

Bravely answering the call

□ Mendota nurse works in New York City hospital during peak of COVID-19

By **BONNIE MORRIS**
Editor

MENDOTA – At the end of March when Illinois was just starting to see an increase in COVID-19 cases, New York City hospitals were already in crisis, overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. Nurses and doctors at those hospitals were becoming sick as well, which created staffing shortages and caused New York City hospitals to begin asking for medical personnel from across the country to come and help. That’s when Jennifer Escatel, a registered nurse from Mendota, decided to answer the call.

Escatel had been getting e-mails requesting the help of ICU (intensive care) nurses willing to go to New York City, so she decided to get more information. A graduate of Mendota High School and the IVCC nursing program, she had been trained as an ICU nurse at St. Margaret’s Hospital in Spring Valley before going into healthcare management. After talking with her family about the need for nurses in New York, she received their blessing to go and signed an eight-week contract.

Five days later on April 5, Escatel found herself on a plane to New York. Although her family supported her decision to go, not everyone understood why. “But I felt that I was young, healthy and had the skill set to do it,” she explained. “And they knew that as a nurse, my job is to take care of people.”

Escatel said she had never been to New York and in fact, had never traveled anywhere alone, so she had no real expectations before arriving. “I had heard all the horror stories about shortages of staff and PPE at the hospitals,” she said, “but that’s all I really knew.”

On April 6, her first day of work at NYU Langone Health in Manhattan, there were 560 COVID-19 cases at that hospital. Because she was working in ICU, Escatel said she had less exposure to the virus than if she had been working in the emergency department. Although she had patients with COVID-19, the ICU was in a new part of the hospital that had negative air pressure and the patients were already intubated when they got to her department.

The situation was much different in the emergency department. Escatel said patients coming into the hospital’s ER would line the hallways and the staff had to choose which person to help

“These patients not only can’t breathe, but are in multi-organ failure. The very thin line of when to run the meds, when to turn them up or to turn them down falls into my hands.”

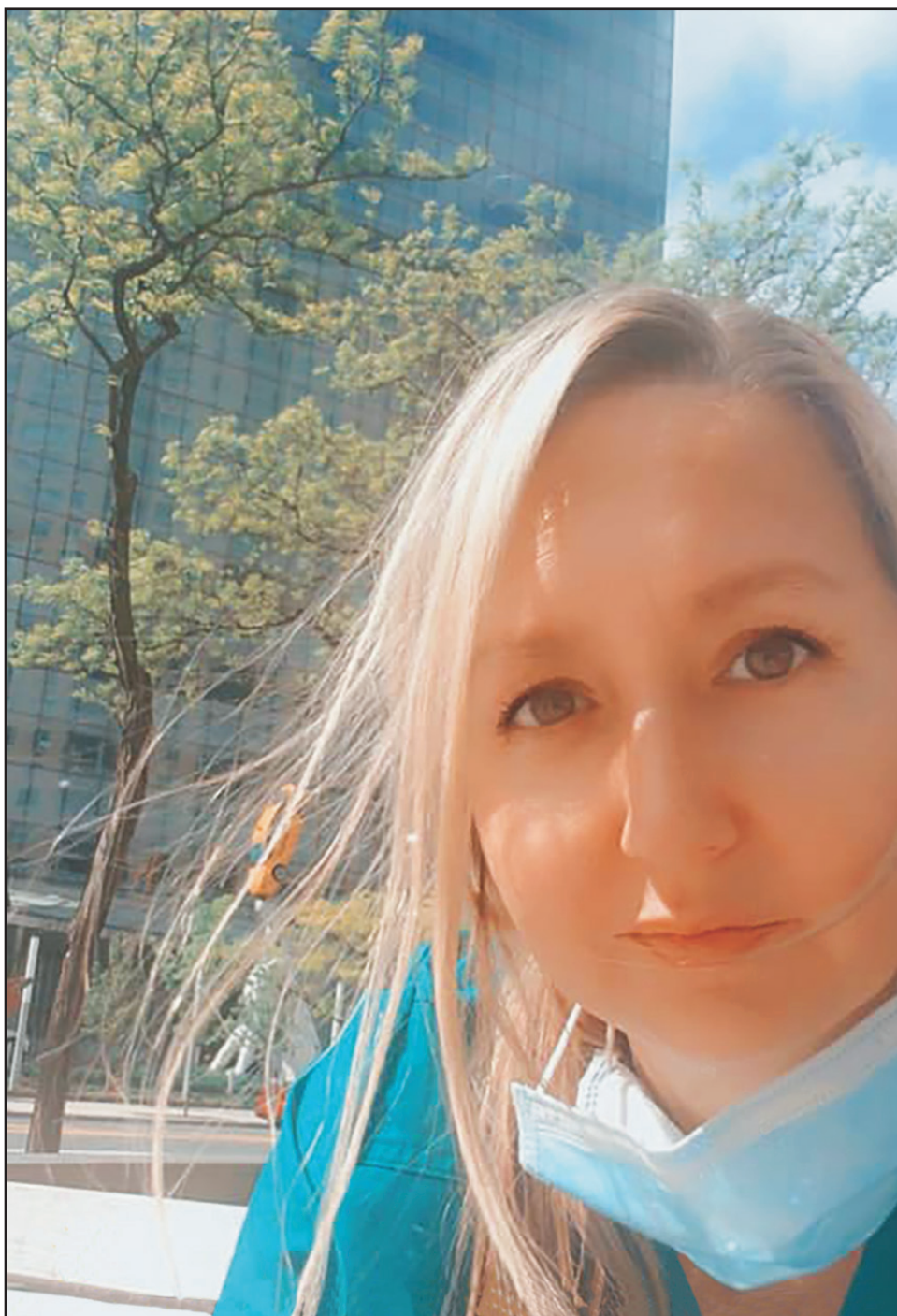
—Jennifer Escatel, journal entry from 2nd week in NYC

first. “When I got there, I think there were about 700 people dying every day in New York City,” she recalled.

One thing Escatel quickly realized was that people of all ages were getting seriously ill with COVID-19, not just older people. Some of her ICU patients were young – teens, 20s, 30s and 40s – and not in any other high-risk category, but they were getting just as sick as the older people. No one knew why. During her time at Langone Health, she also noticed that in her department men seemed to be getting sicker than women. “But every day was so different,” she said. “The beginning symptoms might be sore throat and fever but so many other types of complications would follow. It was scary.”

Taking the advice of a friend from back home, Carrie Bauer, Escatel began keeping a journal of her experiences. At the end of her third day on April 8, she wrote about her patients: “Good news. No one died. Bad news, they are still sick...I’m tired and my feet hurt. Fourteen hours today, 21,000 steps. Let’s see what tomorrow’s shift holds. I got this. No worries my friends.”

In her free time after work and on days off, Escatel was able to experience life in New York City for the first time. From her hotel in Times Square, she could walk 30 minutes to and from work or take an eight-minute Uber ride. At first, she was afraid to go out walking. On one of her very first attempts to venture out, she decided to walk half a block to a convenience store, but that trip ended with this journal entry: “Random guy invades my personal space and wouldn’t go away. I got scared, walked back to the hotel. Wanted to cry and fly home. I decided just to stand out front of the hotel



Day 49 – On May 25 with only three more work days left on her contract, Jennifer Escatel enjoys a break in the courtyard while contemplating her return to Mendota. Although some traveling nurses chose to extend their contracts, by the end of eight weeks Escatel was more than ready to leave the city and get back home.

and calm down. Then I met a group from the Navy staying across the street that got into town today. We decided to take a little walk and grab some food and snacks. All is well and I’m not coming home...yet.”

Escatel said before long, she became more accustomed to the city and usually preferred to walk everywhere. Because of stay-at-home orders, there were far fewer people on the streets than normal, but people were still going where they needed to. In her April 8 journal entry, she described the sound of sirens in the city, the people who would stop and wave in support of healthcare workers, and the local businesses that donated food daily. “Everyone is so appreciative for the help and being on the front line.”

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Returning home to Mendota on May 31, Escatel received a hero’s welcome from family, friends, neighbors and the Mendota Police Department.



Mendota H.S. seniors will finally get their day

MENDOTA – Mendota High School is excited to announce the graduation ceremony plans for the Class of 2020.

As the state of Illinois has progressed to Phase 4, schools are allowed to reopen. MHS has collaborated with the LaSalle County Health Department and agreed to work within the capacity limits outlined below for the health, safety, and well-being of all attendees. These guidelines meet the requirements set forth in Governor Pritzker’s Phase 4 Restore Illinois and ISBE’s Part 3 Transition Guidance for Schools.

The Class of 2020 will graduate in one ceremony as a class outside in the Mendota Trojan Athletic Stadium. The ceremony is Saturday, July 18 at 7 p.m. with a rain date set for the following evening, same time.

Graduates will be socially distanced and seated on the turf field in groups of 50 or fewer with 30 feet between spaced groups. Each graduate will be limited to two (2) guests who will have assigned socially distanced seats in the home bleachers. There will be no additional guests, and the parking lots will be closed to everyone except for the graduates and the two guests per graduate who have a ticket to enter.

The ceremony will be live-streamed online for all other family and friends to watch the graduates.

MHS is excited that it can bring together the entire Class of 2020 for a traditional ceremony and celebration. Thank you for your patience. MHS is extremely fortunate to have waited and had this opportunity for its graduates. Please watch for a mailing with more details about rehearsals, dress code, etc. CONGRATULATIONS! #GoTrojans

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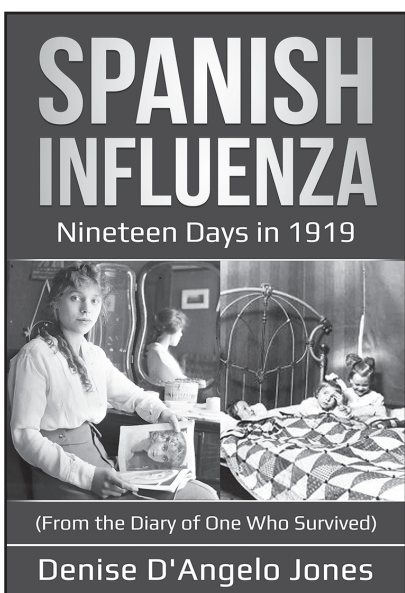
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LOCAL AND AREA

Diary describes 1919 Spanish Flu pandemic in Mendota

ATHENS, Ga. - One hundred years ago, Mendota resident Hilda Dorothea Zapf kept a diary that detailed how



she and her family of 11 survived the Spanish Flu pandemic.

