

Mayor lifts State of Emergency in Mendota

City Council changes meeting time

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Mayor David Boelk announced the lifting of the state of emergency in Mendota due to the pandemic crisis at the June 1 meeting of the Mendota City Council.

Mayor Boelk said: “I would like to announce that the City of Mendota State of Emergency ended at 12:01 a.m. on May 31. This means that the limits imposed under the emergency have ended. I want to thank the citizens of Mendota for doing their part. Without your cooperation, I am certain that the City of Mendota would not be holding steady with 17 known cases. With that, I strongly caution residents that we must still abide by the rules set forth by the State of Illinois. Please know that just because the rule prohibiting people under the age of 18 and one person per shopping cart rule in retail establishments has been lifted, this is not a green light to go and hang out in retail establishments. Remember, crowds larger than 10 are still prohibited at this

time. We are all fatigued, and, because we haven’t seen a severe outbreak, we may feel that we are OK to go about our normal daily lives. This is simply not true. We must stay vigilant and we must understand that how we define ‘normal’ today is not the same as it was four months ago.

“For now, the City will continue to monitor the situation. If the facts warrant, another State of Emergency will be declared. Obviously, this is something we want to avoid. We want to go forward. You can do your part to help by following the guidelines set by the State of Illinois. And together, we can move forward to Phase IV.

“As of today (June 1), the city offices are open with the following rules being strictly enforced: only one person is allowed in the office at a time and masks must be worn. If you come into the clerk’s office without a mask, you will be asked to leave.”

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Pandemic, rain can’t stop Northbrook 8th-graders from graduation ceremony

100 students granted their diplomas; move on to high school

MENDOTA – The pandemic the world is going through has forced everyone to adapt and change. Administrators at Northbrook Middle School refused to let the trying times we’re experiencing prevent them from recognizing the eighth-grade students as they put together a plan to honor them with an improvised commencement ceremony held on May 28 at Northbrook School.

Students remained in their family vehicles and then proceeded into the front driveway of the school after their names were read over a loud speaker. The vehicles then stopped just past the front doors to the school where they were presented with their diplomas by Superintendent Dr. Kristen School and school board president Sean Pappas, who were tucked safely under a tent to keep them dry from a steady rain.

This year’s award winners were:

Lilly Leifheit and Aubree Jones, Reed Rydberg Memorial Award; Madelyn Becker and Trekker Klema, American Legion Award; Eithun Atkins, James D. Hume Citizenship Award; Bria Frey and William Hall, John Ourth Award; Anabelia Ramirez, Jeanne McKenzie Student-Athlete Award; Jenah Sims, Scripts Regional Spelling Bee Champion.

Winners of 2020 President’s Education Awards were:

Gold – Eithun Atkins, Madelyn Becker, Kamdyn Becket, Emma Clark, Logan Dewey, Kylie Donovan, Nataliya Durbin, Bria Frey, William Hall, Bryan Herrera, Aubree Jones, Ava Jones, Lilly Leifheit, Emma Pierce, Roxana Ramirez, Karly Reel, Natalia Salinas, Jenah Sims, Jessica Terrazas, Grace Wasmer.



Northbrook Middle School graduate Camdyn Becket accepts her diploma from Dr. Kristen School, superintendent, during the eighth-grade commencement ceremony on May 28. (Reporter photo)

Silver – Kyan Cooper, Shanel Kerchner, Perla Lopez, Fredy Mandujano, Arman Miranda, Kenneth Mullins, Dimitri Rodriguez, Valerie Valdes, Naoemi Valencia, Phoenix Wilstead, Johnathan Wirebaugh.

The school board, administration and staff recognized retiring District 289 employees Amy Brewer, Doreen Chandler, Dion Christman, Laurie Joerger, David Knottnerus and Kelly Poremba.

Members of the Class of 2020 receiving diplomas were:

Samantha Allen, Anthony Arteaga, Ava Arteaga, Eithun Atkins, Connor Bailey, Paul Bailey, Jace Baird, Landon Bauer, Madelyn Becker, Kamdyn Becket, Edan Bell, Isaac Belmonte, Ella Betz,

Angelica Botello, ReAnna Brant, Lillianna Caruso, Kimberly Cedillo, Samuel Christmann, Emma Clark, Alex Contreras, Kyan Cooper, Adam Davis, Beau Dearving, Logan Dewey, Araceli Diaz, Payton Diaz, Kylie Donovan, Nataliya Durbin, Olivia Eddy, Alexa Escatel, Henry Esparza, Logan Fahr, Angela Figueroa;

Joshua Figueroa, Mariah Figueroa, Alana Flood, Jose Frausto, Bria Frey, Jasmyn Garcia, Riley George, Vanessa Rico, Cecelia Guevara, Janet Guzman, William Hall, Lily Harrison, Ashley Heramosillo, Bryan Herrera, Aedan Holland, Kiara Johnson, Aubree Jones, Ava Jones, Shanel Kerchner, Kaleb Kleckner, Trekker Klema, Miguel Lakowske, Lilly Leifheit, Sylvester Lemos, Alex-

ander Liden, Perla Lopez, Fredy Mandujano, Cassandra Martinez, Bridget McGann, Arman Miranda, Carlos Mora II, Julian Muller, Kenneth Mullins, Izaiah Nanez;

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Police identify 3 juveniles in burglaries to vehicles

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department has been investigating approximately 20 vehicle burglaries, a stolen vehicle, and criminal damage to a vehicle over the past couple months in several different neighborhoods. The Mendota Police Department has identified three juveniles that were responsible for these crimes and as of June 1, two of them are cooperating with this investigation.

