributed to community healthcare partners and coalition members. The bulletin was intended to help partners stay apprised of the ever-changing public health and emergency preparedness issues in our area related to COVID-19. As the pandemic has continued to evolve, we have started to include statistical data for our area as well. Beginning Friday, July 24, the department will share this bulletin on its website and social media pages every Friday. If someone would like to receive the bulletin directly, they may sign up to have the bulletin sent to their email. Please visit the department website or social media pages to access a link to be added to the distribution list.

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed on the COVID-19 pandemic. For questions, please contact the Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.



IVCC offering food service sanitation course

OTTAWA—Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education Center offers Food Service Sanitation (CEU-1503-638) face-to-face from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 18-27 at Ottawa Center, 321 W. Main St.

The course assists the manager or potential manager in applying sanitation principles in food service establishments. Students will take the national ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification exam.

The class is required in Illinois for food service manager certification and

is accepted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Upon completion, students will attain a national license valid in Illinois for five years.

Cost is \$129. The textbook, ServSafe Manager, 7th Edition, is available at the IVCC Bookstore or can be purchased online at www.ivccbookstore.com. Due to the fast-paced nature of the class, students should purchase the book in advance and begin review prior to class.

To register, call (815) 224-0447. Masks are required; limited seating due to social distancing.

Fortune Phrase winner lands cash

MENDOTA — Most of you were on top of your game this week as a majority of the entries submitted for week three of the Fortune Phrase were spot on. After placing all of the right answers in a box, the one entered by Deb Merriman of Mendota was drawn for the \$25 cash prize.

The correct phrase was: "Look Real Close To Find The Words That Don't Belong."

The words were hidden in the following ads:

Look — Setchell Agency; Real — Reporter-classifieds; Close — Reporter-Garage Sales; To — El Zarape Mexican & American Restaurant; Find — Reporter-E-edition; The — Sullivan's Foods; Words — Mendota Farmers Market; That — Krenz Dental; Don't — Reporter-Where is it?; Belong — Eureka Savings Bank.

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Madigan and ComEd

By Scott Reeder
SPRINGFIELD – “Implicated but not charged.” That’s how Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan was described in news story after news story since federal prosecutors and Commonwealth Edison entered into a plea deal recently.



Reeder

In a nutshell, ComEd, the humungous utility serving Chicago and much of northern Illinois, has admitted to bribing Madigan, and has agreed to pay \$200 million and to cooperate with federal investigators for at least the next three years.

But no Commonwealth Edison executives are going to prison.

When I see a prosecutor choose not to nail a guilty executive’s pelt to the wall there’s a reason and it’s usually because they are aiming higher.

And by now, it should be obvious U.S. Attorney John Lausch wants to take down Madigan, the longest-serving state House speaker in U.S. history.

Madigan, through a spokesperson, said he is innocent.

For decades, Madigan has been the most powerful person in the state. But assertions of wrongdoing have swirled around the speaker like flies buzzing around a carcass.

Despite this, he’s always been able to claim the two words synonymous with the Illinois version of the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval: Never Indicted.

“Mike Madigan is the glue that holds the Illinois Democratic Party together. If we lose him, we, are in big, big trouble. But I think Mike Madigan is whole lot smarter than those going after him. When this is over, he’s going to stick it right up their fannies,” said Denny Jacobs, a Democrat and former state lawmaker from East Moline.

I began covering Madigan in 1987 and I’ve watched his power and arrogance grow decade by decade.

It’s never been a secret in Springfield that House Speaker Mike Madigan helped his supporters get jobs with Commonwealth Edison. It’s been going on for years.

Prosecutors would have us believe that ComEd did this to curry favor with Madigan who in turn would support the utility’s legislative agenda.

At the heart of the utility’s corrupt lobbying practices is the way in which it bestowed contracts and subcontracts on Madigan’s supporters, between 2011 and 2019. The feds contend Madigan allies were paid handsomely but often did little to no work for the power company.

Much is at stake when the utility asks Madigan for help.

For example, in 2016, the Madigan-led House gave the green light for ComEd’s corporate parent, Exelon, to hit its customers with as much as a \$2.3 billion, 10-year rate increase to subsidize two of Exelon’s financially struggling nuclear plants just north of the Quad-Cities.

Several years ago, a former federal prosecutor shared that it is difficult to investigate Madigan because he doesn’t use email and often uses long-time aides as intermediaries.

When the former fed shared this with me over lunch, I couldn’t help but remember a quote from long-ago Louisiana governor, Earl Long: “Don’t write anything you can phone. Don’t phone anything you can talk. Don’t talk anything you can whisper. Don’t whisper anything you can smile. Don’t smile anything you can nod. Don’t nod anything you can wink.”

Charles Wheeler III, a long-time statehouse reporter and Illinois political observer, has known Madigan since the 1960s. He is skeptical that Madigan will be charged with any wrongdoing.

“My take is the prosecutors have thrown this out there without actually charging Madigan to see what shakes loose,” he said.

But Jim Nowlan, a long-time statehouse political observer, said what sets this scandal apart from others is its size and the level of arrogance involved.

A document released by prosecutors alleges that Madigan successfully sought to name a board member to ComEd’s Board of Directors.

“Who is so arrogant as to think they can name someone to the board of a corporation like Commonwealth Edison? The size of this is big, federal prosecutors had to do something,” Nowlan said.

But Wheeler anticipates Madigan will weather the storm.

Short of a conviction, Madigan will likely continue to be elected speaker, he said.

Wheeler said this despite more than a dozen Democratic House members reportedly saying the speaker should resign “If the allegations are true.”

“That’s a pretty big caveat they have given themselves – “if the allegations are true.” Unless something like that were to be proven in court against Madigan, I expect he will be reelected.”

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



Sportsman’s Club patrols lake – 1984

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from July 27, 1994)

By Jessica Nashold

Ten years ago, repeated violations of rules for fishing at Lake Mendota led to patrolling by Mendota Sportman’s Club members. Equipped with radios, they could report violations to the police department as they occurred.

Gary Rogers, club president, told Flint Stephens, editor of The Mendota Reporter, about some of the infractions.

We’re having problems with people taking bass under the legal size limit, particularly from boats and canoes.

Rogers said he had been told people had been filleting undersize fish in their boats and dropping the carcasses into the water.

Since Lake Mendota had been stocked with several thousand dollars worth of fish, the Sportsman’s Club considered it important that rules be followed. The limit on largemouth bass, at least 14 inches long, was three per day. Fish caught in other waters could not be released into Lake Mendota.

This not only disrupts the balance between species, but also poses a danger of introducing disease.

Fishing hours at Lake Mendota were from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. No more than two poles per person with two hooks per pole were allowed. Minnows or bits of other fish could not be used as bait.

A Department of Conservation officer had discovered four young people fishing at Lake Kakusha. This was strictly prohibited by city ordinance in 1984.

Anyone violating the rules governing fishing at Lake Mendota would be liable to a fine, which could be as high as \$500. However, as of late July 1984, no one had as yet been prosecuted.

Detasslers were expecting to log from four to six weeks of work during the summer of 1984. They were expecting total earnings in the neighborhood

Backtracks & Sidetracks

of \$500. Henkel Seeds employed 50-60 workers, while Pioneer had between 300 and 400 Mendota area detasslers in the field.

Under terms of the Job Training Partnership Act, six students and one supervisor were spending the summer of 1984 washing windows, scrubbing floors, cleaning desks and painting at MTHS.

There were 10 JTPA workers performing similar tasks in the grade schools.

Students in the Holy Cross Migrant Program competed in the Illinois Migrant State Olympics in Bloomington, earning ‘firsts’ in a number of events.

Merle “Cy” Robinson was conducting a baseball camp at the Little League diamond for the third year. He explained –

This camp is not designed to turn out superstars. It’s designed to help the kids in fundamentals.

Working with youngsters 5 through 8 years of age, he devoted an hour to each age group. He began with 5-year-olds at 8 a.m. and concluded with 8-year-olds at 11.

Robinson made no charge for the camp. Balls and bats were supplied, but the participants brought their own gloves.

Robinson had a background of 25 years in Little League, 10 of them in Sycamore.

Phil L. Bitely, since 1981 president of Heico (successor to Conco in 1979), announced his decision to join a consulting firm in Princeton. M.E. Heisley,

major stockholder, would be the new president as well as chairman of the board at Heico.

At the Mendota Lakeside BMX Track, a race on July 20, 1984, drew 64 entries. Four races at the track were scheduled for August.

In the sixth annual Grandparents’ Golf Tournament on July 22, 1984, trophy winners were Don and Lois Anderson.

Jaycee Women held a fundraiser, a car wash at Dave’s Standard Service Station on July 28, 1994. Proceeds were earmarked for purchase of toys for Mendota Community Hospital’s young patients and playground equipment for Mendota parks.