Zapf lived in Mendota from 1899-1994 and for 88 years she recorded detailed accounts of her life in volumes and volumes of diaries hidden away in a closet underneath the steps of her home on Indiana Avenue. Her great-niece, Denise D'Angelo Jones, spent much of her childhood and young adult years visiting her aunt in Mendota and enjoying the many detailed stories that Zapf would share with her.

In 2019, Jones' mother, Shirley Conner Baxter, died from vascular dementia leaving Aunt Hilda's diaries behind. For six years Jones, a retired chiropractor, cared for her mother in her home in Georgia and enjoyed hearing Shirley reminisce about her treasured memories of living in Mendota as a child in the 1930s.

When shelter in place directives were enacted due to COVID-19, Jones

decided to revisit her Aunt Hilda's Spanish Flu diary entries from 1919. The observations contained in Zapf's journal entries from 100 years ago were surprisingly relevant for today's climate of pandemic uncertainty.

Zapf documented how her family and the community survived the virulent flu throughout her descriptive diary writings. Hand washing, lockdowns, mask wearing and daily visits from Dr. E.P. Cook, Jr. (who had lost his wife and child a year earlier) were all recorded by Zapf in her diary. She also included some town gossip from the time in her writings - and a few giggles - which are shared in a book compiled by Jones titled, "Spanish Influenza: Nineteen Days in 1919."

A pre-release of the book is currently available as an E-book at books2read.com/u/4NLdoN. In addition, to view a YouTube promotional video, go to <https://youtu.be/sx0tpFngj4o>.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Kishwaukee part-time student honors

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is pleased to announce its part-time student honors list for spring 2020.

Over half of the students attending Kishwaukee College are in school part time and many of these students have responsibilities that extend far beyond the classroom, including work and family obligations.

To be eligible for this honor list at Kishwaukee, a student must have completed a minimum of 6 (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kish with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Area students named to the spring part-time student honors list include:

Paw Paw — Anthony Castaldo, Ashlyn McLaughlin and Antonio Solis;
Amboy — Drake Barlow;
Lee — Audrey Hulthen, Thomas Rissman and Thomas Hulthen Wheeler.

Carthage College graduation

KENOSHA, Wis. - Elizabeth Willis of Mendota graduated from Carthage College in May.

A pre-recorded virtual commencement ceremony debuted on May 23. A traditional celebration will be held on campus at a later date.

Aurora University dean's list

AURORA - Aurora University has named several area students to the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester. They include Fabiola Felix*, senior, Bachelor of Social Work, and Veronica Felix*, senior, Bachelor of Social Work, both of Mendota; and Barbara Carlson, senior, Criminal Justice, of Troy Grove.

The dean's list recognizes full-time undergraduate students with a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (*) earned a perfect 4.0.

Real estate taxes due July 15 in LaSalle County

◆ Grace period given for late payment of first installment

OTTAWA — The first installment of the LaSalle County real estate taxes is due on Wednesday, July 15. Late payments for the first installment that received interest charges will be later written off if the total prop-

erty tax amount is paid in full no later than the second installment date of Sept. 4. The second installment is due on Friday, Sept. 4.

There are several tax payment options.

• Online payments may be

made at www.lasallecountytreasurer.com with a credit card, debit card or e-check from your bank account.

• By check delivered inside Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

• By check at most LaSalle

County banks and financial institutions.

• By check through drop box (open 24 hours). The drop box location has been moved to the north part of the east parking lot Government

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Mt. Morris Jamboree plans for possible concert dates

MT. MORRIS - Fans of the Mt. Morris Jamboree know that under normal circumstances the annual free summer concert series held on Friday nights would be well under way by now. Organizers extend their appreciation to all the fans who have been asking about the program and expressing concern and disappointment about its absence.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the opening of the concert season was postponed. With Illinois now in Phase 4 of re-opening, new guidelines were released which provide specific details about location, workplace, arena, etc.

While Phase 4 reduces many previous restrictions, outdoor capacity for entertainment venues is limited to 20 percent of overall theater or performance space capacity. Concessions are permitted with restrictions.

Mt. Morris Jamboree crowds have

increased each year and now number from 600 to 900 people or more per concert. Most attendees are seated close together in front of the band shell and there is no way to effectively and fairly limit crowd size at the outdoor concert site.

In addition, organizers cannot ensure that all spectators would wear masks and respect social distance guidelines in order to reduce possible virus transmission to others, some of whom may be at high risk. To ensure public safety and remain compliant with the phased re-opening in Illinois, the July concerts have officially been canceled.

Looking ahead, during Phase 5 the state will allow conventions, festivals and much larger events. That phase requires the presence of a vaccine or highly effective, available treatment or



elimination of any new cases over a sustained period.

"In case of a miracle, and believing they do happen, we still have the possibility of presenting several concerts in the late summer," organizers stated.

"We will keep track of the guidelines, the progress of the re-opening plan and any adjustments, and notify everyone either way, as soon as the path forward becomes more certain."

If all concerts must be canceled this year, the Jamboree will return as soon as it is safe. In case we reach Phase 5 before fall, the rest of the season will be:

Aug. 7: Kyle Lacy Band - Rockabilly

Aug. 14: TBA

Aug. 21: Chicago Tribute Anthology - Classic Rock

Aug. 28: TBA

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LOCAL AND AREA

Bureau Co. Farm Bureau Foundation announces 2020 scholarship winners

BUREAU COUNTY - Seven Bureau County students will receive financial assistance from the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation to help cover costs associated with continuing their education.

The Foundation Board of Directors has named Chase Gripp of Sheffield, Stephanie Gripp of Sheffield, Alexa Jacobs of Walnut, Lauren McMillan of Tiskilwa, Luke Lovgren of LaMoille, Katie Smith of Walnut and Cole Wright of Bradford as the 2020 recipients of the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships.

Chase Gripp is the son of Chad and TeNeille Gripp. He is finishing his junior year at Purdue University where he is studying Agricultural Systems Management/Ag Business.

Stephanie Gripp, daughter of Chad and TeNeille Gripp, is finishing her freshman year at Oklahoma State University where she is majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet.

Alexa Jacobs is the daughter of Rod and Jennifer Jacobs. She is finishing her junior



C. Gripp



S. Gripp



A. Jacobs



L. McMillan



L. Lovgren



K. Smith



C. Wright

year at Southern Illinois University where she is studying Agricultural Systems and Education.

Lauren McMillan, daughter of Kyle and Jodi McMillan, is finishing her freshman year at the University of Illinois where she is majoring in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications: Organizational and Community Leadership.

Luke Lovgren is the son of Eric and Robin Lovgren. He is finishing his freshman year at Illinois Valley Community College where his major area of study is Agribusiness.

Kathleen Smith, daughter of David and Janet Smith, is finishing her junior year at Illinois State University where she is majoring in Agriculture Communications and Animal Husbandry Management.

Cole Wright, son of Todd and Joann Wright, is finishing his junior year at Iowa State University where he is majoring in Agronomy.

All of these students were extremely active in extracurricular activities with strong backgrounds in a variety of programs such as FFA, 4-H, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Young

Leaders, as well as church and other school related programs.

For the past 25 years, the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation has made a financial commitment to assist individuals interested in pursuing a career in agriculture.

To date, \$98,250 has been provided in scholarships to individuals who are Bureau County Farm Bureau members or their dependents.

The Foundation funding is supported by private contributions, including those from Bureau County Farm Bureau members.



Willard Mott, left, and Kathryn Seebruck, center, both of IVCC, and Daryle Wragge of University of Illinois Extension, stand in front of the joint research and demonstration plot located on the IVCC farm. (Photo contributed)

IVCC/U of I Extension ag research plot projects include soybean seed & tillage

OGLESBY - This year, the 10-acre University of Illinois Extension and IVCC ag research and demonstration plot was planted with soybeans. Among the planned research and demonstration projects are planting population rates and treated vs. untreated soybean seed. Another component includes tillage, specifically evaluating no-till against a one pass vertical-till operation.

Daryle Wragge, Extension Agriculture Program Coordinator, said seed for this year's program was graciously donated by Lukach Pioneer. The research and demonstration plot is a partnership project between the University of Illinois Extension, the Illinois Valley Community College Agricultural Department (Willard Mott and Kathryn Seebruck), and Luke Holly, IVCC farming tenant.

Again in 2020, weather factored in delayed fieldwork and planting. Case IH provided a

new variable tillage tool and an experimental 12-row, 30-inch planter to assist in the project. The Agricultural Equipment Company is also doing extensive research within the plot in the way of mechanical design of seed placement.

All of the research will be monitored throughout the growing season by University of Illinois Extension and Case IH Engineering. Russ Higgins, U of I Extension Commercial Agriculture Educator, and Daryle Wragge, Extension Agriculture Program Coordinator, hope to have some very valuable information as well as guidelines to assist area producers. A field day is planned for late summer to highlight the findings.

Extension offices are located in Princeton, Ottawa, Henry, and Oglesby on the IVCC campus. For more information call (815) 224-0889. Visit our website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp>.

Expired licenses, ID cards, license plate stickers extended to Nov. 1

♦ White suggests delaying visits during heat wave

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses/ID cards and license plate stickers have been extended an additional month - from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1. This new Nov. 1 extension also includes those who have July, August and September expiration dates.

As a result, expired documents will remain valid until Nov. 1, so customers need not rush into driver services facilities, especially during heat waves. Anyone who must visit a facility should come prepared to wait outside due to social distancing, which limits the number of people allowed inside a facility at one time.

White urges the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. Customers who can conduct business online may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services such as renewing license plate stickers from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions avoid waiting in line at a facility.

White noted that online transactions continue to flourish, with June seeing an increase of 110 percent in online license plate sticker renewals compared to June 2019. This June, 447,103 sticker renewals were received online compared to last June's 212,396 online renewals.