These cases will be forwarded to The LaSalle County Juvenile Probation and The LaSalle County State’s Attorney’s office for review on charges.

The Mendota Police Department is dedicated to keeping our city safe and wants to remind all citizens to lock their vehicles and do not keep valuable items unattended in your vehicle. Please stay vigilant and report any crimes or suspicious activity.



Seed in the ground

A worker for Sam Beetz and Sons plants seed corn in a field on the north side of Mendota during a beautiful sun-splashed day in late May. (Reporter photo)

What you should know as state enters ‘Recovery’ phase

By REBECCA ANZEL
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois advanced to the “Recovery” phase of Gov. JB Pritzker’s plan to incrementally reopen the state’s economy on May 29 after almost 70 days of residents living under a stay-at-home restriction.

It comes as Illinois is one of only two states to meet federal COVID-19 guidelines to reopening, according to a ProPublica analysis. New York is the other.

Retail shops, restaurants, barbershops, salons and fitness clubs resumed business, but with restrictions implemented by the Illinois Department of Public Health to combat exposure to the novel coronavirus.

All state parks, wildlife areas and historic sites are now available to visit as well, and social gatherings of no more than 10 people will be allowed.

The changes are permitted because all four Illinois regions — groupings of counties based on IDPH’s emergency medical service districts — achieved specified benchmarks. Those include a COVID-19 positivity rate below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days and a stable or declining hospitalization rate.

When Pritzker announced his Restore Illinois plan in early May, he said residents

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Driver services offices reopen

◆ **June & July limited to new drivers, expired DL/IDs and vehicle transactions**

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced the reopening plan for the state's Driver Services offices. Beginning on June 1, the offices will open with the first two months focused on serving ONLY new drivers, customers with expired driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle transactions.

Currently there are more than 700,000 expired driver's licenses/ID cards and 1.9 million expired vehicle registrations.

All Secretary of State departments and offices are open for business as of June 1. All Driver Services facilities (outside the Chicago metro area) that are regularly open Tuesday through Saturday - including Mendota - opened on Tuesday, June 2. Hours of operation are Tuesday 8 a.m.- 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m.-noon.

For the first two months through July 31, these facilities will ONLY serve:

- New drivers (most will be 16-year-old driver applicants)
- Customers with expired driver's licenses and ID cards
- Vehicle transactions

For all other services, please refer to the various departments listed on www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

"Throughout this pandemic, my commitment has been to do everything we can to help protect the health and safety of our residents and my employees, while providing services to the people of Illinois," said White. "This

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Mendota H.S. honors State Seal of Biliteracy & Commendation toward Biliteracy students

◆ **State of Illinois salutes students who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and in reading, writing, listening and speaking another language**

MENDOTA - Mendota High School Principal Denise Aughenbaugh is pleased to announce that 14 Mendota High School students have been recognized as "2019-2020 Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy and State Commendation toward Biliteracy" scholars. The prestigious award is given annually by the Illinois State Board of Education to deserving students.

There were over 125 Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy participating school districts for school year 2019-2020. Honored Illinois public high school graduates who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in four domains in English, and a language other than English are eligible to earn the seal. An official seal will be placed on the diplomas and confer official recognition on transcripts of those students who qualify.

Two honors are available, the Seal of Biliteracy and the Commendation toward Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to those whose proficiency

level is equivalent to the Intermediate High scale set by the American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages. The Commendation of Biliteracy is awarded to students whose proficiency level is rated at Intermediate Low or Intermediate Mid in a second language.

MHS selection was based on English language scores from either the SAT English subscore, ACCESS for ELLS reading and writing subscores, or ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in languages (AAPPL). Students at MHS proved proficiency in foreign language by taking the Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Culture exam in Spanish or the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward proficiency in languages (AAPPL) measure. While this distinguished recognition does not include a monetary prize, recipients are encouraged to cite the honor on applications for college admission and scholarships and increased employment opportunities.