The National Bank of Mendota reported that after one year in operation, its drive-up facility at Eighth Avenue and Sixth Street had recorded 121,043 customer transactions.

Dave Westerman, a member of the 10K run committee, reported mailing 528 entry forms to former runners in the Sweet Corn Festival event. The 1984 run would be the fourth.

Westerman released statistics from previous 10K runs in Mendota. In 1981, there were 227 runners. Craig Pohl was the first Mendotan to cross the finish line, but the winner was Jon Williams of Rock Falls with a time of 32:27.

In 1982, there were 337 runners and former Mendotan Dan Copper won with a time of 30:57. Dan Bergland was the first Mendota resident to cross, and Kathy Mackin was the winner for women in her age group.

In 1983, there were 260 runners. Again, Dan Copper won with the slightly longer time of 31:29. Again, Dan Bergland was the first Mendotan to finish, while Kathy Mackin and Karen Chamberlain were in the top three in their respective age groups.

Letters

Mask-wearing is essential in fighting coronavirus

Dear Editor:

Wear a mask.
Illinois made great strides fighting COVID-19, but it will take sustained effort and discipline to keep the virus under control.

Illinois doctors are asking everyone to take two simple actions when in public: always wear a face covering and continue to maintain social distancing.

The recent uptick in coro-

navirus diagnoses should give us all pause. We all want to return to normal, but in the near term “normal” includes wearing a mask that completely covers your nose and mouth.

Wearing a mask is important even if you don’t feel sick. Many individuals infected with COVID-19 do not display any symptoms. That’s why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is urging everyone to wear a

mask while in public.

The CDC cites growing research supporting the use of masks to prevent COVID-19 transmission. One study used contact tracing to track client interactions when it was discovered two Missouri hair stylists tested positive for the virus. Both stylists had consistently worn masks while seeing clients in the days prior to their diagnosis, and none of their clients

contracted the virus. Based on the results of the contact tracing, the CDC believes that active mask use by the stylists and their clients was a critical factor in blocking the transmission of the virus.

We can do this, but we must commit to doing it together.

Robert W. Pantan, M.D.
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To allow participants more flexibility during the training, a flipped classroom style training will be used instead of the traditional classroom of Master Gardener training. Each week, trainees will be given a reading assignment and a quiz, which is the typical classroom style training. The difference will be that instead of being in a class for seven hours in one day, trainees will be given 2-4 videos to watch at their own pace before meeting online via Zoom with the section instructor. The Zoom sessions will be on Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and include



discussion, review and follow-up. The training consists of 12 sessions, two of which are optional. The first will take place on Sept. 3 and continue through Nov. 19.

Coursework includes botany, soils and fertility, woody ornamentals/pruning, organic gardening, vegetables, annuals, perennials, fruits, insect identification/control, turf management, disease diagnosis/control, U of I resources. Once training is complete, participants join other Master Gardener volunteers in their county and serve the community, fulfilling the Master Gardener mission "Helping others learn to grow."

Pre-registration is required. An orientation interview will be conducted in advance of the class. Registration is \$175 to cover the cost of the manual. For information about Master Gardener training, contact Bruce Black at (217) 244-1923 or brucejb@illinois.edu.

Real estate broker pre-license class offered

MALTA - The Real Estate Broker pre-license class will be offered online through Kish beginning Sept. 1 and ending Nov. 20.

The class will be a combination of online and virtual/live lecture plus interactive, online activities. The program covers fundamentals of real estate and prepares participants for the Illinois state licensing exam. The cost of the program is \$500.

The class will cover the 75-hour Broker Pre-License Topics and Applied Real Estate Principles.

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Program instructor, Todd Burghardt, is a local managing broker/owner of a real estate firm and teaches pre-license and continuing education. A graduate of the REALTOR Institute

with the distinguished GRI designation, Burghardt is a nationally recognized certified instructor for the National Association of REALTORS and the current president of the HomeTown Association of REALTORS. He has decades of experience and has earned Transnational Referral Certification (TRC) and Certified Agent Relocation Specialist (CAAS).

For information, visit www.kish.edu/realestate or contact Melissa Gallagher at mgallagher1@kish.edu or call (815) 825-9466.

Leland Legion Post announces game winner

LELAND - The Leland American Legion Post 570 has announced Leland resident, Nancy Jean Brown, as the 2020 winner of the Queen of Hearts. The queen was revealed in envelope number 31.

The Leland Legion expressed their appreciation to everyone who purchased tickets to find the queen. They will open a new game in January 2021.

Helpful tips when caring for a dog with PTSD

Just as pets often help their owners through difficult times, animals that have suffered from traumatic events may need extra support.

Dr. Lori Teller, an associate professor in the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that dogs may suffer from psychological conditions the same as their human counterparts, so it is helpful for owners to be aware of possible causes, diagnosis, and how canine post-traumatic stress disorder may be managed to give their furry friend the best life possible following periods of stress and trauma.

Roughly 5 to 17 percent of dogs are affected with



canine PTSD, but Teller says the condition has only been recognized in dogs within the past 10 years, so there is still much to learn.

"We don't always know what may cause PTSD in dogs, but some potential causes are military or police work, being a bait or fighting

dog, being raised in a puppy mill, severe abuse, living as a stray after being abandoned, trauma from a disaster (flood, fire, earthquake, tornado, explosion), or being attacked by other dogs or animals," Teller said.

The symptoms of PTSD in dogs are similar to those

in humans. Teller said these include chronic anxiety; hypervigilance; avoidance of certain people, places, or situations; sleep disturbances; fear of being alone; decreased interest in a favorite activity; or aggression.

Teller also noted that these symptoms may not be apparent at the time of adoption because as a survival mechanism, some dogs will mask their symptoms until they gradually adapt to their new home, depending on the animal's trigger.

Pet owners who suspect their furry friend may be suffering from this condition should ideally seek help from a veterinary behavioralist, who will develop an appropriate treatment plan. Pet owners seeking this care may wish to reference the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior's directory.

If access to a veterinary behavioralist is not possible, a primary veterinarian will still be able to help your dog get the care they need. "The best ways to manage PTSD in dogs will be a combination of behavioral therapy and medication,"

Teller said. "Behavioral management might include desensitization therapy, in which a dog is exposed to low levels of stress, and then this level is gradually increased to build tolerance for that stimulus, playtime with a well-socialized dog, increased exercise, and mental stimulation. Medications prescribed could include anxiolytics, anti-depressants, or beta-blockers."

Teller adds that time and patience are vital to the management of canine PTSD. Owners will need to actively work with their dog on a daily basis and be in regular communication with their veterinary team. Although adopting a dog with a history of trauma requires a caring and dedicated owner, the bond that is formed between rescued dog and pet-parent can be an unbreakable gift that is well worth the time and effort.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at vetmed.tamu.edu/news/pet-talk.

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Soil health event set by FCCA

FRANKLINGROVE — Franklin Creek Conservation Association will host a Soil Health event presented by Jim Isermann, Field Manager for Soil Health Partnership, on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 5-7 p.m., to show how successful farmers are working to improve soil health and environmental outcomes while maintaining profitability and reducing inputs.

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

The meeting will be held at Sunday's Shelter located in Franklin Creek State Natural Area from 5-7 p.m. Due to COVID-19, masks are required at the presentation when physical distance cannot be maintained.

Reconnecting livestock and crop farming to transform the use of manure

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists are developing an innovative approach to address a major environmental challenge facing the nation's animal farmers: the accumulation of nutrients in the manure.

Manure produced in livestock and poultry operations has been increasing since the 1950s when large-scale feeding operations, along with large-scale crop farms, began to replace many of the nation's small, family-run farms that traditionally produced both crops and livestock and used the manure as fertilizer to boost crop yields.

The transition has created efficient, high-yielding crop and livestock operations, but it has also severed a longstanding symbiotic relationship where the excess nutrients created by the manure had productive uses. Though some animal farms typically use some manure to grow feed, most animal farms have insufficient land for using all of their manure. The surplus can pose an environmental threat to air and water quality. Yet manure contains phosphorus and nitrogen, which are key nutrients for many crops that are now supplied by commercial fertilizers.



"The question is what to do with the manure from livestock operations with surplus manure nutrients, and how to get it to farmland where it is needed most," says Sheri Spiegel, an ARS scientist in Las Cruces, N.M.

Spiegel and her colleagues have proposed using "manuresheds" to create systems that reconnect crop and livestock production so that more manure can be used to fertilize more crops. The manureshed concept is designed to promote the practices, technologies and management systems that would clean up manure while building healthy soils and supporting crop yields. It also illuminates the fundamental challenges facing sustainable

manure use and creates a framework for addressing the problem in a way that's clearly sustainable, the researchers say.