Through July 31, facilities are serving ONLY new drivers, customers with expired driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle transactions. Face masks are required. Customers who must visit a facility should expect heavy volume and be prepared to wait outside in various types of weather because social distancing limits the number of people inside a facility at

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CARL'S QUIZ

What is "cornscateous" air?

The answer to last week's quiz is: *Furnace Creek, Calif. in Death Valley, holds the record as "hottest place on Earth." On July 10, 1913, a weather observation post at Furnace Creek Ranch recorded a peak temperature of 134 degrees - just one degree less than its thermometer was capable of measuring.*

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Charlene R. Stamberger

LA MOILLE - Charlene Rose Stamberger, 81, of LaMoille passed away July 11, 2020 at her home surrounded by family.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on July 15 at Zion Lutheran Church of Clarion with Rev. Paul Darveau officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on July 14 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Masks were required and appreciated.

Charlene was born Aug. 19, 1938 in LaMoille to William and Bertha (Scriba) Billhorn. She married Lester Stamberger on March 3, 1957 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Survivors include one son, Larry (Cindy) Stamberger of LaMoille; two daughters, Lynn (Paul) Furar of LaMoille and Lisa (Gary) Gascoigne of Amboy; one brother, Dale (Carolea) Billhorn of Oglesby; one sister, Donna Zinke of Mendota; seven grandchildren, Amy (Kenny) Ladson, Angie (Chad) Wendelken, Brady Furar, Nathan Furar, Brittany (Evan) Akre, Paige (Dalton Wittenauer) Gascoigne and Alyssa Gascoigne; seven great-grandchildren, Colton and Daegan Ladson, Abbie, Brynne, Carissa and Dakota Wendelken and Wyatt Akre; special family members, Linda Downey and her children, Ryan and Caitlyn Yochum; friends, Justin, Emily, Chelsi and Ryder Kelly; and her cat, Sneaky.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers-in-law, Jim Stamberger and Gerald Zinke, and special friend, Don Steele.

Charlene was a 1956 graduate of LaMoille High School. She was involved in farming with her husband and family. She worked for Nourie Accounting and Northbrook Middle School in the cafeteria and as a playground supervisor until her retirement. She bowled at Mendota Elks Lodge in the Thursday Night Ladies League. She loved attending her grandkids' and great-grandkids' various activities. She loved to do circle words and enjoyed watching NASCAR and motocross racing. She also loved bird watching.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's and Dementia Association.



James G. Daul

LASALLE - James "Jim" George Daul, 60, of LaSalle passed away July 11, 2020 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Jim was born April 16, 1960 in Rockford to James Peter and Shirley Marie (Jones) Daul. He married Kim Waido on Jan. 13, 1980.

Survivors include his wife of LaSalle; two daughters, Erin (Glenn) Castle of West Brooklyn and Lindsey (Jeremiah) Gambrel of Mendota; four grandchildren, Makenna, Aaden, Ari and Aubrey; and one brother, Russell (Tammy) Daul of Vienna, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jim worked for 20 years at Mendota Community Hospital as the IT Director. He retired on disability following an accident that severely injured his ankle. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to the many who knew him. He enjoyed working on computers, playing computer games, and most of all his wonderful grandkids.

The family wishes prayers for the surviving members of the family.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Darlene A. Johnson

MENDOTA - Darlene Alberta Johnson, 90, of Mendota, passed away July 3, 2020 at her home.

Visitation with social distancing was held from 10 a.m. to noon on July 9 at Seals-Campbell Funeral Home, Marseilles. Funeral services were at noon on July 9 at the funeral home with Pastor Charles Yeakel of United Pentecostal Church in Mendota officiating. Burial was at Baker Cemetery.

Darlene was born Feb. 16, 1930 in McNabb to Wilbur and Emma Johanna (Marlier) Holocker. She married Max Johnson of Mark in 1952. He preceded her in death in 2015.

Survivors include two sons, David (Rhonda) Johnson and Richard (Peggy) Johnson, both of Mendota; seven grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, two grandsons, three sisters and four brothers.

Darlene was a member of United Pentecostal Church in Mendota. She was a devoted homemaker and a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Fortune Phrase winner earns Sullivan's gift card

MENDOTA - The Mendota Reporter Fortune Phrase game is off and running for 2020. The lucky winner of a \$25 gift card to Sullivan's Foods is Joan Schmidt of West Brooklyn.

The correct phrase was "Kick Off July By Giving The Fortune Phrase A Try."

The words were hidden in the following ads:

Kick - Krenz Dental; Off - Eureka Savings Bank; July - The Mendota Reporter (eEdition); By - The Mendota Reporter (rentals); Giving - Mendota Farmers Market; The - Sullivan's Foods; Fortune - Setchell Agency Ltd.; Phrase - The Mendota Reporter (Where is it?); A - El Zarape; Try - The Mendota Reporter (garage sales).

Thanks for playing, and look in this week's papers for week two of the Fortune Phrase.

Taxes

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Complex, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa.

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For more information, refer to your tax bill.

Distribution of the \$47,123,751.36 collected to date for the July installment was completed on July 10.

The amount that was distributed to each of the 566 accounts was electronically deposited. No checks were issued. A receipt that shows

the amount of the bank deposit will be mailed to the financial officer of each taxing district.

Again this year, the tax district financial officers can expect distributions at 30-day intervals through the final distribution in December, as proceeds become available.

With a total collection of \$237,099,111.27 anticipated, this \$47,123,751.36 distribution represents approximately 19.9 percent of expected county-wide real estate tax proceeds.

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Another 39K file jobless claims in Illinois

◆ *Department of Employment Security launches 'callback only' program for claimants*

By **PETER HANCOCK**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD - The state of Illinois saw slight decreases in the number of people filing first-time unemployment claims as well as the number of people receiving continuing benefits during the week that ended July 4.

But those gains were more than offset by increases in the number of people applying for and receiving benefits under another program designed for people who don't qualify for traditional unemployment benefits.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security said Thursday that it processed 39,015 initial unemployment claims during the week, which was shortened by the Independence Day holiday weekend. That was down from 43,934 initial claims filed the previous week, a decline of 11 percent.

At the same time, however, the U.S. Department of Labor reported a sharp increase in first-time claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, the federally-funded program for independent contractors and others who don't qualify for traditional unemployment insurance. Initial filings under that program rose 31 percent to 42,785.

That brought the total number of people filing first-time claims under both programs to 87,682, up from

78,339 the week before.

Those numbers mirrored national trends as many states, including Illinois, have started reopening their economies. Nationwide, initial claims for traditional unemployment benefits fell 2 percent, to 1.4 million, while initial PUA claims rose more than 4 percent to just over 1 million.

Meanwhile, the number of Illinois workers receiving continuing benefits under traditional unemployment insurance fell to 667,460, a decline of about 1.4 percent from the previous week.

Nationally, the number of people receiving continuing benefits fell 3.6 percent to 16.8 million.

Data on continuing benefits in the PUA program lags behind that of the traditional unemployment program by two weeks. The Department of Labor said 108,112 people in Illinois were receiving continuing PUA benefits during the week that ended June 20, up 15 percent from the prior week.

Effective Thursday, IDES also implemented a "callback only" model for assisting applicants with unemployment questions or issues. On its website, the department called it a "temporary solution to effectively honor the order in which callers attempt to reach the call center for assistance."

The new model will be in effect for the Claimant Services Center (800-

244-5631), IllinoisJobLink.com (877-342-7533), Benefit Payment Control (800-814-0513) and the Employer Hotline (800-247-4984).

As complaints about an inability to reach IDES about issues with claims continue to mount, the new system aims to return calls in the order they were received, rather than forcing callers to wait on hold or call multiple times.

Callbacks will occur Monday through Friday. Claimant Services Center hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., while IllinoisJobLink.com, Benefit Payment Control and Employer Hotline hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Only one pending callback can be scheduled in the system at a time. The call from IDES should display on Caller ID as 800-244-5631, but in certain cases, this number could be blocked phone carriers.

If a callback is missed, IDES staff will attempt to leave a voicemail and will call again shortly after the first attempt, according to a news release. Those who miss both calls will be required to contact the call center to schedule another callback.

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one time.

In addition, customers who visit a facility for renewals are encouraged to use the pre-registration application at www.cyberdriveillinois.com, which will speed up their transaction.

Governor JB Pritzker extended the Disaster Proclamation an additional month, which also extended the expirations for driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle registration stickers.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Nurse

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Except for a nearby Target, Escatel said almost all of the stores in Times Square were closed, which was disappointing. "But it's probably a good thing or I would have done some serious shopping," she laughed. "By the time I left, the protests were starting so the Target closed then, too."

By her second week, Escatel began to realize how mentally draining the job was, writing: "My brain hurts as much as my feet and back do." But she quickly added that she was not complaining because she knew how hard the work would be and she was "up for the challenge."

That week she also described what the days were like for her patients and for the medical staff. "These patients not only can't breathe but are in multi-organ failure. The very thin line of when to run the meds, when to turn them up or to turn them down falls into my hands."

She said the nurse practitioners, physician assistants and doctors were all extremely busy and not always there to answer questions right away and the respiratory therapists were also "spread thin." But she also felt that the doctors she worked with were quickly formulating a plan and she saw some people getting better. "It's just the process of getting there," she wrote on April 13, adding, "I can do this. I will do this. And giving up has never been an option! So far New York has been amazing. I even made it to Target to buy toilet paper!"

As Escatel had expected, there was not enough PPE at the hospital. One day when the strap on her N95 mask snapped she had to tie the two ends together because masks were in short supply. She also had to use the same gown in each patient room due to the lack of proper gowns.

But her work never stopped. "We were constantly moving for 13 hours," she said. "The nurses had to help each other. We were the ones most familiar with the patients. We all had iPhones so we could consult with each other and with the doctors by phone because everybody was so busy. It was non-stop and always something different."

Escatel recalled one particularly rough day when she had two COVID-19 patients, both in their 50s. "One will live and one will die. It's sad," she wrote that night. "It's about 50/50 here. Seems every other room just about. I don't think I sat down longer than 30 minutes today and that was to eat. Leave my hotel around 7:30 a.m. and get back around 9 p.m. Shower, eat and now sleep to do it all again tomorrow."