The following Mendota High School students were named 2020 graduates with the State Seal of Biliteracy: Uriel Arellano, son of Felix and Carmen Arellano; Oswaldo Arteaga, son of Oswaldo and Maria Arteaga; Victoria Arteaga, daughter of Rita Arteaga; Sonia Duarte, daughter of Sonia Salinas and Ruemy Duarte; Gabriel Guzman, son of Evitellio and Leticia Guzman; Kevin Lewis, son of Kevin and Kelly Lewis; Esmeralda Perez, daughter of Jose and Guadalupe Perez; Karen Perez, daughter of Fredy and Daisy Perez; Christopher Sandoval, son of Susana Correa; Jonathan Schmidt, son of John and Joan Schmidt; and Harvey Vela, son of Yolanda Vela.

Class of 2020 graduates who qualified to graduate with the Commendation of Biliteracy honors are Ivan Figueroa, son of Mario Figueroa; Abraham Guzman, son of Jose and Maria Guzman; and Jose Sandoval, son of Maritza Castaneda.

MHS Spanish instructors are Adrianne Espinoza-Zamora and Janice Campbell.

For more information, please visit <http://www.isbe.net/seal-of-biliteracy/default.htm>.

Mendota Farmer's Market to begin sales on June 20

MENDOTA - The Mendota Farmer's Market will kick off their 15th season on Saturday, June 20. The market will take place at its usual location, 700 Main St., from 8 a.m. to noon.

In addition to an array of home grown produce, this year's market will again offer baked goods, jams and jellies, and local honey.



For more information about the market or to become a vendor, please call (815) 252-9605.

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Scholarships announced during MHS Virtual Awards Assembly

MENDOTA - Mendota High School held a Virtual Awards Assembly on May 16 to recognize and honor MHS students who have excelled in academics and in extra-curricular activities. Due to the COVID-19 statewide school closure, MHS Principal Denise Aughenbaugh noted that this was the first time the awards were announced virtually.

Additional scholarships will be announced during the summer graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020.

Awards

Rotary Club Scholarship - Hannah Ambler, daughter of Carl and Susan Ambler; Aaron Brandner, son of Dave and Dorothy Brandner; Ashleigh Collins, daughter of Ross and Rickette Collins; and Alli Stielow, daughter of Shawn and Angie Stielow.

BPW Scholarship - Victoria Arteaga, Shayna Kerchner, and Maren Wise.

Lion's Club Scholarship

- Aaron Brandner.

GINNY POHL BOWLING SCHOLARSHIP - Taylor Joyce and Luke Ross

IL Valley Hispanic Outreach Program Scholarship - Victoria Arteaga and Esmeralda Perez.

MEAScholarship - Noah DeLong

LeRette Scholarship - Anna Bokus

Financial Plus Credit

Union - Anna Bokus, Aaron Brandner, Victoria Arteaga

Greg Frey Memorial Scholarship - Cole Stremmlau

Gerald Wood Award - Anna Bokus

Kilmartin 3 Sport/4 Year Awards - Emiliano Arteaga, Anna Bokus and Cole Stremmlau

Mendota Quarterback Club Awards: Joe Rollins Award - Gustavo Salinas;

George "Ted" Lewis Award - Jae'Shaun Hughes;

Ray Jauch Award - Chris Sandoval;

Dean Lubbs Award - Jayger Thorne;

Paul Kimrey Award - Cole Stremmlau

Social Studies Award -

Noah DeLong

Student Council Scholarship - Alli Stielow

American Red Cross Scholarship - Alli Stielow

Spanish Awards - Esmeralda Perez, for accepting every challenge while continuing to develop her native language; Jonathan Schmidt, for embracing the language and culture from the start.

Music Awards presented on behalf of Mr. Amati and Mrs. Schrock:

John Philip Sousa Award - Hannah Ambler

Arion Award - Noah DeLong

John Becker Memorial Award - Olivia Ross

Illinois Music Education

- Rachel Brandner, Honors Chorus Soprano I; Maya Martin, All-State Chorus, Soprano I; Noah DeLong, All-State Chorus, Bass II; Lily Linden, All-State Chorus, Alto I; Emilio Raya, Honors Chorus, Bass I; and Matthew Grenter, All-State

Chorus, Tenor I

George Diehl Scholarship - Ashleigh Collins and Alison Schlesinger

DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award - Alison Schlesinger

Sublette Toy Show Scholarships: Alison Schlesinger of Mendota - Mendota FFA scholarship; Ashleigh Collins of Earlville - Max Armstrong scholarship

James Noakes - Ashleigh Collins

Jim O'Neil Award - Gavin Glazebrook.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center Medical Staff Scholarship - Anna Bokus

Pulley Awards - Class of 2020 Pulley Award recipients are Hannah Ambler, Mikayla Bryson, Logan Garcia and Jonathan Schmidt. Honorable mention recipients are Rachel Brandner, Colleen Fitzgerald, Angelica Godina, Cortnee Jones and Daisy Valdez.