They outlined how the concept would work in a recent paper in the journal *Agricultural Systems*. They collected data on the manure produced in feeding operations, the fertilizer needed for crops, and the nutrients removed by them in 3,109 counties across the United States. Based on that data, they classified the counties as either manure "sources" or "sinks," depending on whether their manure nutrients exceeded use by their crops (sources), or whether their crops could use the excess nutrients to fill deficiencies or substitute for fertilizer (sinks).

Results showed that there is potential to redistribute manure from source to sink counties across much of the country, with source counties in 40 of 48 states—and much opportunity in the South.

The study authors also identified clusters of counties dominated by one or two production systems, such

as dairy or poultry, and they highlighted opportunities for redistributing manure by joining the clusters into four regional manuresheds—in the Northwest, Southwest, Midwest and Southeast. Possibilities for efficient transport and use of excess manure from each animal industry are also discussed in the paper.

The researchers note that efforts similar to what they propose have been underway in some areas. Truckers from western Pennsylvania, for instance, now haul hay to mushroom growers in the eastern part of the state and pick up poultry litter for the return trip west, effectively exporting poultry litter from the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Programs in Minnesota, Maryland and Arkansas also offer farmers and producers various incentives to transport manure from feedlots to farms.

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Developing biobased products will be a focus of ARS chemist Atanu Biswas's, right, collaborations with EMBRAPA lead scientist Roselayne Furtado as a 2020 U.S. Fulbright Scholar.

Turning plant resources into plastics makes Peoria researcher a Fulbright Scholar

Thought microwave ovens were only good for heating up food? Guess again.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) chemist Atanu Biswas and his colleagues are using a slightly more sophisticated version of the household microwave to "cook up" biobased plastics made from corn, soybean and other renewable sources.

The method to such microwave "madness" is two-fold: to lessen the environmental "footprint" of using petrochemical-based plastics and to create new, value-added uses for agricultural commodities—soy oil, corn starch and cellulose among them.

Biswas' use of technology called microwave reactor is central to an approach that Biswas and colleagues at ARS's Plant Polymer Research Unit in Peoria devised to help reactions necessary to create biopolymers for use in plastics, coatings, films and other products.

Throughout the research planning phase, an emphasis is placed on ensuring the methods devised for making these biopolymer-based products are just as sustainable and environmentally friendly, added Biswas.

He also collaborates internationally on biopolymer-related projects and credits these interactions with spurring new approaches to problem-solving and product improvement.

For example, in 2019, he collaborated with Spanish scientists in developing bio-degradable food packaging under a fellowship award from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. And in 2015, under a "Science Without Borders" fellowship, he worked with Roselayne Furtado and her team at the Brazilian Enterprise for Agricultural Research (EMBRAPA) in Fortaleza, Brazil, to improve the properties of edible films made from shrimp chitin, cashew nut byproducts, sugarcane and other commodities.

Biswas plans on rejoining the EMBRAPA team to collaborate further as a 2020 recipient of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Fellowship Award. Administered by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Award honors individuals at the top of their fields, including hundreds of Nobel Laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, MacArthur Fellows and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients.

The Fulbright Award will afford a unique opportunity to synergize agricultural research of mutual interest to both the United States and Brazil, according to Biswas. "Bio-based polymers created from soybean oil and corn can replace synthetic products such as polyethylene bags and polystyrene foam packing materials, reducing reliance on petroleum, reducing pollution through improved biodegradability, and increasing demand for

agricultural products from both U.S. and Brazilian farmers," he said.

"The Fulbright Scholarship was also founded to strengthen international relations through cross-cultural exchanges of ideas in other areas," including the arts, added Biswas, himself a photographer, artist and enthusiast of traditional Bengali music.

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Farm Progress launches virtual show

ST. CHARLES – Two major farm shows are off the calendar for 2020. To fill this gap, Farm Progress is launching the first ever Farm Progress Virtual Experience, or FPVX. This information-packed event will be powered by Farm Progress Show and Husker Harvest Days and run three days, Sept. 15-17.

"The beauty of a virtual event is that we will open the virtual gates on Sept. 15 with a slate of field demos and rich content, but once live farmers can engage the content all year long," said Don Tourte, senior vice president, Farm Progress. "With this event, the farmer can virtually stroll through more than 500 exhibits in their own time, and each exhibitor will have valuable new information to share."

The rich information available in the FPVX will allow farmers to engage a range of content. And searching the exhibitors will be easy because they'll be sorted into the familiar categories farmers have long come to know through more than 65 years of taking part in Farm

Progress events.

The event does kick off with something special, made richer in this virtual environment. "We're going to have what may be the most extensive field demonstration program we've ever conducted with corn harvest, tillage, hay and cattle equipment," said Matt Jungmann, events manager, Farm Progress. "And we'll include a first-look at a range of autonomous tools. And Max Armstrong will be on hand for the three-day online event as the host for this event, too."

From videos to easy-to-access brochures, to quick contact information to connect with exhibitors, farmers checking in at FPVX will find the event is almost as information-filled as being on site. While you can't replace all the great parts of a successful live farm show, this new offering – free to anyone who attends – will provide the information you need to keep up on the newest tools and technology for agriculture.

More information will be available as the show date nears, and work is already underway to pull together a

virtual farm show experience unlike any other. Added Jungmann, "We're not asking farmers to just sit by their computers, everything we're producing will work on your smart phone and tablet, so in the heat of harvest when you're spending long hours on auto-steering, you can see what we have to offer."

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IDOA announces dates for junior livestock and horse shows

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) will host junior livestock and horse shows providing Illinois' youth with an opportunity to show their animals during an unprecedented show season.

The Junior Livestock Expo will take place in Springfield over the course of two weekends in September. Beef, sheep, dairy goats, pygmy goats and rabbits will all show Sept. 11-13. Swine, dairy cattle and meat goats will have their turn in the show ring Sept. 18-20.

A Junior Horse Show will take place on the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The show will run for two weekends on the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, with English showing Aug. 29-30 and Western Sept. 5-6.

"After the cancellations of the Illinois and Du Quoin state fairs we knew there was a need to recognize our junior exhibitors who work year-round preparing for the fairs," said Jerry Costello II, Acting IDOA Director. "We are excited to provide modified shows that will provide an opportunity for young adults to

exhibit their animals safely following the Restore Illinois plan."

Shows are limited to Illinois residents between the ages of 8-21. The entry fee for those participating in the Junior Horse Show is \$10. Junior Livestock

Entry Fees are as follows:

Beef - \$20; Dairy Cattle - \$15; Swine - \$15; Sheep - \$15; Goats - \$15; Rabbits - \$1; Poultry - \$1.

Further details regarding the shows will be released on the IDOA website.





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POLICE BLOTTER

NO LICENSE, DUI

A 17-year-old female juvenile was charged with no valid driver's license and driving while under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop at Fifth Street and Sixth Avenue at 2 a.m. July 22. The subject was released to her parent with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI

Philip J. Forst, 33, of 801 ½ Fifth Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs after police officers observed a loud motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed in the 700 block of 16th Street at 2:10 a.m. July 23. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

LEAVING SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

Terry E. Phillips, 67, of 154 E. U.S. Route 34, Mendota, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident involving an injury after police officers investigated a vehicle/pedestrian traffic accident in the area of Lake Mendota at 6:24 p.m. July 24. It was reported that the vehicle fled the area after striking and injuring a pedestrian. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Anthony D. Madonna, 22, of 506 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Main Street at 10:54 a.m. July 25. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

ALCOHOL CHARGES

Nicholas A. Krolak, 18, of Peru, was charged with illegal possession of alcohol by a minor and illegal transportation of alcohol in a motor vehicle after a traffic stop at Washington Street and Meadowview Drive at 2:10 a.m. July 26. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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BLESSED EVENTS

NOWLIN – Joshua Nowlin and Jessica Phillips of Mendota, boy, July 24, 2020, at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru.

WEEKLY RECORD

LaSalle County (marriage licenses)
Troy D. Mairs of Ashton and Elizabeth P. McNally of Mendota; issued July 17, 2020.