Four days later, Escatel wrote about a 46-year-old patient who had no past medical history, was not overweight and had been on a ventilator since March 29. "The man probably has pneumonia. COVID has become a vicious cycle. Stay home people. Wash your hands. This is not a joke!"

But there were also many bright spots in her days thanks to friends, family and the Mendota community who sent care packages to Escatel on a regular basis. "That definitely made it easier to be there," she said. "They sent boxes with snacks, special treats and fabric face masks that I could wear when I wasn't at work, which was great because the N95 masks ate my face. There were so many nice surprises, which I appreciated so much. Thanks to my friends and family I will forever be known as the travel nurse with the snacks for sharing every day from my care packages."

Most importantly, she was able to video chat with her kids almost every night. "It was hard for them but they understood that I am a nurse and there was a bigger picture," she said. "If it wasn't



Day 3: Intensive Care Unit – A timeline of procedures for a COVID-19 patient is written on the glass door of the patient's room in the ICU. For Mendota nurse Jennifer Escatel, that day which was her third working at NYU Langone Health in New York City, the good news was that none of her patients died; the bad news was they were all still sick. (Photos contributed)



Day 15: Break time – Jennifer Escatel, second from left, and some co-workers pose for the camera while enjoying a quick pizza lunch donated by a local restaurant. But for Escatel, most of that day was spent fighting hard to keep one of her patients alive and stable enough to not get intubated, which she was able to do. If the 84-year-old woman were to get tubed, Escatel explained, she probably would never come off.

for the traveling nurses, way more people would have died."

Escatel said the New York nurses were very grateful for the traveling nurses, a sentiment expressed in her April 18 journal post: "Everyone helps everyone and I love that! We are a team. No one fights alone!" Friendships were formed between the traveling nurses as well as with the nurses from New York. "One of the nurses from Florida I still talk to almost every day," she said. "He decided to stay and extend his contract. They asked me to stay but I couldn't wait to come home."

But as the time drew close for her to leave New York, Escatel had mixed emotions. She was more than ready to get back home but she also knew there were things she would miss. The experience had been life changing and something that never would have happened working in a rural area. "Worked my last shift at NYU Langone!" she wrote on May 28. "I'm gonna miss this so much! But on the flip side I can't wait to be

home and see my kids! This was such an unreal experience. Something I will never forget. And something I hope to never experience again."

The day she returned to Mendota, Escatel was warmly welcomed by family, friends and neighbors as well as members of the Mendota Police Department. Although the number of COVID cases was much lower here, she agreed that the stay-at-home orders, social distancing and other restrictions put in place were necessary. She was tested once for COVID in early May and 10 days later she had an antibody test, both of which were negative. "I wore the PPE properly and always washed my hands," she noted. "Testing is important for the statistics, but many people who get COVID are not sick enough to go to the hospital, so they just recover at home and don't get tested. We won't ever have an accurate number of cases."

Aside from family and friends, one of the things she missed most about being at home was simply the ability

to go outside in the yard. In New York, there was really nowhere to just go out and get some sunshine. Even though she opted to pay for her own accommodations while in the city, which were very comfortable and spacious, she admitted to going a little stir crazy. "They offered free hotel rooms to the traveling nurses but those were very small – some had no windows – I couldn't have survived that," she said. "I would go up to the roof to read sometimes but I missed being able to just go out in the yard – when I got home I just rolled around in the grass."

For now, Escatel said other than a short trip to Wisconsin Dells with her family, she is mostly just staying close to home. "I was definitely miserable for the 56 days I was in New York, but I am glad I did it and yes, I would probably do it again – just not right now," she admitted. "My friends think I'm nuts, but I always say nurses are born, not made. We take care of people. But for now, I need some time at home."

Illinois, regional economies shrink in first quarter of '20

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois economy shrank at an annual rate of 5.4 percent during the first quarter of 2020 compared to the previous quarter, according to federal data released last week, an indicator of just how severely the COVID-19 pandemic affected commercial activity.

The gross domestic product figures for the January-through-March period represent the total value of goods produced and services provided during the quarter.

University of Illinois economist Fred Giertz said in an interview that virtually all of the decline occurred in the final weeks of March, after Gov. JB Pritzker issued a statewide stay-at-home order that forced many businesses, schools and other employers to shut down or scale back operations.

"All the evidence suggests that the first two months of January-February were not impacted very much by the virus issue, but then they have a huge impact and in March even though the formal shutdown didn't begin until the last week or so of March," he said.

Nearly all sectors of the economy took significant hits during the quarter led by arts, entertainment and recreation, which took the biggest hit with a 36 percent rate of decline. Accommodations and food service fell at a rate of more than 27 percent.

Other sectors taking big hits included finance and insurance, down 10.6 percent, and transportation and warehousing, which includes airline and rail transportation, which fell at a 9.8 percent rate.

The only bright spot in the report was the agricultural sector – one area of the economy that was not affected by the stay-at-home order – which grew quarter-to-quarter at a rate of 183 percent.

The overall decline in Illinois was greater than the national average of 5 percent but smaller than the average for the Great Lakes region, which was 5.7 percent.

Neighboring states Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin all fared better than Illinois, while Indiana and Kentucky fared slightly worse.

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, which produces the GDP numbers, is scheduled to issue its first estimate of second-quarter activity – April through June – later this month, but state-level GDP figures won't be available until October.

However, some early indicators of what's likely to be in the second-quarter report came out recently from the Commission on Government

Reform and Accountability, or CoGFA, the Illinois General Assembly's fiscal monitoring arm.

That agency reported last week that during the fiscal year that ended June 30, general fund revenues received by the state were \$1.1 billion below last year's revenues, and that virtually all of the dropoff occurred during the April-through-June quarter.

Much of that was due to declines in personal income tax collections, which were down by a net \$765 million due to a combination of mass layoffs and delaying the tax filing deadline to July 15. Corporate income taxes and sales taxes were also below last year's levels.

There were also big declines in revenue from riverboat casinos and the state lottery, although there was nearly a 3 percent increase in liquor taxes.

The report also said June showed signs of improvement as the state gradually began to reopen its economy.

Personal income tax collections during the month were up \$173 million, or 9.4 percent, as many people returned to work and began filing their 2019 tax returns. Corporate income and sales taxes remained below June 2019 levels but overall state tax collections were off by only 0.1 percent.

Giertz said he sees similar trends in his monthly Flash Index, a general measure of economic activity that shows whether the state's economy is growing or contracting, and by how much.

A Flash Index value greater than 100 indicates a growing economy while a value less than 100 reflects economic contraction.

That index had been over 100 for 96 consecutive months, dating back to March 2012 when Illinois began pulling out of the Great Recession. It fell to 99.8 in March, 94.2 in April and 92.8 in May as effects of the economic lockdown began to be felt. But it ticked up slightly in June to 93.1, indicating the economy was still weak, but improved from May.

"Things are clearly turning around now but that turnaround could be halted almost any time we had another kind of outbreak," he said. "I suspect, though, that even if we do have a resurgence of the virus, ... we're going to be more open about that and not have a complete shutdown the way we did back in March."

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Defending historic brick paving – 1982

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from July 16, 1997)

By Jessica Nashold
Backtracks & Sidetracks

In the summer of 1982, families in the Lincoln School neighborhood were alarmed to hear the city was planning to cover two blocks of brick paving on Fourth Avenue between Sixth and Eighth streets. A petition was quickly circulated to protest and was presented at a council meeting by Lottie Bigsby and Mrs. Bernard Bodmer. All but three of those whose homes faced Fourth Avenue along those two blocks had signed the plea to save the brick paving.

Since it was the last example of the craft remaining in Mendota, except for one or two sidewalks and short connections between sidewalks and streets, the petitioners pointed out its historic value.

Mrs. Bigsby said Mendota was failing to preserve its old buildings, but –

It shouldn't be too much to ask that two blocks of street be left as a reminder of how things were in Mendota in the early part of the century.

Mayor Ken Roling assured the women the city appreciated their concern. However, the brick paving presented difficulties for snow plows. Street superintendent Joe Hochstatter had recommended a coating, which was low cost and could be expected to last for years without repairs. Said Roling –

When Hochstatter makes recommendations the council generally goes along with them.

Alderman James Strouss asked the council to vote on whether or not to save the brick paving. But the point was raised that the city had already contracted some of the work and might face legal problems if a change was proposed.

Mayor Roling promised he would “get back with the people in that area” as soon as possible. Work had been scheduled to begin at the end of July – and it did.

State Rep. Harlan Rigney spoke at a Chamber luncheon on July 14, 1982. He explained his decision to run for the State Senate rather than seek re-election to the House. He said he and State Rep. Nord Swanson had long ago made “a gentleman's agreement” not to run against each other. Now, redistricting had created a situation where they would be in opposition. He had determined to run for the Senate rather than break his promise to Swanson.

Rigney said he had co-sponsored House Bill 93 to eliminate state inheritance taxes. The bill still needed Gov. Jim Thompson's signature and he urged his listeners to express their support of the bill in Springfield.

A summer recreation program was in full swing in July. The staff in 1982 included Donna Adrian, SCAMP director, Shelly Eichorn, Kim Kinzer, Marci Steele, Christy Stiel, Jenny Rich and John McCauley, sports director.

The Reporter carried a feature on the challenge of white-water canoeing on the Vermillion River. The river could be entered at the Kangley bridge north of Streator. At day's end, the canoers would exit at Route 178.

Can be dangerous, as six-foot waves can be expected when water is high.

The Chamber sponsored a mixer at Sam's Steak House, attended by 50. Herb Goslin of Goslin's Drugs, was host. Andrea Bryan was Chamber director.

Gov. Thompson signed into law a ban on car dealers doing business on Sunday. It would take effect on Jan. 1, 1983.

Ruby L. Blaydes received a Distinguished Service Award from the Mendota Church of the Nazarene. The award was in recognition of 25 years devoted to duty. David Barker was pastor.

Irvin McDougall was reappointed chief of police after a delay occasioned by a “communication problem.”

Ben Sutton, owner and chief chef of LeBistro, advertised a choice of five different gourmet box picnic lunches “to go.” LeBistro was located on 13th Avenue where Golden Palace is now.