VFW Scholarship - Sean

Dullard

Bohn-Nielsen Scholarship - Anna Bokus

Western Illinois University Principal's Scholarship - Devin Wade

Karen Fischer Scholarship - Noah DeLong

Dr. Roland Musick Scholarship - Alison Schlesinger

Ashley Award - Cole Stremmlau

August Holland Art Scholarship - Joanna Vasquez

Donald White Scholarship - Ashleigh Collins

Don Whitmore Award - Emiliano Arteaga

Susan Kay Munson Gilmore Scholarship - Esmeralda Perez

927 Scholarship - Cassidy Barkman

LaSalle County Bar Association - Ashleigh Collins

Booster Club Scholarship - Anna Bokus

Jim O'Neil Award - Gavin Glazebrook

President's Education Awards - Presented to students who have a GPA of

3.5 or higher - Hannah Ambler, Victoria Arteaga, Angelique-Ashli Baker, Tuli Bakr, Anna Bokus, Aaron Brandner, Rachel Brandner, Ashleigh Collins, Noah DeLong, Sean Dullard, Gavin Glazebrook, Shayna Kerchner, Kevin Lewis, Esmeralda Perez, Cole Stremmlau, Christina Vansickle, Haleigh Wendel, Joshua Wiley and Maren Wise.

News Tribune All-Academic Team - Students who rank in the top five of their graduating class and participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities and community involvement - Hannah Ambler and Sean Dullard; Honorable Mention - Maren Wise.

Also honored during the ceremony was David Ross, who was selected by the senior class as Teacher of the Year at MHS.

The MHS Class of 2020 graduation ceremony has been re-scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Driver

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reopening plan adheres to this commitment."

Safety Measures - Customers and employees will be required to wear face masks unless a medical condition prohibits the safe use of a mask. Plexiglass dividers have been installed at work stations and tape has been applied to the floor in 6-foot intervals for social distancing guidelines, limiting the number of customers inside a facility at one time.

For drive tests, employees will wear a face mask and shield inside the vehicle. Customers will be required to wear face masks unless medically unable. Disposable plastic will be used to cover vehicle seats during

the drive test and then discarded immediately after the drive test.

Online Services - Residents are encourage to go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services such as renewing vehicle registration stickers from home. This avoids waiting in line at a facility.

Online services include:

- Renewing a vehicle registration
- Obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card
- Obtaining a driving record abstract
- Renewing a driver's license through the Safe Driver Renewal program

Expiration dates were extended at least 90 days after June 1 so licenses, IDs, registrations will remain valid.



Lunch delivery

Kurt Bruno of State Farm Insurance delivered lunch from Main Street Station to nursing home workers at Heritage Health in Mendota on May 26 in appreciation for their hard work and dedication in taking care of the residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Left to right, are Michelle Hansen, RN and administrator at Heritage Health Mendota; Kari Lazzarotto, RN and director of nursing at Heritage Health Mendota; Dave McNally, owner of Main Street Station; Bruno, State Farm agent; and Abby Fancher, Main Street Station. (Photo contributed)

EDUCATION BRIEFS

North Central College announces graduates

NAPERVILLE - Bailey Beetz, daughter of Joe and Cindy Beetz of Mendota, graduated in a virtual ceremony from North Central College in Naperville on May 3. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. In addition to being honored as the Biology Student of the Year, the Science Department awarded her the Harold W. Henning Scholarship for pre-med students.

Beetz has been accepted to Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and will attend the Bradenton, Fla. campus.

Obituaries

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Doris E. Swanson

STERLING - Doris E. Swanson, 99, of Sterling died May 19, 2020.

Arrangements were completed by Schilling Funeral Home and Cremation, Sterling.

Doris was born Feb. 1, 1921 in Dover to LeRoy and Alverda Fundell. She married Fred H. Swanson in December 1944. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Survivors include two sons, Gordon Swanson and Kevin (Beatrice) Swanson; one daughter, Diana (Burdette) Wehmeyer; eight grandchildren, Holly and Terri Wehmeyer, Johnny Arteaga, Sally Arteaga, Alice (Andrew) Graham, and Amy, Alex and Amber Swanson; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger and Arvid "Shorty" Fundall and two sisters, Arlene King and Phyllis Casford.

Doris grew up in Bureau County. During World War II she worked at Green River Ammunition Depot. After her marriage, the couple moved to Mendota, where Fred was assistant cashier at First State Bank. After eight years, they and their three children moved to Lanark where Fred was with the Exchange State Bank. The family moved back to Mendota when Fred became a vice president with First State Bank. Doris worked as a cook at Mendota High School and was known as the "baker lady" because of her delicious desserts. Doris and Fred were very active in the United Methodist Church and various community organizations.

After retiring, they moved to Camdenton, Mo. at Lake of the Ozarks and enjoyed fishing, volunteering at the hospital and numerous craft projects. Doris continued to live in Camdenton after Fred died and was active in church and doing craft projects. In 2009, she moved back to Sterling and lived at Parkway Center until her death. Her 98th birthday was celebrated in February 2019 with four generations of family and many friends at a special luncheon at the Red Barn Restaurant in Sterling. Her 99th birthday was quietly celebrated with just a few family members because she was "slowing-down" - as she would say.