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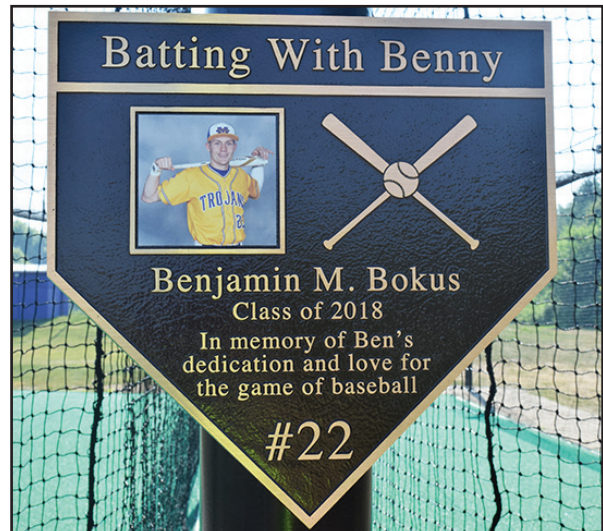
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SPORTS



Top left, Mike and Kaela Bokus address those assembled for the July 22 dedication of a new batting cage in memory of their son, Ben, for his dedication and love for the game of baseball. Ben was a member of the MHS Class of 2018 who passed away on March 10, 2019. Bottom, Mendota Trojan baseball coach Aaron Sester speaks about his memories of coaching Ben during his playing days at MHS. (Reporter photos)



New batting cage dedicated in memory of former Trojan

MENDOTA—The Mendota High School baseball and softball programs have been enhanced by the construction of a two-person batting cage located between the baseball and softball diamonds.

The batting cage was made possible through a monetary donation by Mike and Kaela Bokus in memory of their son, Ben, who was a member of the Trojan baseball team during his high school years. The

batting cage was dedicated on July 22.

Also contributing to the construction of the batting cage were Kenny and Eli Otterbach, who volunteered their time for excavation; the Mendota Quarterback Club, which paid for the concrete; the Beetz family, which donated the gravel; Nolte Concrete, which volunteered labor; and staff members of Mendota High School.

IESA cancels most fall sports for 2020 season

Decision is still pending on girls' basketball

BLOOMINGTON—The Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Board of Directors held a special meeting on Thursday, July 23. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss fall sports and whether those activities could be held in accordance with the current limitations placed on schools and activities by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

After much discussion, the Board unanimously approved to cancel the regular season and IESA state series in the sports of boys' and girls' golf, boys' baseball, girls' softball, and boys' and girls' cross-country for the 2020-21 school year. There are no plans to try and re-schedule the activities or conduct them later in the school year in part due to if and when high schools in Illinois play their contests. Girls' softball practice is scheduled to start July 27. The baseball and cross-country seasons were scheduled to start Aug. 3.

The Board delayed any decision on girls' basketball. The first day of girls' basketball practice is scheduled for Aug. 31. The Board will meet again in late August to make a decision regarding girls' basketball.

The Board did review and approve a plan submitted by the Speech Advisory Committee that allows schools to hold their own speech contest during the upcoming school year. Schools that participate in speech will receive information at a later date. No decisions regarding any other activities were made.

IESA statement:

We know that there will be many people within the school system who will applaud this decision and there will be many who will be strongly opposed. At the forefront of the Board decision is that the activities must be conducted within the current limitations that have been placed on the schools by the IDPH. In particular, the mandate that there can be no physical contact between athletes and that students must be socially distanced (6 ft. of separation) makes the administration and conduct of games and contests very difficult and in some cases impossible to adhere to the mandates. While there are plenty of youth league baseball and softball teams playing games and tournaments this summer, many are not adhering to the same stringent guidelines. Because summer leagues and

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— Steve Endsley,
IESA executive director

travel ball are taking place, this may make the decision of the IESA Board of Directors seem odd. The difference is that schools will be held to the IDPH mandates and the youth summer contests are not. It would make little sense for IESA to move forward with these activities that would require schools to be in direct conflict with mandates by state agencies that have regulatory control over the schools.

COVID-19 has changed the world. However, this decision is not the end of the world. It is not the news that most students and parents want. At the end of the day, we work with junior high and middle school students. They are not professional athletes; they are not college athletes; they are not missing out on any scholarship opportunities. These are mainly 12 to 14-year-old students who will have many more opportunities to participate (perhaps even later this school year in other activities). Activities, despite their importance in the development of students, can never take precedence over the health and safety of those same students. The IESA Board of Directors made a difficult decision but in the end, they simply felt that there are too many unknowns to proceed safely at this level of play.

IESA Executive Director Steve Endsley:

"The decisions made by the IESA Board of Directors were by far the most difficult decisions I have ever witnessed the Board make in my tenure with IESA. The current limitations on schools mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health were brought up many times during the meeting. With there being so many unknowns regarding the re-opening of schools, the safety of the very students who participate in junior high and middle school activities was at the very center of the discussion. After each member had an opportunity to discuss the IDPH limitations and safety of the students, the Board ultimately decided to cancel golf, softball, baseball, and cross-country for the fall of the 2020-21 school year. Our sincere hope is that there are changes to the limitations placed on schools, which will allow the remainder of the activities in the upcoming school year to be held as scheduled."



Illinois High School Association expected to decide on fall sports season at July 29 meeting

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) announced on July 14, 2020 that it will defer to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Governor's Office on all of its Return To Play Guidelines moving forward.

"There is an unprecedented level of planning for this school year due to COVID-19, and we have come to understand that there needs to be a greater

consistency between the guidelines for returning to learn and returning to inter-scholastic athletics," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Some of the recommendations by the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and directives from IDPH have come into direct conflict with each other, especially as it relates to the use of masks by student-athletes. As a result, we feel it is important to let IDPH and ISBE provide a consistent

direction for our membership moving forward. We will wait on direction from these organizations for further guidance on Return to Play plans for the 2020-21 school year."

The IHSA Board of Directors was scheduled to meet on July 22 to make a decision on the fall sports season, however, it postponed the meeting until Wednesday, July 29, at which time it is expected to make an announcement on the status of the fall sports season in Illinois.

High school tennis camp slated for Aug. 3-7

MENDOTA — Mendota High School will be hosting a tennis camp from Aug. 3-7 at the Mendota High School courts.

The camp is for high

school students (new freshmen through seniors) only. Camp will be held from 8-10 a.m. Please bring your own water/water bottles and masks.

Anyone without a mask will be sent home.

For more information, contact Shawn LeRette at shlerette@mendotahs.org or (815) 883-0605.



Golf clubs donated

The goal of the Mendota Optimist Club is to support the youth of our community. The Optimist Club has recently partnered with Mendota Golf Club by donating four sets of junior golf clubs to the golf course. Showing the new clubs are Ava Mahaffey, left, and Macy Mahaffey. The clubs were donated to let the youth use them when they are at MGC and return them after they are done. Children are welcome to use the clubs for free. There are sets for children 5-8 years old, 8-11 years old, 11-14 years old and for older teenagers. Both the Optimist Club and Mendota Golf Club are hoping that this helps to promote the game of golf to youngsters. MGC appreciates the Optimist Club for its generous donation. Call 815-538-7241 to make a tee time and reserve the set of clubs that you would like to use. (Photo contributed)

LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC outlines plan to safely deliver instruction this fall

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College President Jerry Corcoran on July 9 outlined the college's plan to safely deliver instruction this fall.

"Most of our fall semester classes will be online and blended except for career and technical programs, health professions, and science labs," Corcoran said at the monthly board meeting.

Daily temperature checks will be performed on everyone entering the college at the main entrance or east campus via three stand-alone temperature check units.

"No one will be admitted unless their temperature is below 100.4," Corcoran said.

In addition, everyone is expected to wear a face covering. Employees may remove face coverings while in their individual offices but are expected to don them when they depart.

Social-distancing guidelines will require students and employees to maintain at least six feet from each other. Where this is impossible, plexiglass walls will be installed to lessen the need for additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

To allow for social distancing, large rooms such as the Ralph Scriba Meeting Room (CTC 124-125), the former Math lab (B-201), lecture hall D-225 and the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre will be used for classes.

Corcoran credited Dean of Workforce Development Shane Lange for leading a committee of administrators and faculty deliberating instructional challenges.

"Shane's group found reasonable solutions that support the health and well-being of students and employees. Everyone who had something to say was heard," said Corcoran.

He also noted, "Everything we are proposing is in step with Illinois Community College Board recommendations."

In a related development, athletics has prepared a "Return-to-Play" plan allowing student athletes and teams to "engage in low-risk events" provided they adhere to social-distancing, daily temperature testing by coaches, daily COVID-19 screening forms, sanitizing hands before

practice and wearing face coverings.

In other business, trustees approved:

- Payment of \$11,550 in annual dues to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association for legislative advocacy, statewide honors for faculty and alumni, trustee orientation and more.

- A one-year extension of the security contract with G4S Secure Solutions. G4S has provided IVCC security since 2011.

- Three separate contracts with Rehmann Technology Solutions totaling \$53,292 including one year of anti-virus software for 35 servers, three years of physical space in Rehmann's data center and three years of backup service.

- A Basic Dental Office Management certificate. The short-term, 8.5-hour credit program can be completed in the first semester of the Dental Assisting program and is tailored to students desiring employment in a dental office rather than chairside dental assisting.