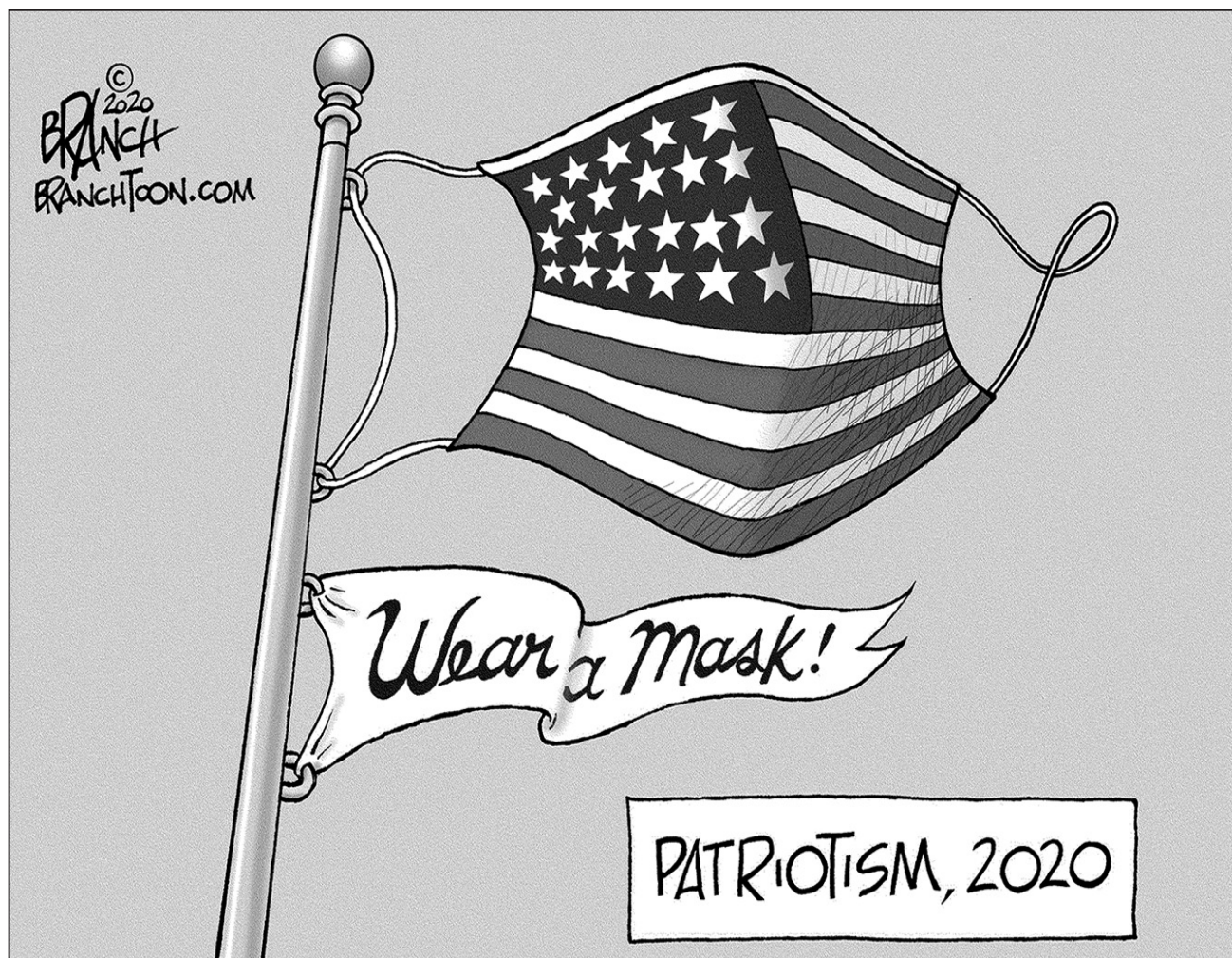
Wayside Press offered to give the U.S. Postal Service personnel forms valued at \$100,000 to help with its absentee problem. Companies using the forms were reported a 33% reduction in absenteeism.

In a Chamber profile about Westerman's, Mrs. Westerman explained how she and her husband happened to locate in Mendota. They had been disappointed in a store they had checked out in Marseilles and spent the night in Mendota. They liked our town and although no clothing business was for sale here, a novelty store was.

John didn't know anything about pots and pans, but we bought the store anyway.

It was gradually transformed from a novelty store to a women's wear business. In 1982, son Dave Westerman was in charge. He had joined the family firm in 1972 after a long stint with the J.C. Penney Co.

The Men's Garden Club sponsored a Garden Walk on July 18, 1982, from two to five in the afternoon. On display were the gardens of the Ray Andersons, the Harry Rolands, the Richard Joneses, the Kenneth Carrs, the Conrad Godawas and Mrs. Irene Krupp. Refreshments were served at the Godawa home.



Give this delicious pizza pie a try

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD –It is a regional culinary treasure.

But during the decade I lived in the Quad-Cities, I never thought of the area's pizza quite that way. Back then, it was just pizza. Really good pizza, mind you. But I didn't realize how unique it was until I left the area in 1999.

Until relatively recently, it was only found in the bi-state region which consists of Rock Island and Moline, Illinois, and Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, I found myself hankering for that unique style of pizza. So, I decided to bake my own rendition.

The only problem is I'm not a baker. My kids would add, I'm not much of a cook either. My wife is more diplomatic saying I don't tend to alternate my selections. (Hamburgers and sandwich ribeyes on Mondays, pork chops on Tuesdays, corn and sausage casserole on Wednesdays.)

That said, I used a recipe for Quad-City style sausage pizza that Roots Handmade Pizza shared with the Washington Post.

In 2011, Roots opened in Chicago specializing in Quad-City style pizza. Despite Chicago being a notoriously difficult restaurant market known for its own unique style of pizza, Roots has flourished and now has four Chicago locations.

“What makes Quad-City style pizza unique is that no one else puts malt in the crust,” explained Scott Weiner, co-owner of Roots.

So, the first challenge I faced was finding malt syrup. The grocery stores where I usually shop don't carry it. But I was able to find it at a health-food store, Food Fantasies in Springfield. It's also available on Amazon. Weiner said stores that specialize in providing home brewers with supplies are also good places to shop.

The malt syrup gives the crust a sweeter almost nutty taste.

Ideally, the crust should be about one-quarter of one inch thick. Try as I might I was not particularly successful on this front. When I tried to roll it out with a rolling pin, the dough tended to fall apart.

Yes, I know true pizza bakers throw the dough in the air. But considering I live with eight dogs, I refrained. I had visions of one snatching it mid toss.

After much effort, a bit of added water and some help from my 14-year-old daughter, we managed to spread the dough across two pizza stones. (Ultimately the crust came out about one-half-inch thick but tasted great.)

Ryan Mosley, a co-owner of Harris Pizza in the Quad-Cities, said another unique characteristic of Quad-City style pizza is that the toppings go under the cheese.

Weiner added that traditionally the pizza is cut in strips with scissors rather than in pie wedges or in squares.

“When you cut it in strips, you guarantee that everyone gets a piece of crust with each piece,” Weiner said.

Harris Pizza, Wise Guys, Roots and others are known for their sausage.

Weiner said he grinds the sausage once, seasons it and bakes it. He then grinds it a second time to make it extra crumbly. The sausage I used was good but not as good as that used by Harris Pizza.

That said, despite my novice baking skills, the pizzas came out well. My wife and three daughters asked that I make it again.

Weiner shared these directions with myself and the Washington Post: Make Ahead: The dough needs to rest in the refrigerator for 24 to 48 hours, then needs to sit at room temperature for 2 to 3 hours.

Where to Buy: Malt syrup is available at natural foods stores, Amazon and home brew suppliers.

FOR THE CRUST

- 4 ounces (1/2 cup) warm water
- 1/4 teaspoon instant yeast, preferably SAF brand
- 6 tablespoons (3 ounces) malt syrup (see headnote)
- 4 1/2 cups (18 ounces) bread flour, or more as needed
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 2/3 cup (5 1/3 ounces) ice water

FOR THE TOPPINGS

- 1 tablespoon fennel seed
- 2 cups cooked, finely crumbled Italian sausage
- 2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 1/4 cups no-salt-added tomato sauce

- 18 ounces (4 cups) shredded mozzarella cheese

DIRECTIONS

For the crust: Combine the warm water and yeast in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough-hook attachment; let the mixture sit for 10 minutes, then add the malt syrup, flour, salt, pepper, dried oregano, sweet paprika and ice water. Beat on low speed for about 2 minutes, then increase the speed to medium and mix for another few minutes to form a dough that is smooth and elastic.

Divide the dough in half; wrap each portion in plastic wrap, then refrigerate for 24 to 48 hours. Before shaping the pizza, bring the dough to room temperature, 2 to 3 hours.

Place a pizza/baking stone on the lowest oven rack; preheat to 450 degrees. If you don't have a baking stone, invert a large baking sheet on the lower rack.

Place each dough ball on top of its own 12-inch square of parchment paper. Use a rolling pin to stretch and roll each dough ball into a 12-inch round, folding the edges of the dough over about 1/2 inch and crimping with your thumb and forefinger, to form a lip.

For the toppings: Stir the fennel seed into the cooked and crumbled sausage. Stir the crushed red pepper flakes into the tomato sauce. Spread half of the tomato sauce across the surface of each dough round. Sprinkle the seasoned sausage evenly over the sauce, then top with the shredded mozzarella cheese, being sure to spread it evenly over the sausage.

Use a pizza peel to carefully transfer one pizza (with its parchment paper) to the pizza/baking stone; bake for up to 15 minutes, until the top is golden brown and bubbling.

Let the pizza sit for a few minutes before using kitchen shears to cut it crosswise into strips that are about 1 1/2 inches wide; then cut down the center (so the long strips are cut in half). Repeat with the remaining dough and toppings.

Letters

State rep should be commended for holding to commitment

Dear Editor:

As a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, I believe in holding public officials, servants, engineers and those responsible for protecting the citizens of Illinois to the highest standards. When public officials make commitments and hold to that commitment to serve our communities, we should hold up those actions and shine a bright light on them to be a role model to our citizens.

State Representative Lance Yednock committed to the people of Illinois and his district that he would put politics as usual aside and work across the aisle to do what is right for our communities. He kept his word, helping bring together

Republicans and Democrats to give our local and state economy an essential shot in the arm.