A memorial has been established and may be sent to Schilling Funeral Home, P.O. Box 592, Sterling, IL 61081 and will be forwarded to the family.

Send condolences to www.schillingfuneralhome.com.

CARL'S QUIZ

In the Elvis Presley song, Heartbreak Hotel is on which street?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Chess is the most popular board game of all time.

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

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William P. Horyn

CHANNAHON - William "Bill" P. Horyn, 74, of Channahon, formerly of Compton, passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 27, 2020 at Lakeshore Rehab and Healthcare, Joliet.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date with burial at Melugin Cemetery. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Bill was born March 28, 1946 in Chicago to Emil and Mary (Walters) Horyn.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Roberta "Betty" Buller Horyn; one sister, Eleanor Pratt; two daughters, Wendy (Greg) Ashford and Nanine (Steve) Tully; his extended family, daughters Rhonda (Ed) Richards, Michelle (Rick) Topolewski and Rebecca (Paul) Roulo; grandchildren, Riley Ashford, Clay Leonard, Wilson Ashford, Trent Ashford, and Cole Leonard, and those he extended his grandfatherly love to, Angela Topolewski, Kimberly Topolewski, Ricky Topolewski, Brittany Richards, Jessica Roulo, and Jacob Roulo; and three great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jax and Mia.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Marlene Arvidson and one brother, Robert Horyn.

Having worked in the automotive industry for over 30 years, Bill's passion for antique cars and collectables was the theme of his life. He was a hard worker and talented in many areas. Friends loved him for his sense of humor. He will be missed by many.

Memorials may be directed to Parkinson's Research.

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Brad M. Phalen

MENDOTA - Brad M. Phalen, 68, of Mendota, formerly of Troy Grove, passed away peacefully May 25, 2020 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota after an extended illness.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 30 at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Brad was born March 5, 1952 in Mendota to Harry and Betty (Brown) Phalen.

Survivors include a daughter, Jodi Phalen and son, Jason Phalen, both of Mendota; one grandson, Cam; his mother, Betty Phalen of Mendota; and four brothers, Brian (Holly) Phalen of Mendota, Craig (Luci) Phalen of Missoula, Mont., Kevin (Kim) Phalen of Mission Viejo, Calif. and Todd (Lynn) Phalen of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his father in 2006.

Brad was a 1971 graduate of Mendota High School. He was a 4-year 3 sport athlete participating in football, basketball and track and field. He was part of the 1970-1971 basketball team that finished 27-2. After graduating, Brad went on to work for his dad at Fischer and Phalen Phillip 66 and later owned and operated Phalen 66 with his brother, Brian. During his career, he also worked for Boelk Truck Lines, Meriden Street Trailer Sales and retired from John Robeson RV. During his free time, he enjoyed fishing, canoeing, shooting trap and spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandson, Cam. Brad was a long-time member and officer of Mendota Moose Lodge 714 and a dedicated member of Chubby's Social Club in Troy Grove.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Moose Lodge.

Marilyn R. (Ehlers) Machado

PLEASANTON, Calif. - Marilyn Ruth Machado, 88, formerly of Mendota, passed away peacefully on May 2, 2020 at Sunol Creek Memory Care, Pleasanton, Calif.

She was buried alongside her husband at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, Calif. A graveside memorial service will be held in her honor at a future date.

Marilyn was born July 6, 1931 in Mendota to Alvin and Helen (Stamberger) Ehlers. She married her husband of 53 years, Jerome Machado, on July 30, 1955. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Jerome (Jerry); one daughter, Julie Fields; one brother, Gaylon Ehlers; one sister, Karyl (James) Reents; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

In 1953, Marilyn moved to Santa Barbara, Calif. In 1967, she and Jerome settled with their two children in Los Gatos, Calif. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Cupertino, Calif. A terrific mother, accomplished cook and avid reader, Marilyn was a lifelong learner with a great sense of humor. While she enjoyed cooking, gardening and classical music, Marilyn took great interest in politics, economics and finance. She attended college later in life, graduating with honors from San Jose State University in 1973, and began substitute teaching. She returned to college to study finance at the University of Santa Clara. She accepted a job with Hewlett Packard and continued working there until 1993. After their retirement, the couple moved to Mendota to be close to Marilyn's father, Alvin. Upon his passing, the couple moved to Roseville, Calif. where she was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension.

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Dean Lubbs

MENDOTA - Dean Lubbs, 74, of Mendota passed away May 26, 2020 at his home surrounded by family.

Russel Dean Lubbs was born May 24, 1946 in Princeton to Bill and Joyce (Wangelin) Lubbs. He married Susan Clay, his high school sweetheart, on June 14, 1964.