- Closed session minutes of the March 12, May 18 and June 11 meetings.

The board learned:

- ICCB Executive Director Brian Durham recently advised presidents Nov. 3 will be designated a state holiday known as 2020 General Election Day. With the exception of election sites, government offices and schools will be closed. The holiday will be reflected in a revised 2020-21 academic calendar to be presented in the Aug. 13 board book.

- The agriculture program's storage and routine maintenance facility just south of campus is complete and a grand opening is being planned.

- New bleachers have been installed in the gym.

- This spring, 357 graduates earned 421 degrees and certificates compared to 390 earning 470 degrees and certificates in spring 2019.

- Assessment Center proctor Amanda Coleman has resigned, assistant men's soccer coach Christian Bitangalo resigned and truck driver training specialist Tony Mertes retired.

- Ashlee Fitzpatrick has been hired as an administrative assistant in admissions.

State unveils 6-year road, bridge improvement plan

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker joined Illinois Department of Transportation officials recently to unveil a six-year, \$21.3 billion statewide road and bridge improvement plan that is an extension of the Rebuild Illinois infrastructure package passed last year by the General Assembly.

IDOT is tasked with unveiling a multi-year plan each year to detail how it will spend transportation dollars on state and local highway transportation systems. For the current fiscal year, the investment in road and bridge infrastructure totals \$3.15 billion, according to the governor's office.

Current funding levels would allow the multi-year plan to include 3,356 miles of road improvements and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck in total over the next six years.

The infrastructure spending largely relies on revenue from the motor fuel tax — which was increased on July 1, as it will every year forthcoming under the new state law — among other driving-related fees.

According to an overview of the multi-year plan on the IDOT website, however, revenue estimates were not adjusted to account for economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated stay-at-home orders.

"Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and national stay-at-home guidance, the reduced consumption of gas is expected to cause a decrease in motor fuel tax revenue that would be deposited into the state's road and state construction fund," according to IDOT's

summary of the plan. "It is not yet known what the actual decrease will be. Therefore, no adjustments were made to the (multi-year plan)."

"The department will continue to monitor the data and make any adjustments deemed necessary as actual revenue impacts become known," the summary continued.

While the attendees of a news conference unveiling the plan touted the Rebuild Illinois package, which passed in 2019, acting IDOT Secretary Omer Osman said the COVID-19 pandemic presented some unforeseen challenges.

"The multi-year plan keeps us on track during these uncertain times," Osman said at an event in Collinsville. "While we are not cutting or delaying projects at this time, we will continue monitoring the impact on future revenue to ensure we are investing taxpayer resources wisely. Clearly, COVID-19 is not going to be something that lasts for a few months, but likely impact our decision-making for years to come."

Despite the pandemic, Osman said, Pritzker allowed road work to continue by deeming construction workers essential in his executive orders.

That allowed year one of work on the Rebuild Illinois plan to continue despite state stay-at-home orders, so the first year of the plan saw \$2.77 billion in improvements, with \$2.15 billion to the state system and \$616 million in the local system.

Included was 1,385 miles of road improvements in the state system — comprising 61 bridges and 157 safety improvements — as well as 321 miles of road improvements in the local system,

including 67 bridges and 71 safety improvements.

Pritzker noted IDOT had developed a plan consistent with the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation Asset Management Plan standards.

"That standard puts an end to the practice of letting roads and bridges in Illinois deteriorate until they're in just terrible shape," the governor said. "Instead we're investing on the front end, saving money for taxpayers."

Among other projects, the first year of the plan included design work on an Interstate 80 bridge over the Des Plaines River that was deemed structurally deficient, resurfacing on state Route 251, widening and reconstruction on state Route 47, reconstruction on the Murray Baker Bridge in Peoria, construction and bridge repairs on Interstate 74, resurfacing on Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 51, resurfacing and bridge repairs on Interstate 255, and completion of design for added lanes and bridge replacement on Interstate 57 in southern Illinois.

Pritzker touted the plan as one that would create jobs in a difficult economic climate in Illinois and across the U.S.

"Even in a pandemic — especially in a pandemic — our transportation systems connect the lives of our residents and our communities," Pritzker said. "The Multi-Year Plan we're announcing today provides funding to reconstruct over 3,300 miles of roads and over 8 million square feet of bridges — and, more importantly, create and support hundreds of thousands of jobs over the next six years for hardworking Illinoisans across our state."

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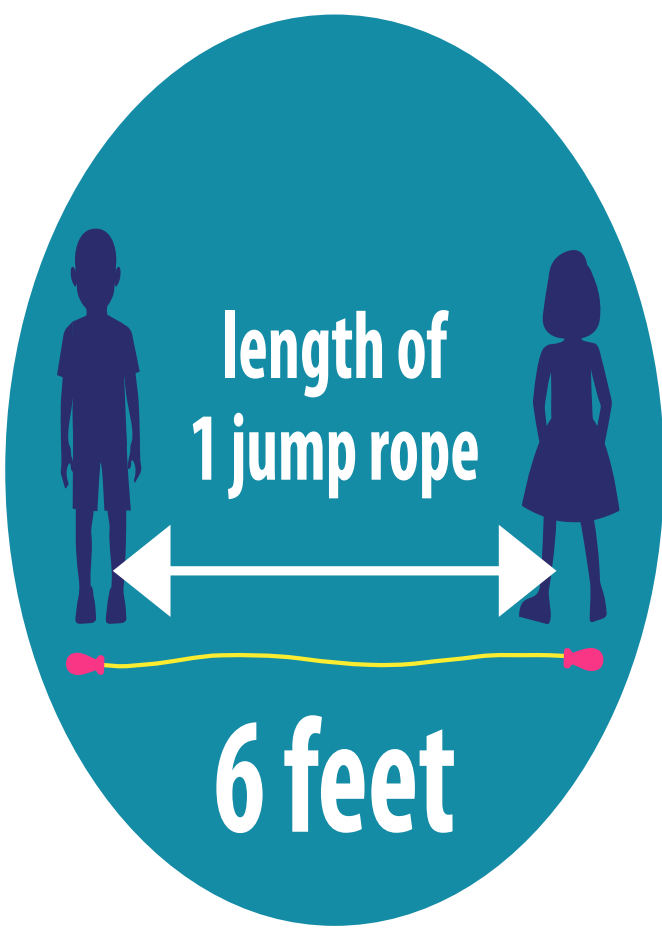
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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Bette Midler, who played Dolly Levi on Broadway in "Hello, Dolly!" and Mama Rose in the TV production of "Gypsy" (for which she won an Emmy), will star in an HBO movie as the legendary Mae West. Director William Friedkin (Oscar winner for "The French Connection" and a nominee for "The Exorcist") will direct a script by Harvey Fierstein (who wrote "Torch Song Trilogy" and "La Cage Aux Folles") based on Mae West's 1959 autobiography, "Goodness Had Nothing to Do With It." When I first met and photographed the sex symbol, she was filming "Myra Breckinridge" and her "escort" was an unknown actor named Tom Selleck. Midler has the right amount of campiness to play West, who was a sex symbol until the day she died at age 87.



B. Midler

interviewing guests from their homes, thanks to social distancing, are we really ready for a miniseries that was shot in the homes of the cast on their smartphones? The new service Quibi dropped what it is calling a miniseries DIY remake of the classic 1987 film "The Princess Bride." Instead of being a feature-length movie, it features short bursts of scenes, under five minutes, with an array of big-name stars playing the same roles in different segments.

With Norman Lear's blessing (he holds the film rights) and under the direction of "Ghostbusters" director Jason Reitman, this "fan-made" re-creation will benefit The World Central Kitchen to support restaurants that are struggling. Thus the array of big name stars, working for the cause, agreed to appear in what must be the lowest budget mini of all time.

In the first segment, Josh Gad and Fred Savage played the grandson (originally played by Savage to Peter Falk's grandfather). Rob Reiner (the director of "The

Princess Bride"), J.K. Simmons and Adam Sandler took turns playing the grandfather. Chris Pine, Common, Sam Rockwell, Neil Patrick Harris, Sophie Turner and Lucas Hedges play Wesley in different segments. Tiffany Haddish, Jennifer Garner, Leslie Bibb, David Burtka, Annabelle Wallis, Joe Jonas, Alice Oswalt and Jenna Ortega essay Princess Buttercup. Hugh Jackman and David Oyelowo took turns as Humperdinck, while Jack Black does Dread Pirate Roberts. Diego Luna, Oscar Nunez, Finn Wolfhard, Keegan-Michael Key, Nick Kroll and Pedro Pascal took on Inigo Montoya. Also, Dave Bautista, Jason Segal, Patton Oswalt, Rainn Wilson, David Spade, Jon Hamm and Don Johnson participated.