The infrastructure improvement bill that Rep. Yednock supported is critical to make the case for businesses to stay, grow, prosper, and attract new businesses to exist right here in the Illinois Valley. As an employee of a local manufacturer, Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. in Mendota, access to transportation and infrastructure to get our products from point A to point B, in a safe, efficient, accessible manner is vital to our operations.

As a state and a region, we are able to compete with surrounding states and succeed when we have increased, available, modern-

ized capacity through high quality roads, bridges and other transportation options to get our goods throughout the country as quickly and efficiently as possible. Repairing and improving our transportation network enhances our ability to move stormwater management products we manufacture in LaSalle County to our customers throughout the country.

Last year, we were running full throttle to keep up with customer demand and opportunity. Despite the significant challenges put forth in both health and economics resulting from COVID-19, we've been fortunate to be able to operate and serve our communities as safely as possible. We need a quality

logistics and transportation network more so than ever.

Thanks to the vision of our policymakers, like Rep. Lance Yednock, companies like the one I work for in Mendota are able to plan for the future in Illinois with more optimism than we've had in a long time.

Rep. Yednock decided to hold to his commitment and to do what is right ahead of what would have been easy. Local businesses will be well equipped to deliver their goods, motorists will benefit from smoother, safer roads, and we all will benefit from new jobs and opportunities. That is certainly a good return on our investment.

Bryan Miko,
Mendota

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POLICE BLOTTER

**NO VALID
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Devin Cole Hall, 23, of 1305 Guiles Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop in the 1100 block of Jefferson Street at 5:05 p.m. July 1. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Lauren M. Jordan, 27, of Bureau Junction, was arrested at 3:59 p.m. July 2 on a valid LaSalle County failure to appear warrant for theft. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

JUVENILES CHARGED
Two 15-year-old female juveniles were charged with two counts of theft at approximately 6 a.m. July 3. While conducting building checks, police officers discovered multiple incidents of vandalism and thefts in

the south-central area of the city. Upon conducting an investigation, two females were discovered near the location of the crimes, and were allegedly found to be responsible. Both subjects were released to their parents and/or guardians.

TWO CHARGES
Alejandro Ponce, 50, of Chicago, was charged with driving while suspended and no valid insurance after a traffic stop at South 13th Avenue and North 4099th Road at 9:16 a.m. July 5. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Steven D. Owen, 41, of 208 W. Winthrop St., Earlville, was arrested at 3:48 p.m. July 7 on a valid LaSalle County failure to appear warrant for driving while suspended. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Motorists: Be alert for bicyclists on roadway

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department urges motorists to pay attention, be alert for bikes and share the road. MPD urges bicyclists to be predictable and observe traffic laws. Your actions affect public opinion.

Illinois Bicycle Laws
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animals and surface hazards.

Lights on Bicycles – For night riding, a front lamp with a white light visible from at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear visible from 100 feet to 600 feet are required. A rear light visible from 500 feet may be used in addition to the red reflector.

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SOCIAL SCENE

Hume-Carnegie Museum opens for the season

• Opening exhibit features historic & current Mendota area photos

MENDOTA - Hume-Carnegie Museum in Mendota has opened to the public for the 2020 season.

The museum's featured display at this time is an array of historic photos from current and former studios in Mendota along with recent photographs by amateur and professional artists from the surrounding area.

This includes a collection by Hal Adkins of LaMoille that consists of both historical and current photos. Also on display will be several vintage cameras, courtesy of Setchell Studio.

The Mendota Museum and Historical Society has a collection of more than 6,000 photos in their archives. Throughout history, photography has been used for many purposes - as a means of artistic expression, as a tool for science and exploration, as an instrument of documentation, to tell stories and record histories, and as a mode of communication.



Museum staff hopes everyone will stop by to see this unique photography collection along with all of the other items on display at the museum.

The Hume-Carnegie Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. until mid-December.

The Union Depot Railroad Museum is also now open to the public. Volunteers have been busy updating several of the displays at the Railroad Museum and they welcome everyone to come and see their most recent improvements. Hours for the Union Depot Railroad Museum are noon-4 p.m., also until mid-December.

Please note: In keeping with Gov. JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois Phase 4 plan, hand sanitizer will be available at the museum entrance. Visitors are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer and also to wear a mask, refrain from touching displays, keep a 6-foot distance from other visitors and staff, and do not visit if they or a member of their household is feeling ill.

ANNIVERSARIES

Stouffers to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

MENDOTA - Randall and Margo Stouffer of Mendota will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18.

The couple was married in 1970 at Our Masters United Methodist Church in Beloit, Wis.

The Stouffers are the parents of Brian (Sherri) and Randi (Sean Morais), and grandparents of Eva and Ivy.

They are celebrating with a family vacation on the beach in Nags Head, N.C.

Emmer takes command of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars

SPRINGFIELD - Laurie Emmer assumed command of the Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars in June. She is the first female state commander and the first Afghanistan veteran to command the Illinois VFW. Due to COVID-19, a state convention was not held this year.

Emmer served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1983 to 2005, retiring as a Sergeant First Class Medic. She earned her eligibility to the Veterans of Foreign Wars after deploying to Afghanistan with Task Force 504, 82d Airborne Division in 2003 and with earlier service in the Republic of Korea.

During her service, Emmer earned the Combat Medical Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Pathfinder Tab, and Senior Parachutist Badge. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal 6th award, Army Achievement Medal 9th award, National Defense Service Medal 2d award, Korea Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

The new commander is a Gold Legacy Life Member of Sycamore Post 5768 where she served in various positions including post commander and earning All State Post Commander Honors. Emmer was also the All American Commander of the 19th District, VFW State Surgeon for two years and was a National Aide de Camp.

Commander Emmer lives in Sycamore with her husband, Mike who is a Retired Army Sergeant First Class. She has four children, two of whom are veterans, and five grandchildren.



Emmer

Outdoor "StoryWalk" for kids & families now available

MENDOTA - Everyone is invited to come and take a stroll along the newly

installed Summer Reading Club outdoor StoryWalk at the Graves-Hume Public



Library in Mendota.

StoryWalk is a program that encourages reading, physical activity and family bonding by reading and walking together on the library's front lawn.

Each week there will be a new story displayed to go along with the Summer Reading theme, "Investigate & Read!"

During the week of July 13, the featured book will be "Little Owl's Day" by Diva Srinivasan. The following week, July 20, the story will be "Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister.

The library is pleased to offer this wonderful, free opportunity to the entire community. Everyone is encouraged to visit the library grounds and enjoy the weather while reading

a story.

The stories will begin by the front doors of the library building at the number one post.

StoryWalk was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt. and developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library and adapted by Graves-Hume Library Children's Administrator Carolyn Ohlendorf.

"I love the idea of reading and being outdoors. So why not bring that all together!" Ohlendorf said. "We wanted to do something special for this year's Summer Reading Club. I think this is a great way to enjoy reading and social distancing. I encourage all ages to enjoy the walk around the library."

CLUB NEWS

Leland Legion to hold carry-out dinner fundraiser

LELAND - The Leland American Legion Post 570 will have another carry-out rib dinner fundraiser. Last month's dinner was so wildly popular that regrettably, the Legion ran out of food early. This time, tickets will be sold in advance.

The carry-out dinner will be held on Friday, July 31 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from any Legion or Auxiliary member prior to the event. Tickets should arrive this week. You may

also purchase tickets at the Legion Hall from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday until July 27.

Social distancing protocol is in place. For more information, call the hall at (815) 495-2263. The hall is located at 168 N. Main St., Leland.

Auxiliary meeting

The Leland American Legion Auxiliary Unit 570 has temporarily changed its meeting time to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13. For more details, call the Legion Hall.

TSC fundraises for 4-H

OGLESBY - Tractor Supply Company (TSC) recently kicked off an online donation campaign to benefit 4-H. This 100 percent online fundraiser continues through July 26 and allows customers to donate at online checkout for both shipped and curbside pickup purchases.

Donations toward the 4-H Fourward Fund help 4-H reach youth with critical resources needed to keep learning and thriving. For more information about 4-H, call the Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit Office at (815) 224-0889.

Extreme heat is in the forecast: Tips to stay safe

CHICAGO - As temperatures soar into the 90s again this week and heat index values nearing 100 degrees, the FEMA Region 5 office in Chicago is encouraging residents to avoid the dangers of extreme heat by taking some simple steps to protect yourself.

"Extreme heat has the potential to be extremely dangerous," said Kevin M. Sligh, FEMA Region 5 acting regional administrator. "Regularly check yourself, family members, and neighbors for the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses and learn how to respond to them. It's important that we all take an active role to stay safe when excessive heat is forecast in our area."

• **If you don't have access to air conditioning** at home, find places in your community with AC, such as a local cooling center. Remember to keep six feet between yourself and others, and follow guidance provided by local officials to ensure you can cope safely with extreme

heat amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

• **If you're outside**, find shade. Avoid strenuous activity, cover your head with a hat wide enough to protect your face and wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.

• **Drink plenty of fluids** to stay hydrated. If you or someone you care for is on a special diet, ask a doctor how best to accommodate it.

• **NEVER leave people or pets in a parked car.** Leaving a window open is not enough - temperatures inside the car can rise almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit within the first 10 minutes, even with a window cracked open.

• **Watch for heat cramps**, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides a list of warning signs and symptoms of heat illness and recommended first aid steps.

For more information and tips on being ready for extreme heat, visit www.ready.gov/heat.

Princeton Public Library schedules virtual programs

PRINCETON - The Princeton Public Library will host a variety of virtual summer reading programs in July, since the library is unable to provide face-to-face gatherings for large

groups. Two programs will be recorded presentations made specifically for the Princeton Library that will be available at the viewer's convenience via the library website. Two other programs will be live, interactive Zoom talks at a specific time and date, although archive recordings of the talks will be available for viewing after the live presentation.



Archaeologist Zach Nissen speaks with site visitors at Aventura in Belize. Nissen, a Princeton native, will present a program via Zoom on July 21. (Photos contributed)

the Summer Reading Activities page on the Princeton Public Library website www.princetonpl.org. Support for this program is provided by the Arts of Starved Rock Country Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Illinois Arts Council.