Sadly, there will be no visitation or services at this time due to the social circumstances surrounding COVID. Arrangements are being handled by Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; one daughter, Michele (James) Meyer of Mendota; three grandchildren, Brett (Cassandra) Meyer of Davenport, Fla., Dr. Bria Meyer of Omaha, Neb. and Alex Lubbs of Bradenton, Fla.; and three siblings, Larry (Jeanne) Lubbs of Williamsburg, Va., Roger (Nadine) Lubbs of Dixon and Sue (Robert) Neahring of Manlius.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tim; his parents, Bill and Joyce; and one brother, Dennis Lubbs.

Dean grew up on a farm and attended schools in Manlius. He attended Western Illinois University on a football scholarship and was a captain of the football team. After graduating with honors from Western in 1968, he attended graduate school at the University of Missouri graduating in 1969. Dean returned to Illinois and began his teaching and coaching career at Mendota Township High School in 1969 where he remained until his retirement in 2001. During that time, he was inducted into the IHSA Football Coaches Hall of Fame as well as earned many other educator and coaching awards. Dean "Coach" Lubbs will be remembered as the ultimate professional. He mentored students, athletes and many young teachers at Mendota High School. He will be greatly missed by all of those who knew him and whose lives he impacted throughout the years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Dean Lubbs to Mendota High School for enhancement of the fitness center or Vitas Hospice for the loving care they provided to Dean.

Edward C. Nelson

COMPTON - Edward Cledis Nelson, 67, of Compton passed away May 30, 2020 at his residence.

Cremation rites have been accorded and private burial will be in Dundee. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

Edward was born Nov. 18, 1952 in Jonesboro, Ark. to James Alfred and Viola Imojean (Mabry) Nelson.

Survivors include his father; two brothers, Gary Nelson and Bob Nelson; one sister, Brenda Lietzow; and two sons, James F. Nelson and Jason W. Nelson.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 2019 and one brother, Boyd Nelson.

Edward loved to watch drag racing and go fishing. He very much enjoyed drinking coffee with his father.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Illinois announces start of patron-free live racing

SPRINGFIELD – Horse racing has returned to Illinois tracks. The Illinois Department of Agriculture worked with various stakeholders to bring patron-free standardbred and thoroughbred racing back while adhering to social distancing guidelines. The move is an effort to provide economic relief to the horse racing industry, as other states have done.

"These conditions necessitate changes to keep horse racing going in Illinois" said Domenic DiCera, Illinois Racing Board, Executive Director.

"We think the safety guidelines that have been laid out for social distancing of personnel at the track, as well as other precautions being taken to protect the horseman will allow for a safe racing environment, while maintaining the integrity of the sport," said Jerry Costello II, IDOA, acting Director.

Jockeys' Guild Regional Manager, Jeff Johnston said jockeys are thankful to get back to work.

Only essential personnel will be allowed on the grounds. Wagering will take place online.

Daniel R. Truckenbrod

COMPTON - Daniel R. Truckenbrod, 79, of Compton passed away on May 26, 2020 at OSF St. Anthony's Medical Center, Rockford.

A memorial is being planned for a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting with arrangements.

Daniel was born Sept. 15, 1940 in Mendota to Ralph and Mary (Kuebel) Truckenbrod.

Survivors include his children, Jim (Donna) Truckenbrod of Dixon, Kristine (John) Baird of Mendota, David Truckenbrod of St. Petersburg, Fla., Jennifer Truckenbrod of Mendota and Craig (Jennifer) Truckenbrod of Mendota; eight grandchildren, Shawn Truckenbrod, Brian Robinson, Jessica Robinson and Matt Robinson, Peyton Baird, Bailey Baird and Jace Baird, and Samantha Heady of Columbus, Mo.; and three sisters, Carol Nigro, Shirley Kaminski and Marla (Steve) Barkoviak.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Katherine Robinson on Oct. 12, 2016; and one brother, Dale Truckenbrod.

Daniel was a lifelong farmer, avid gardener and bee-keeper. He enjoyed Rip's Chicken more than any other meal on earth and he loved spending time in Shell Lake, Wis.

Memorials may be made to the Compton Fire Department.

Arlene G. LeFevre

MENDOTA - Arlene Grace (Yenerich) LeFevre, 96, passed from this world to the next on May 23, 2020.

A private graveside service will be held at Restland Cemetery in Mendota, where Arlene will be laid to rest next to her husband. Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Arlene was born Sept. 12, 1923 in Waterman (East Side Hospital) to Howard and Helen (Cornell) Yenerich. She married Earl LeFevre on Oct. 12, 1944 in Mendota. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Survivors include five children, Larry (Barbara) of Vandalia, Bill (Lucy) of Grand Detour, Sue Ann of Garland, Texas, Phillip of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mark (Stacey) of Ashton; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Arlene graduated from Mendota High School and Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. After college, she taught school until she and her husband moved to the family grain and livestock farm. Jointly, Arlene and Earl created a farming enterprise in Bradford Township, Lee County. Arlene was dedicated to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved and enjoyed her large family and they in turn loved her very much. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Dixon and had been a participant of the ladies circle. She loved to play Bridge and joined several Bridge clubs, playing two to three times a week. Occasionally, she played games of chance. She was a great cook and over the years often entertained family and friends. Her interests included reading, following grain and livestock future markets, watching politics, and keeping up with the world and national news. Her great sports interest, which was passed on from her mother, was the Chicago Cubs. When not watching the Cubs, she would watch the Hallmark Channel. Arlene and Earl wintered in Venice, Fla. for many years, and there she would enjoy playing Bridge and became an attending member of the local Methodist church.