We commend them for lending their talents to a worthy cause, sans make-up and sets for five-minute Quibi bursts for our smartphones. Is this how we'll be watching films in the future? Guess the days of a cartoon and a double feature and are gone forever!

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I was shocked about the death of actress Kelly Preston. Did she ever reveal that she was battling cancer? If so, I don't recall.



K. Preston

A: Kelly Preston's recent death at the age of 57 was shocking because no one but her family and closest friends knew she had been undergoing treatment for breast cancer for the past two years. Her husband, actor John Travolta, announced her death via social media in a loving tribute, thanking her medical team at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

In 2018, Preston and Travolta starred together in a project as John and Victoria Gotti, a movie titled simply "Gotti." Preston's final project is an upcoming film called "Off the Rails," co-starring Judi Dench, about four friends in their 50s who re-create a rail journey across Europe.

Preston and Travolta lost their son Jett in 2009 after he suffered a seizure in a shower. She leaves behind a daughter, Ella Blue, and younger son Benjamin.

Q: Did quarterback Aaron Rodgers ever get married to that pretty actress with the dark hair? I never hear anything about them anymore, but celebrity news is pretty scarce during the pandemic.

A: You're thinking of actress Olivia Munn, who dated the Green Bay Packers quarterback for three years before their split. He then went on to have another serious relationship with former NASCAR driver Danica Patrick. The two were living together in Malibu, and there were reports that an engagement was imminent, but then they suddenly parted ways a few weeks ago amid rumors that Rodgers was seeing a younger woman.

Q: I was so excited to see that the show "Psych" is coming back, but then I found out it's just a movie. Is that true? Will there be more movies or episodes?

A: "Psych" premiered on the USA network in 2006 and starred relative newcomers James Roday and Dule Hill. According to IMDb.com, it was about a "novice sleuth (Roday) hired by the police after he cons them into thinking he has psychic powers

which help solve crimes." It ended in 2014 and returned to television in 2017 with "Psych: The Movie." Its cult following paved the way for another sequel, "Psych 2: Lassie Come Home," this time on the new free streaming service Peacock. No, Lassie isn't a Collie dog, but instead refers to the nickname of Det. Lassiter, played by Timothy Omundson in the original series.

Incidentally, if you watch the new film on Peacock you'll notice that James Roday now goes by the name James Roday Rodriguez. The actor, who is of Mexican-American heritage, was urged to change his name when he first began auditioning. Rodriguez recently stated to TVLine.com that he "didn't look Latino enough" and they "didn't know what to do with me" but that he now wants to be "an honest ally for my community."

As for more "Psych," there aren't any plans in the works for a sequel in the form of a series.

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

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

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

For fans of athletic competition, there's nothing better than the Olympic Games. While Tokyo 2020 may have been a bust, with the Summer Olympics put off until next year, there's no reason you can't go for the gold right from your couch by living vicariously through any of the following movies. Whether it's a good love story, a true underdog tale or just a plain old-fashioned marvel of human accomplishment, here are a few Olympic-themed gems to sate your summer sporting thirst.

Streaming on Netflix, get up close and personal with the world's fastest man. Directors Benjamin and Gabe Turner use archival footage and interviews to showcase the personable Jamaican sprinter.

"Race" (PG-13) -- Stephan James stars as powerhouse track and field legend Jesse Owens, an American hero pitted against the Nazis at the 1936 Olympics.

"Chariots of Fire" (PG) -- The classic 1981 tale of two runners who aim to compete at the 1924 Olympics in Paris. It's heavy on dedication and desire, and backed by an unforgettable score.

"The Cutting Edge" (PG) -- A hockey star whose minor injury shuts him out of competitive play (D.B. Sweeney) is paired with a spoiled ice dancer (Mira Kelley) who has an ego bigger than an ice rink. Will the

pair win a gold or just each other's hearts?

"Cool Runnings" (PG) -- John Candy plays a dishonored gold medalist who is lured into training a Jamaican bobsled team -- populated with a crew who have never even seen snow!

"Miracle" (PG) -- Kurt Russell as Herb Brooks, the coach of the underdog U.S. Hockey Team that went up against the Cold War Soviet Machine and WON. If this movie doesn't have you chanting "USA," I don't know what will.

"I, Tonya" (R) -- This one is strictly for the grown-ups. In a brilliant black comedy, Margot Robbie plays the bad girl you love to hate, Tonya Harding -- a groundbreaking figure skater whose career was marred after her boyfriend attacked rival Nancy Kerrigan.

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• Trivia Test •

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone traditionally associated with the month of July?

2. MOVIES: What was the name of the artificial intelligence system in "The Terminator" movie series?

3. CHEMISTRY: Which element has the chemical symbol Pt?

4. HISTORY: Which two boxers were matched in 1974's "The Rumble in the Jungle" contest in Zaire?

5. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the hallux?

6. AD SLOGANS: Which product is featured in the advertising slogan "Obey your thirst"?

7. GEOGRAPHY: Which four U.S. states start with the letter "I"?

8. TELEVISION: What city

was the setting for the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?

9. MUSIC: Which female singer had a No. 1 hit in the 1970s with the song "You're No Good"?

10. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1/4 cup?

Answers
1. Ruby
2. Skynet
3. Platinum
4. Muhammad Ali (winner) and George Foreman
5. Big toe
6. Sprite
7. Idaho, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa
8. Detroit
9. Linda Ronstadt
10. Four
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1 Oil cartel
5 Largest continent
9 Crime scene evidence
12 Lounge around
13 Charged bits
14 A billion years
15 Perry Mason's client
17 Entertainment
18 Smell bad
19 Geneva's river
21 Skiers' 7-Down
24 String instrument
25 Do as you're told

26 Old cars for new ones
30 "Help!"
31 Repeat verb
32 Arctic bird
33 Confiscations
35 Sans siblings
36 Diner staffer
37 Name
38 BLT meat
40 Swimming venue
42 Alias abbr.
43 Secret or Sure
48 Crib

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10 Proper subject, maybe
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20 Weeding implement
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46 Negative prefix
47 Explosive stick

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* There is symbolism in Disney's Cinderella mosaic. The company says that "guests can see that each of Cinderella's stepsisters appears with her own special facial tint. One sister displays a red tint to show that she is 'red with rage,' while the other sister displays a green tint to show that she is 'green with envy,' as they watch Cinderella try on the glass slipper to reveal a perfect fit."

* Eating more candy in one sitting causes fewer cavities than spacing it out throughout the day.

* "The Hound of Heaven" poet Francis Thompson is listed as a Jack the Ripper suspect. Although there is no physical evidence to back up this bizarre claim, independent researchers say the imagery in Thompson's poetry, plus his background as a medical student, are valid grounds for suspicion!

* Sorry, but that cream filling in Twinkies isn't cream at all -- it's vegetable shortening.

* Due to heat expansion of its iron, the Eiffel Tower can "grow" by up to 6 inches in the summertime.

* Need one more reason to hate Mondays? Scientists have found that even if you maintain a steady weight, you'll weigh the most on that day of the week.

* Only a quarter of the Sahara Desert is sandy.

* High heels came into circulation in roughly 10 B.C. They were worn by men of the Persian Cavalry not as a fashion statement, but to help their boots stay in their stirrups while riding horses.

* In the 18th century, King George I of England declared pigeon poop to be the property of the Crown because it could be used to make gunpowder.

Thought for the Day: "I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy."

-- Kahlil Gibran

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Are guilt and shame stealing your joy in life?

Are you bugged by a guilty conscience... carrying around baggage from a certain mistake or decision that produces feelings of regret or even self-loathing?

We've all said or done things that we wish we could take back. And while it's completely natural to grieve over a bad decision or mistake you have made, it is not God's plan for you to live with guilt and condemnation. Jesus came to set you free from that kind of life (see John 3:16-17; Romans 8:1).

As believers in Christ, God forgives our sins completely. Psalm 103:12 says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us" (ESV).

That's how amazing God's love is! And when you trust God's promise of forgiveness, any burden of guilt that you have will be lifted from your shoulders.

Breaking the Habit of Guilt

I had a terrible problem with guilt for many years of my life. I grew up in an angry, unstable, abusive atmosphere, which caused

me to become a negative, angry, judgmental adult who didn't like myself or anybody else for that matter. As a result, I often behaved in ways that I regretted later, especially in my relationships.

Through the years, guilt became so ingrained in me that I just didn't feel right if I didn't feel wrong. And I carried those negative feelings with me right into the early years of my ministry.

For example, whenever I went to God in prayer, I would automatically focus on two things—my problems and my mistakes.

I'll never forget the morning God spoke to my heart and said, "Joyce, are you going to spend time with Me today or are you going to keep focusing on your sins?" At that moment, I realized God wasn't mad at me; He loved me. And He was encouraging me to drop the dead weight of my guilt.