UNDERGROUND ADVENTURES with FOREST PARK NATURE CENTER - In this program for youth and families, follow naturalist Susie Ingram and Chuck the Woodchuck to learn about and meet different underground animals of Central Illinois. Consider how these ground dwellers survive and how you, as a nature explorer, can continue to study our underground residents. What activities can you create to mimic the traits of these creatures? The program is available on the Summer Reading Activities page at www.princetonpl.org.

DIG DEEPER INTO YOUR IMAGINATION with DAN GOGH - Have you ever dreamed of visiting magical places? Wondered what it would be like to live in a fairy tale? Pretended that you had superpowers? Entertainer Dan Gogh will be your guide using puppets, magic, and art to explore the depths of your imagination. We'll follow the trail of a pesky gopher and learn about the three "Cs" to creating a great story: Construction,



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Sue the T. Rex has a new home within the Field Museum's Griffin Halls of Evolving Planet.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Lorne Michaels, longtime producer of "Saturday Night Live," is one smart cookie. He signs his SNL players to a contract that ties them to him for many years to come. The latest are Pete Davidson and Colin Hanks, preparing to star in "The Worst Man," which Michaels will produce, his 18th film starring SNL cast members. Davidson scored big with "The King of Staten Island." Ironically, Colin Hanks also is from Staten Island and appeared in "Staten Island Summer" in 2015 and "How to Be Single" in 2016, but this will be his first starring role. He's also scored big with Scarlett Johansson, whom he's engaged to marry.

Another SNL alumnus, Kristen Wiig, has written "Barb and Star Go to Vista Del Mar" with Annie Mumolo. It co-stars Jamie Dornan, Damon Wayans Jr. and Wendy McLendon-Covey, for a July 16 opening. Best friends from the Midwest vacationing in Florida get entangled in a villain's plans to kill everyone in town. We're laughing already.



N. Kidman

Nicole Kidman hasn't let COVID-19 slow her down. In addition to the film of the Broadway hit "The Prom," she's shooting the historical film "The Northman," with her former "Little Big Lies" husband Alexander Skarsgard, his "It" star brother Bill Skarsgard and Willem Dafoe. Alexander has already completed "Passing," with Tessa Thompson and Ruth Negga, and has a November 2021 release date for "Godzilla vs. Kong" in IMAX and 3-D, with Eiza Gonzalez, Millie Bobby Brown, Rebecca Hall and Kyle Chandler.

Just when you thought Will Ferrell couldn't get crazier ... he does. His latest, "Eurovision Song Contest" dropped June 26 via Netflix, with him sporting long hair, an Icelandic accent and a rock persona. Ferrell and Rachel McAdams play singers Lars Ericksson and Sigríð Eriksdóttir as they are given the chance to represent Iceland

at the Eurovision Song Contest (big in Europe, hardly known in the U.S.). Aiding and abetting them are Dan Stevens, Pierce Brosnan and Demi Lovato.

HBO has confirmed that there will be a "Friends" reunion. It's being called "The One Where They Got Back Together," with Jennifer Aniston, Lisa Kudrow, Courtney Cox, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Matthew Perry. Aniston begins shooting "The Morning Show" next month for streaming in November (on AppleTV); Matt LeBlanc wrapped up the fourth and final season of "Man With a Plan"; David Schwimmer co-starred in the last season of "Will & Grace" and six episodes of the British TV series "Intelligence." Lisa Kudrow starred in "Like a Boss," with Tiffany Haddish and Salma Hayek; Courtney Cox played herself in "Modern Family"; and Matthew Perry stayed home and gained a lot of weight ... just like the rest of us who stayed at home!

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

Every week, a trickle of movies make their way to DVD. Many feature lesser-known casts or perhaps one A-list player in a passion project or simply a script gone wrong. But you can't stop the entertainment train, and there are still a few top-notch movies coming out for your purchasing pleasure. Here are four available July, in order of release.

"Trolls World Tour" (PG) -- Somehow "Trolls World Tour" manages to turn up the visual volume of its 2016 predecessor, itself a riot of color and texture. Poppy and Branch (Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake), our heroes from the first film, find out that they are only one Troll tribe of six, each dedicated to a different style of music, from country to classical. The Queen of Rock (Rachel Bloom) and her dear old dad King Thrash (a couple of minutes from rocker Ozzy Osbourne) are

attempting to shut down all the other styles so that rock can reign supreme. Our pop pals stage a world tour to enlist the help of all the other tribes in stopping the plan.

"Body Cam" (R) -- Mary J. Blige anchors this police drama as Renee, a beat cop who's returned to the streets after a personal tragedy only to become embroiled in the investigation of suspicious death of a fellow officer. Complicating the investigation is a shadowy supernatural presence in body cam footage that only she can see. The film touches on racial injustice and revenge while attempting to also play out as a horror film. Nat Wolff also stars.

"Scoob" (PG) -- A new animated look at the teen detective gang, "Scoob" starts with a sweet origin story of best friends Shaggy and Scooby Doo, and how they joined up with Fred, Velma and Daphne to form Mystery, Inc. But when

Shaggy and Scooby are left out of a plan to upsize the gang's reach, they are suddenly scooped up by the bumbling hero Blue Falcon and his sidekick Dynomutt. It seems Scooby Doo is the key to stopping villain Dick Dastardly's plot to bring on the Dogpocalypse, and it'll take all his faith in friendship to keep the world together.

"Capone" (R) -- Tom Hardy plays infamous gangster Al Capone, focused on the final year of his life. On supervised release from prison, he's relegated to a palatial Florida mansion, suffering the effects of syphilis and dementia. As he becomes increasingly unhinged and incapacitated, Capone attempts a frustrating search for loot he once buried on the grounds, while the FBI lurks on the fringes of the estate, listening and ready to pounce.

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I used to watch "Real Housewives of New Jersey" when it first aired and Dina and Caroline were married to brothers. I just read in the news that Dina's husband was involved in organized crime and has been arrested. Is this true? -- **P.E.**

A: Yes, it is true that Thomas Manzo has been arrested, but he's now Dina's ex-husband, not her current one. Dina has been married to entrepreneur David Cantin for three years now, but five years ago, Thomas allegedly hired someone to physically assault Cantin. People magazine also reports that Thomas offered a customer named John Perna a big discount on a wedding reception at the Manzo's famous venue if he carried out the assault. Both Thomas Manzo and Perna have been indicted and should eventually have their day in court.

Q: I was showing my son the "Karate Kid" movies on DVD while we've been stuck inside during the quarantine, and he loved them. What is Ralph Macchio doing these days? -- **W.D.**

A: It's hard to believe that the ever-youthful-appearing Ralph Macchio is now 58 years old! His wife is a



R. Macchio

nurse practitioner, and they have two children who are 24 and 28 years old. He's also still acting.

In fact, he recently was part of a "Karate Kid" sequel -- a series called "Cobra Kai" -- that reunited Macchio's character from the movie with his onscreen nemesis played by William Zabka. "Cobra Kai" was available only on YouTube.com, but the show recently struck a deal with Netflix, which plans to air the first two seasons sometime this year. After that there's talk of a third season, which also would also air on Netflix.

Q: I miss being able to watch "America's Got Talent" every summer. Will it return with some kind of modifications like they did with other talent shows? As much as I miss it, I actually wish they would hold off

until they can film it in front of a live audience. -- **T.M.**

A: According to TVLine.com, "America's Got Talent" had filmed six episodes before having to shut down due to the pandemic, but NBC has come up with a creative way to resume filming ASAP. TVLine stated "the show is now relocating to an outdoor setup in Simi Valley, California, that's designed to resemble a drive-in movie theater. The judges (Simon Cowell, Howie Mandel, Heidi Klum and Sofia Vergara) will be seated at a safe distance apart.

There will be just one "judge cuts" show, which will air on Tuesday, July 28, and the live shows will debut beginning Aug. 11. In between is a special 15th anniversary episode on Aug. 4.

There also are discussions to "potentially include a physical or virtual audience." People are starved for entertainment these days, so I would imagine the ratings for "AGT" will be higher than ever.

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

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• Trivia Test •

1. TELEVISION: In which 1980s-90s sitcom did a waitress named Carla Tortelli appear?

2. LITERATURE: What are the tree-like beings called in "The Lord of the Rings"?

3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the rallying cry for the shape-changing Transformers?

4. U.S. STATES: Which state would a Jayhawker hail from?

5. MOVIES: Which movie featured the line, "Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death!"?

6. ANATOMY: Which part of the human body is affected by surgery called rhinoplasty?

7. MUSIC: Which rock group's debut album was titled "Bleach"?

8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was known as the "hero of San Juan Hill"?

9. MEASUREMENTS: What does a joule measure?

10. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Grand Teton National Park?

Answers

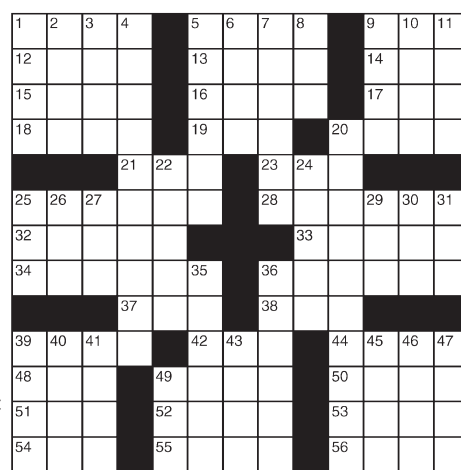
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- 38 Pigpen
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- 3 Peal
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Sir Cecil Chubb, a wealthy and highly respected barrister, really raised the bar for birthday gifts when he purchased Stonehenge (yes, you read that right) for his wife after World War I. But was she suitably impressed? Apparently not -- what she actually wanted that year was curtains!

* Caffeine doesn't just help you stay awake. It also serves the function of a pesticide in the coffee plant.

* Due to the humid and moist conditions that a sloth lives in, moss and other similar plants will sometimes grow in its hair. Sloths also have very poor eyesight. Those two factors can sometimes culminate in a sloth grabbing its own arm, thinking it's a branch, and falling to its death.

* During the Elizabethan era, coal tar was used as mascara, eyebrow pencil and eyeliner ... despite the fact it's flammable, has a bad smell and caused blindness.