A memorial will be established for the benefit of Heritage Square.

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should expect COVID-19 to remain a threat until it can be “vanquished.”

“Until we have a vaccine or an effective treatment or enough widespread immunity that new cases fail to materialize, the option of returning to normalcy doesn’t exist,” the governor said.

People will still be expected to wear facial coverings and practice social distancing when in public places.

“Non-essential” businesses and stores, closed for more than two months to in-person customers and workers, were allowed to reopen with capacity limitations, social distancing observations and other safety guidance measures from IDPH.

That same guidance is implemented for barber-shops and salons. And for those workplaces that can enable remote activities, it is encouraged they do so.

Restaurants will remain closed to indoor dining, but Pritzker amended the Phase 3 plan to allow outdoor, socially distanced dining. Delivery, pickup and drive-thru are still options.

All of the state’s 5,000-plus child care providers not in operation are allowed to reopen. Pritzker said for the first four weeks that they are open, providers will be able to serve up to 10 children per classroom.

“Once they have provided care safely for four weeks and have gotten accustomed to the new health, social

RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

Phase 1 Rapid Spread	Phase 2 Flattening	Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
<p>Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open.</p> <p>Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Non-essential retail stores reopen for curbside pickup and delivery.</p> <p>Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating & fishing while practicing social distancing.</p>	<p>Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions.</p> <p>Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing.</p> <p>Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.</p>

New case growth slows

Surge hospital capacity

10,000 tests per day statewide

Testing for any symptomatic health care workers and first responders

Case positivity rate and hospital capacity benchmarks met

Testing for patients, health care workers and at-risk residents

Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis

Case positivity rate and hospital capacity benchmarks met

Testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors

Contact tracing within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases

Post-pandemic:

Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors

distancing and sanitation routines, they will be able to expand to larger group sizes, though not yet at their fully licensed capacity,” he said.

Fitness clubs can also hold outdoor activities, as well as one-on-one training with an instructor so long as public health department guidance is observed.

The General Assembly created a Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission to “participate in and provide

input on plans to revive the various sectors of the state’s economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic” when it convened for four days last week.

Because the commission “may request meetings be convened to address revitalization efforts for the various sectors of the state’s economy,” it is unclear what level of input legislators will have on the governor’s reopening plan.

Republicans, who long sought more input in that blueprint, called the newly created body “window dressing.”

The next step after the “recovery” phase is “revitalization.” Schools and other child care programs can reopen so long as social distancing is observed, restaurants can serve in-house diners and social gatherings will be limited to 50 people or fewer.

Framers of the plan anticipate at least a 28-day period

before the state can progress into that phase, meaning no sooner than Friday, June 26.

Among the criteria for entering Phase 4 will be that COVID-19 testing is available to anyone who wants it, regardless of symptoms or risk factors; a contact tracing program must be in place; hospitalization rates must remain stable or decline; and the positivity rate must be below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days.

Ban on smoking in vehicles with children goes into effect in Illinois

By SCOT BERTRAM

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois now has a ban in place on smoking in vehicles with children present.

The measure, which took effect June 1, prohibits lighting up with anyone under the age of 18 inside.

“Children are more sensitive to secondhand smoke because their lungs are smaller,” said Kristina Hamilton, director of advocacy for the American Lung Association in Illinois and Iowa. “And we know that secondhand smoke exposure is linked to a number of health issues in children like sudden infant death syndrome, asthma flare ups, wheezing, coughing, and other respiratory tract issues.”

Violating the ban will be punishable by fines of up to \$100 for a first offense and up to \$250 for subsequent violations. It’s not a primary offense, meaning drivers can’t be stopped simply for that reason. However, Hamilton said she believes it still will be effective in

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—Kristina Hamilton, director of advocacy for the American Lung Association

changing behavior.

“We don’t expect a lot of fines and tickets to be issued for this law,” Hamilton said. “We anticipate that once the public is aware of this law, it will spur more social change. Tobacco users will see this law and reflect on using cigarettes around their young children. And that will in turn change behavior as longer term.”

The law makes no distinction between a vehicle at rest or moving and there’s no consideration as to whether or not the windows are rolled down.