God Does Not Expect Perfection

Many people struggle with guilt because they think God expects more of them than what they can deliver. Some people even think He expects perfection, but that couldn't be further from the truth.

God's Word says in Romans 3:23, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The Bible also says that "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Romans 5:20). This verse isn't



saying you should live a sloppy life and sin as much as you want; it means when you fall short of perfection in any area of your life, you will always have another chance to get back up, brush yourself off and try again with God's help.

What Does God Expect from Us?

The apostle Paul explains what God requires of us in Philippians 3:12-14, which says, "Not that I have already obtained [righteousness] or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

God simply expects us to grow, and we can't do that if we're stuck in guilt. In Christ, we can forget about what lies behind us—the things we cannot change—and press on, doing our best in the present moment.

One thing that has helped me get over my guilt trips (which I used

to take on a daily basis) is realizing they are totally, completely useless, and they didn't help me be any better. Actually, all they did was make me act worse.

The truth is the only way to make progress is to let go of what lies behind.

Race at Your Own Pace

We will never be perfect in this life and God knows that. He is full of mercy and He doesn't want you to get up each day and worry about what you did yesterday or what you might do wrong today. God wants you to trust His love for you and receive His forgiveness so you can move forward, completely guilt free.

Jesus said, "...Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).

When you ask God for His forgiveness, don't just stop there. Take a moment and receive His forgiveness. Say out loud, "God, I receive Your forgiveness. Thank You for giving me a fresh start. Because of what You have done for me, I am filled with joy."

You don't have to waste any more time focusing on your mistakes and

weaknesses. Spend time with God and learn from His Word. And remember, God loves you and He is always cheering you on to victory.

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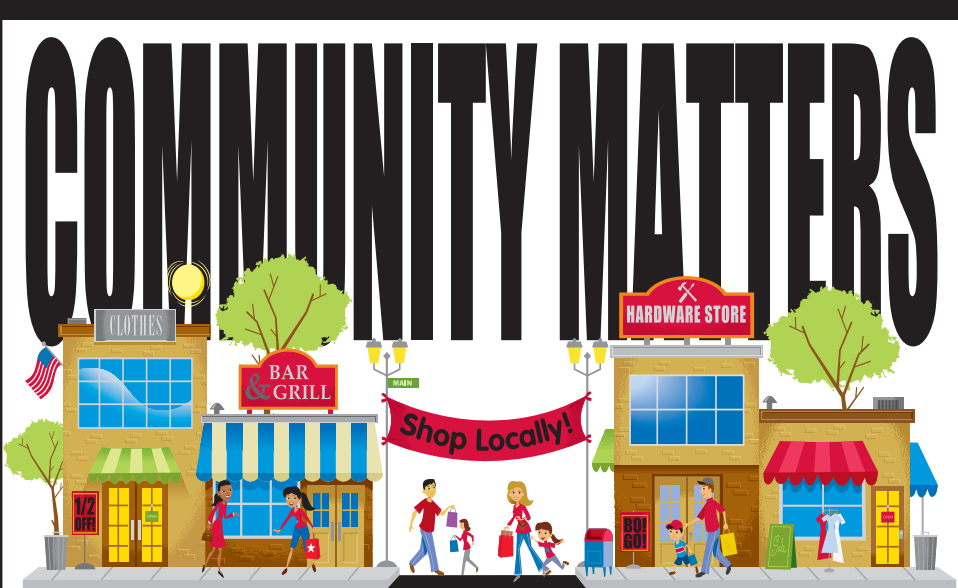
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Nor do I really know myself, and
the fact that I think I am following
your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to
please you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all
that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will
lead me by the right road, though I
may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always
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blessed hope."**
Sunday School
Worship

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.....
Brian Kelly, Pastor
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Sunday School
Worship
Evening Service

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
607 Tenth Ave.
(815) 539-5626

Rev. Steven Mindrup, Interim Pastor
E-mail: office@stjohnsmendota.org

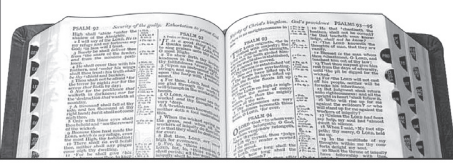
Website:
www.stjohnsmendota.org
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Schedule:
All activities and Worship services
are temporarily suspended until
further notice.

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NOTE: Please contact your
individual church regarding
online services or for other
church-related information.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

He who despises the word will be destroyed,
But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.
Proverbs 13:13


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CHURCH**
1003 5th St.
(815) 538-5603
.....
Rev. Susan Presley
Website: fpcmendota.com
Accessible

DIGITAL SCHEDULE:
Sunday Worship:
www.facebook.com/fpcmendota
Live at 10 a.m. but can be viewed
any time

Sunday Fellowship:
https://us02web.zoom.
us/j/85746317823
To call in for audio only, dial
(312) 626-6799 - use meeting
ID: 857 4631 7823
Live Zoom at 11 a.m.
Let's catch up!

Wednesday Evening Gathering:
Live Zoom at 7 p.m.
https://us02web.zoom.
us/j/86402369150
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(312) 626-6799 - use meeting
ID: 864 0236 9150
Might be Bible Study, might be
fellowship, might be sharing.

No passwords are required for any
of these, and the links and phone
numbers will be good through the
duration of our adventure.

CHRIST'S CHURCH
"He is the Head of the Body, the
Church . . . That in everything He
might have the supremacy." Col. 1:18

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.....
Dave Manion ♦ Jim McDowell
Wayne Shuman
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Sunday Worship
Church Builders
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer
Saturday Men's Ministry
Non-denominational
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.....
Pastor Dana Cox
pawpawumc@juno.com
Sunday Worship

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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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4 miles west of Mendota on Rt. 34

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Sunday Worship
Sunday School
Accessible

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La Moille
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.....
Pastor David Jungnickel
E-mail: lamoillecumc@gmail.com

SUNDAY WORSHIP
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Nursery available

TROY GROVE

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY SERVICE

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey
1. Is the book of Titus in the
Old or New Testament or
neither?
2. From Joshua 10, the sun
stood still while Joshua's army
destroyed what people?
Amorites, Midianites,
Egyptians, Philistines
3. In Genesis 9, who saw a rain-
bow in the sky?
Adam, Moses, Noah, Abraham
4. From 1 Samuel 2, how many
children did Hannah have?
5, 10, 15, 20
5. In which city did King Aha-
suerus live?
Corinth, Gath, Berea, Shushan
6. Who was David's oldest
brother?
Jonah, Eliab, Joel, Agrippa

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Amorites;
3) Noah; 4) 5; 5) Shushan; 6) Eliab

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The Merchants
on this page urge
you to attend a
house of worship
this week.

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦

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FREE!

Sell your household items for free.
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words
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101 LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT LASALLE COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of
MICHAEL SHANE
BURCHETT
Case No. 20 MR 227
There will be a court
date on my Request to
change my name from:
MICHAEL SHANE
BURCHETT
to the new name of:
MICHAEL SHANE
STEVENS.
The court date will be
held:
On September 16, 2020
at 10:00 a.m. at 119 W
Madison, Ottawa IL, La-
Salle County,
In Courtroom #204.
s/ David M. Kaleel
Michael Shane Burchett
No. 0704
(July 15, 22, 29, 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 trans-
acting the business
known as RRR Remod-
eling 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 Mendo-
ta, 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 EXEC-
UTOR.
Claims against the
estate may be filed in
the office of the Clerk
of the Circuit Court
LaSalle County Court-
house, 119 West Mad-
ison Street, Ottawa, IL
61350 or with the Exec-
utor or both, on or be-
fore 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 deliv-
ered 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)

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County Clerk of LaSalle
County, Illinois, setting
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post-office addresses of
all the persons own-
ing, conducting and
transacting the busi-
ness 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)

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County, Illinois, setting
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post-office addresses
of all the persons own-
ing, conducting and
transacting the busi-
ness known as Zapps
Tech Repair located at
1144 2nd St., LaSalle,
IL 61301.
DATED July 14, 2020
Willie Sutton
Applicant

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

113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee
Loans or Credit Offers
Companies that do
business by phone
can't ask you to pay for
credit before you get it.
For more information,
call toll-free 1-877-FTC-
HELP. A public service
message from your
hometown newspaper
and the Federal Trade
Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

"This publication does
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advertising. Readers
are cautioned to
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all ads, especially those
asking for money in
advance."

127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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facility, may cause
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any advertisement
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childcare facility
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Family Services may
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specifically licensed
or issued a permit.
Your Hometown
Newspaper strongly
urges any parent
or guardian to
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placing a child in
it's care.