* Until 1925, the NCAA required college football players to study during halftime.

* A reporter, commenting to Gene Roddenberry on the casting of Patrick Stewart in "Star Trek: The Next Generation," said, "Surely by the 24th century, they would have found a cure for male pattern baldness." Replied Roddenberry: "No, by the 24th century, no one will care."

* High-frequency sounds enhance the sweetness in food, while low frequencies bring out the bitterness.

* Only one McDonald's in the world has turquoise arches. Government officials in Sedona, Arizona, thought the yellow would look bad with the natural red rock of the city.

* In 1910, Virginia Woolf and her friends donned costumes and fake beards in order to convince the Royal Navy they were a group of Abyssinian princes, pulling off what became known as the "Dreadnought Hoax" and earning a 40-minute guided tour of the ship.

Thought for the Day: "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." -- Milton Berle

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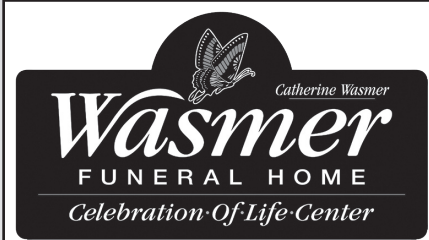
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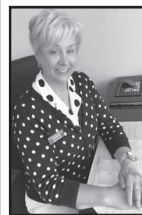
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Everyone has a race to run. That just means we all have a life to live. The apostle Paul says in Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (NIV).

Part of what that means is to keep going, even in the midst of the difficulties in life. Hard times happen to us all, but it's how we handle them that

matters most. And when the time comes, I want to be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

Keep Moving. Much of life is just ordinary, everyday living; yet a lot of what happens comes in the form of difficult situations, from little annoyances to serious burdens.

I once kept a record of the difficulties that happened to me over a

period of time. They were things like a back injury, leaving some luggage on a plane, and a water leak in my humidifier. I hurt my arm doing stretches for my injured back, twisted my wrist, spilled a red drink on a white couch...and lost my pants at a spa! Some were small irritations; others were more serious.

But what I learned from this experience was simple: "Stuff" happens in life, but we don't have to let what happens keep us from fulfilling our purpose of serving God with our whole heart. It's a waste of time getting upset over petty things. And at the very least, if you don't know what to do in a situation, just do what you do know to do and keep moving forward.

One way to keep going when difficult times come is to get your mind off yourself and your concerns and help someone else. The truth is we are happier and more content when we're helping others than when we're focusing on ourselves.

Refuse to get stuck in an attitude of self-pity, selfishness or self-centeredness. We all have problems, but our problems don't have to have us! Our victory will come as we remain determined



to just keep moving, doing what God puts in our heart to do.

Rest. One major part of running your race is learning to rest. Now, that may sound like an oxymoron, but here's what I mean. Resting isn't about doing nothing; it's about being in a place of peace and complete trust in God. From a position of rest, we can do whatever we need to do because our faith is not in ourselves but in the One who gives us the strength and ability to do it.

God did the work of creation in six days, and on the seventh day, He rested from His work. Jesus died for our sins and then sat down at the right hand of God...a place of rest from His work.

In the Old Testament, maintaining a covenant relationship with God was all about work. The high priest went into the Holy Place to offer a sacrifice for the sins of the people. There was no place to sit in the Holy Place because he was there to work. But when Jesus came, His sacrifice paid it all and He sat down because His work was finished.

Learning to rest may be one of the most important things we ever do. A lot of times, people get stressed-out about their circumstances, but really it's not the circumstances that cause their stress; it's the way they handle them.

Resting in God is like a vacation for your soul. In rest, you are not concerned with what others think of you or how everything is going to work out as you fulfill God's will for your life because your faith is in Christ. You can be steadfast in the midst of trials because you know that God is in control and He will see you through anything you face. When you work from a place of rest, you do what you need to do in peace, having complete faith in God's grace to accomplish the task before you.

Run. Everyone has a race to run, a goal to accomplish, a life to live, and we all have to start somewhere. My encouragement to you is to start from a place of rest. Learn how to trust the Holy Spirit's leading. He will guide you

and help you when it's time to sit...to stand...to walk...and to run your race to win!

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the fact that I think I am following
your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to
please you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all
that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will
lead me by the right road, though I
may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and
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2. From Luke 8, Jesus caused
swine to rush into what body
of water?
River Jordan, Dead Sea, Nile,
Sea of Galilee
3. In which gospel does Jesus
say the scripture cannot
be broken?
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
4. From Matthew 17, what did
Peter find with a coin in its
mouth?
Ram, Fish, Viper, Raven
5. Who was Jacob's firstborn as
mentioned in Genesis 35?
Reuben, Ehud, Joshua, Elah
6. Zacchaeus climbed what type
tree to see Jesus?
Fig, Carob, Sycamore, Box

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Sea of Galilee;
3) John 10:35; 4) Fish; 5) Reuben;
6) Sycamore

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REVELATION 9:1,2. *Am.*

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EUREKA SAVINGS BANK, a corporation organized and doing business under and by virtue of the Illinois Savings Bank Act Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT GLORIA, KELLY GLORIA, CAITLIN GLORIA as tenant of Robert and Kelly Gloria, ERNESTO QUIJAS as tenant of Robert and Kelly Gloria, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants. No. 18 CH 109

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled Court, in said cause, on December 18, 2019, Thomas Templeton, Sheriff of LaSalle County, will on July 31, 2020 at the hour of 11:30 a.m., at the CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER, 707 ETNA ROAD, Ottawa, Illinois, (North Door), sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate situated in LaSalle County, Illinois, commonly known as 149 E. Route 34, Mendota, Illinois, 61342, Property Index Nos. 01-32-129-000 & 01-32-128-000; and the following described real estate situated in LaSalle County, Illinois, commonly known as 1106 6th Street, Mendota, Illinois, 61342. Property Index No. 01-33-301-003, Parcel 1:

The South 185.86 feet more or less of that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: beginning at the center of Section 32, thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds West 100.00 feet on the South line of said Northwest Quarter: thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 433.00 feet: thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds East 100.00 feet to the East line of the Northwest Quarter: thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds East 433.00 feet on the East line of the said Section 32 to the Point of Beginning, all being situated in Mendota Township, in LaSalle County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 01-32-129-000 Parcel 2:

That part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 36

North, Range 1 East of the Third principal meridian described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 313.00 feet on the East line of said Section 32 to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 120.00 feet on the East line of said Section 32; thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds West 100.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds East 120.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds East 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 0.275 acres, more or less and all being situated in the Township of Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois, and Parcel 3:

That part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32 Township 36 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian described as follows: commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32; thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds West 100.00 feet on the South line of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 185.86 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 127.14 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds East 100.00 feet to the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 32; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds East 127.07 feet on the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 32; thence North 87 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.292 acres, more or less and all being situated in the Township of Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 01-32-128-000 Parcel 4:

Lot 4 in Block 64 in the Original Town of Mendota, in the City of Mendota: situated in LaSalle County, Illinois Permanent Index Number: 01-33-301-003

The property is subject to general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and easements and restrictions of record and unpaid water bills. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Sale terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "cash." The successful bidder must deposit ten percent (10%) down by cash or certified funds and the balance of the purchase price prior to the date of confirmation of sale.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The real estate is residential real estate. The property will not be open for inspection. The judgment was \$111,049.66. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file to verify this information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Todd L. Martin, Martin Law Office, 812 Washington, P.O. Box 177, Mendota, IL 61342-0177, (815) 539-3711. No. 0701 (July 8, 15, 22, 2020)

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FIRST STATE BANK, Plaintiff, v. TERENCE M. LEWNARD, UNKNOWN TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY No. 2020 CH 70

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit(s) for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL DEFENDANTS IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED ACTION, that said suit has been commenced in the Thirteen Judicial Circuit Court of LaSalle County, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

THE NORTH 136 FEET OF THE EAST 75 FEET OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 35 IN WEST'S ADDITION TO MENDOTA AND ALSO THE SOUTH 24 FEET OF THE PARCEL OF LAND IN BLOCK 35 IN WEST'S ADDITION TO SAID CITY OF MENDOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, THENCE SOUTH 160 FEET; THENCE WEST 75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 160 FEET; THENCE EAST 75 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENDOTA, IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT TAX NO.: 01-33-133-019 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 907 Jefferson St., Mendota, Illinois 61342 And which said Mortgage was made by Terence M. Lewnard to First State Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of LaSalle County on October 28, 2016 as Document 2016-16366.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said defendant(s), file your answer to the Complaint in this case

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or otherwise file your Appearance in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street #201, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, on or before August 26, 2020, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. And for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TIME IN WHICH THE SUBJECT REAL ESTATE MAY BE REDEEMED FROM FORECLOSURE, PURSUANT TO LAW, COMMENCES TO RUN WITH THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Court on June 26, 2020. /s/Greg Vaccaro Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court LaSalle County O'Brien Law Offices, P.C. Michael A. O'Brien/6216625 Leslie G. Bleifuss/6224495 124A South County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 Ph: 630-871-9400 Fax: 630-871-9435 Email: service@obrien-lawoffices.com No. 0702 (July 8, 15, 22, 2020)

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NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 2, 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as JP's Discount Lawn Care LLP located at 806 5th St., Mendota, IL 61342.

DATED July 2, 2020 John Arenz Applicant

No. 0703 (July 8, 15, 22, 2020)

STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT LASALLE COUNTY PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

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113 FINANCIAL

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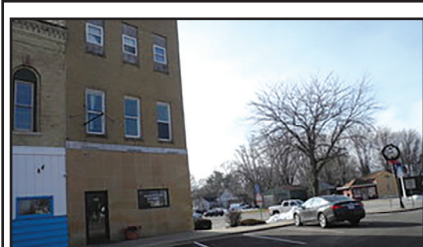
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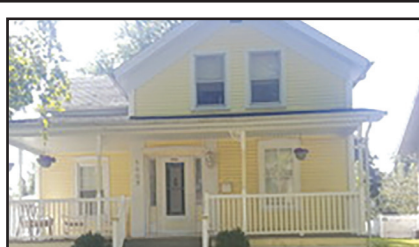
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• Wrap Around Porch



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