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pottery & crocks, tin &
iron toys, sterling silver,
decoys. If it's antique,
I'm interested in looking!
Call 815-562-2928 or
email dickharms@
hotmail.com

305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 3825 S
Queens Rd. Thursday
July 30th & Friday
July 31st 8am-5pm.
Saturday August 1st,
8am-Noon. Home
Decorations, Wedding
Decorations, Men's
& Women's Clothes,
Books, Toys, and Lots
of Miscellaneous. (07-
29-20)

ROCHELLE: 1609
Westgate Ct. Wednes-
day July 29th
Thru Saturday August
1st. Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday 9am-
5pm. Saturday 9am-
Noon. Boy's Clothing
Youth & Up, Boy's &
Men's Shoes & Cleats,
Women's Clothes, Toys
(Kid), Golf Clubs (Adult)
and Household Items.
(07-29-20)

305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 17557
Twombly Rd.
Friday July 31st &
Saturday August 1st
8am-5pm. Tools,
Plumbing Supplies,
S n o w b l o w e r ,
Collectibles, and
Sweet Corn. (07-29-
20)

R O C H E L L E :
1115 Pickwick Dr.
Thursday July 30th
9am-6pm. Friday
July 31th 9am-
4pm. Kid's Toys &
Books, Girl's Clothes
4-6, Toddler Boy's
Clothes & Shoes,
Men's & Women's
Clothing, Pots &
Pans, Glassware,
Dishes, Home
Décor, Lawncare,
Collectables, &
Holiday Décor. (07-
29-20)

HILLCREST: 200
Ramona Ave. Starts
Saturday July 25th
10am-5pm. Estate/
Garage Sale. Open
Each Weekend
10am-5pm Until
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Furniture and More.
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05-20)

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Roll- Cost Depends on
Weight of Roll. Available
Monday-Friday 8AM-
NOON ONLY. SEE
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315 WANTED TO BUY

WANTED: Antique
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ROCHELLE: Large North
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Pay established according to
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2018 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LTZ



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2020 Buick Enclave Avenir, AWD, Loaded, GM Exec, Black.....\$45,900	2017 Chevy Cruze LT Remote Start, Power Seats 9,000 mi., White.....\$17,900
2018 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LTZ, 4x4, Black.....\$37,900	2017 Chevy Equinox, FWD LT, Sunroof, Blue.....\$16,500
2018 Chevy Malibu LT 15K Miles, Maroon.....\$19,500	2016 Chevy Traverse 1LT FWD, Blue.....\$19,500
2018 Chevy Cruze LT, 6K Miles, Power Seat, Remote Start, Blue.....\$18,500	

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- Mondays at 10 a.m. to start in Wednesday Mendota Reporter
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**Call for pricing that starts
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DISCLAIMER:

If your advertisement
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Thanks to Our Team & Community!

9 Reasons to Shop Local

1

Shopping Local Creates Jobs:

The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and help create more jobs.

2

Local independent businesses invest more in our community:

They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.

3

Local businesses sell a wide range of great products

at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.

4

Shopping Local saves you money and time!

Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items more.

5

Shopping Local retains our community:

Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.

6

Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:

Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.

7

Shopping Local encourages community growth.

By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Mendota's diversity, charm and appeal; which in turn, attracts new community members.

8

Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.

Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Mendota. When shopping locally, you create funds for more city and county services through sales tax. In turn, these funds are invested in neighborhood services including police, fire and ambulance as well as park and library improvements.

9

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Local businesses survive by their reputation and repeat business, which means you get a higher standard of service.

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Lori Erbes, GRI
 Designated Managing Broker



MLS# 10565940 102 Hubbard Court, LaMoille \$39,000.00
 Needs some TLC 2 bedroom 1 bath first floor laundry, newer 2 car garage. nice lot in LaMoille. Call for a showing



1401 Hillcrest Dr MENDOTA \$215,000
 This classic brick ranch with a beautifully finished basement will make you want this to be your next home. 2 new baths-and there are 3!- wonderfully cozy family room off the kitchen that could be your dining room too-with a gas fireplace, a large front room, currently used as the dining room, and large windows!! Quiet neighborhood by lake.

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Build your dream house on this Corner 5.46 Acre Lot Surrounded by Paved Roads on Two Sides and Tree lined creek on another, located in Country Subdivision Close to Access to Interstate 39 and Amtrack. Don't Let this One Get by, Buy Now and Build later. Rent Land to Nearby Farmer and Let it Help Pay for Itself until you're Ready to Build.



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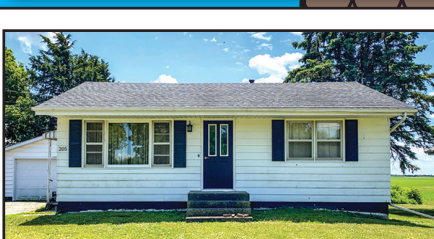
GREAT INVESTMENT MLS#10662676 PRICED TO SELL!!!! CALLING ALL INVESTORS! GREAT 2 BEDROOM HOME WITH LOTS TO OFFER. NEW ROOF IN 2018. FENCED IN BACKYARD. NICE PORCH DECK OFF OF SLIDING DOOR IN KITCHEN. PARKING CEMENT PAD IN FRONT OF HOUSE OFF OF STREET. MAINTENANCE FREE WITH VINYL SIDING AND WINDOWS. MAYBE YOUR WANTING A GREAT STARTER HOME...THIS IS IT!



314 N JEFFERSON AVE., AMBOY \$180,000
 Beautiful 4 bedroom, ranch style home comes with a pool and deck. If you are looking for the perfect home, this might be the one for you! Pride of Ownership shines throughout! 1 full bath and 2 3/4 bath. Central air and forced air/gas heating. Large basement with multiple rooms/workshop area and a bathroom. The fenced in backyard and covered porch area are perfect for the hot Illinois summers. Also, included is a shed for storage.



164 W Penkins Road, Sublette \$185,000 Looking for the Country, look no further! Pull up to the circle drive to this spacious 4 bedroom, (possible 5th bedroom converted to kitchen that can be a bedroom again) 3 bath, ranch style home is situated on 3.09 Ac. Live in one side and inlaw quarters on other, 2 kitchens, outside buildings, 2 water hydrants, back deck overlooking property and a small pond.



205 W 3rd St., Sublette \$91,750
 Lovely 2 bedroom, 1 bath, ranch style home in Sublette. Move in ready! Located right down the street from a park. This property makes for the perfect starter home or small family home! Features a beautiful kitchen with appliances and a well-lit cozy living room. The basement is an amazing space to make the perfect man cave or even convert into a 3rd bedroom.



606 West Main St., Sublette \$134,000
 Charming 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home in Sublette. Just updated with all new lavish flooring, windows, doors, trim, and so much more. Ask realtor for property checklist. Kitchen cabinets were just professionally refinished and the counter tops are NEW. Move in ready! You must see to appreciate its beauty. Call to set up an appointment today!



139 West Pleasant Street Amboy \$133,500
 Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath. Features main floor laundry, a spacious living room, and a beautiful kitchen. Large unfinished basement with a world of opportunities for finishing. Within walking distance to district 272 schools. This property is a perfect home for a family!

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MLS# 10745613 3978 E. 1553rd Rd, Earlville, IL \$215,000. Great set up for horses or cattle 54 x 88 pole barn, one side finished, concrete floors with an office. High tensile fencing all the way around. 12 acres. Call McConville Realty for all the amenities.



MLS #10154460 \$74,900. 120-122 S. Ottawa St, Earlville, IL
 Great investment, 2 apartments, 1 penthouse & 2 storefronts, Each apartment has 2 baths, very nice spacious areas. Tenants would like to stay. Call McConville Realty for all the amenities.



MLS #10154450 \$74,900. 139 W. Railroad St., Earlville, IL
 Multi use property. 6 apartments and a fully rented office space. Many upgrades have been made to the building. Ample parking. Call for all the amenities and income potential.



4121 E. 2nd Rd MENDOTA \$159,000
 Another great brick ranch with 1.5 acres! Watch glorious sunsets out on the large backyard deck off the kitchen! Main floor laundry, 2 BDR's up, and 2 down. 2 BA's, big living room with fireplace to enjoy this fall and winter. There are pretty views from every window and plenty of outdoor space!



1407 Rolling Green Dr MENDOTA \$89,900 3 BDR, 1 BA, oversized garage, large family room, galley kitchen with pantry and hidden laundry!-beautiful perennial gardens, nice dining area too! Sweet house in a great, friendly neighborhood by the lake!



1309 Guiles Avenue Mendota
 Enter this home on the newer BIG front porch to a cozy home with 3-4 BDR's, main level laundry, updated bathroom, and nicely sized kitchen with a door leading to the fenced backyard and deck.