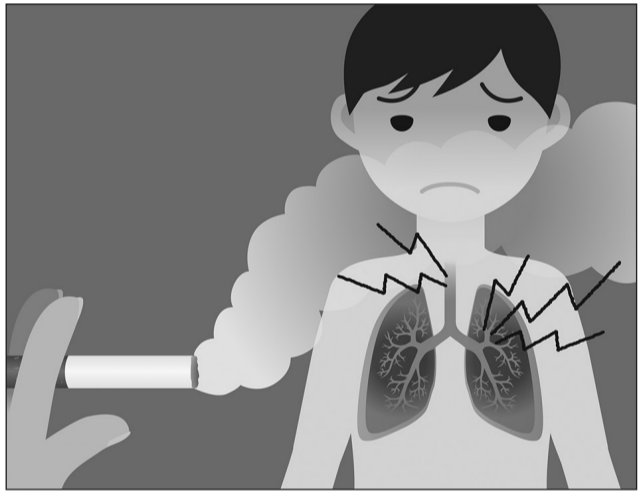
“[Kids] don’t often have the ability to change their environment or to remove themselves from an unhealthy environment,” Hamilton said. “Policies like prohibiting smoking in a small space, like a car, around

children are really helpful to making sure that children’s health is protected.”

Eight other states have similar measures already on the books. The push for the law in Illinois came from school teachers who were helping students out of cars.

“We were hearing stories from preschool teachers that were helping small children out of their parents’ or guardians’ cars,” Hamilton said. “And there would be all of the smoke that would come out of the car and the teachers could notice pretty obviously that you know, that the kid was in a car with someone who was smoking.”

Using e-cigarettes with minors present is not illegal, but Hamilton says they’re pushing to include vaping in a future piece of legislation.



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Council

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In other action from the mayor, he presented his FY21 mayoral appointments.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Leo Hochstatter presented an ordinance amending the starting time of city council meetings. The council voted to adopt the ordinance, which now makes the starting time of regular city council meetings at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m., effective June 15, 2020.

Alderman Kyle Kim presented an ordinance amending ambulance billing rates for 2020-21, which was approved by the council. New rates are:

Mendota and rural residents: basic life support non-emergency, \$550; basic life support emergency, \$600; advanced life support non-emergency, \$600; advanced life support 1 emergency, \$750; advanced life support 2 emergency, \$850; specialty care transport, \$950.

Non-residents: basic life support non-emergency, \$800; basic life support emergency, \$850; advanced life support non-emergency, \$850; advanced life support 1 emergency, \$1,000; advanced life support 2 emergency, \$1,100; specialty care transport, \$1,200.

Alderman Jay Miller gave a list of license additions to fellow council members. All were approved. They include Mendota Moose, El Zarape, Waterfalls Casual Dining and Pizzas by Marchelloni, liquor licenses; Republic Services, scavenger license.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m.

IVCC extends payment for summer classes

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College announced the extension of payment for summer classes to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10.

Registration for summer is currently underway and classes begin June 10. To register, call (815) 224-0447. For payment, call (815) 224-0213.

City Ordinance

Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance

- The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the City of Mendota so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

- Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet’s solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

- Exemptions. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

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What have you been drinking?

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD—Recently, two state Senate staffers were allegedly caught – gasp -- drinking beer in the Capitol.

The surprising thing is that both were arrested.

While it is illegal to drink alcohol in the Capitol Building, I’ve never heard of the measure being enforced. Ever.

Booze is found throughout the Illinois statehouse. When I had an office in the statehouse pressroom, lobbyists and lawmakers would routinely drop by a nearby bureau to get cold beers or shots of whiskey.

In fact, I can think of at least two former state senators who kept kitchen-size refrigerators in their statehouse Senate offices packed with booze. Fellow lawmakers, lobbyists and others would congregate in their offices to imbibe between votes.

On at least one occasion I saw a Chicago-area lawmaker drunk in the House chamber to the point she barely was coherent. Interestingly enough, she was a social conservative who courted the religious right and was known for the anti-abortion legislation she would sponsor.

Substance abuse knows no political, philosophical, social or religious boundaries.

At this point, you are either appalled or asking why I’m such a stick in the mud.

And, yes, in case you are wondering, I don’t drink. But I don’t care if someone drinks on their own time.

That said, I’ve never had an employer that was OK with employees drinking on the job. Have you?

And there is the rub. These lawmakers are our employees.

There is a pervasive sense of entitlement among many legislators that says the rules just don’t apply to them.

It can manifest itself in small ways, like carrying a case of beer into the statehouse past the building’s security, or in big ways such as approving a budget that is billions of dollars out of whack.

Just as there is a state law prohibiting booze in the statehouse, there is a provision in the state constitution requiring a balanced budget. Admittedly, it is vaguely written and lacks any enforcement provision.

But the rule is still there. And widely ignored.

The budget recently introduced by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and approved by the legislature is held together by chewing gum and baling wire.

For example, it’s called “balanced” even though it relies on borrowing \$5 billion from the Federal Reserve and plans on spending \$1.1 billion from a tax hike that hasn’t even gone before the voters yet.

There is no guarantee voters will approve the progressive income tax in November. And even if they do, it is doubtful that during a recession it would generate the kind of dollars the budget depends on it for.

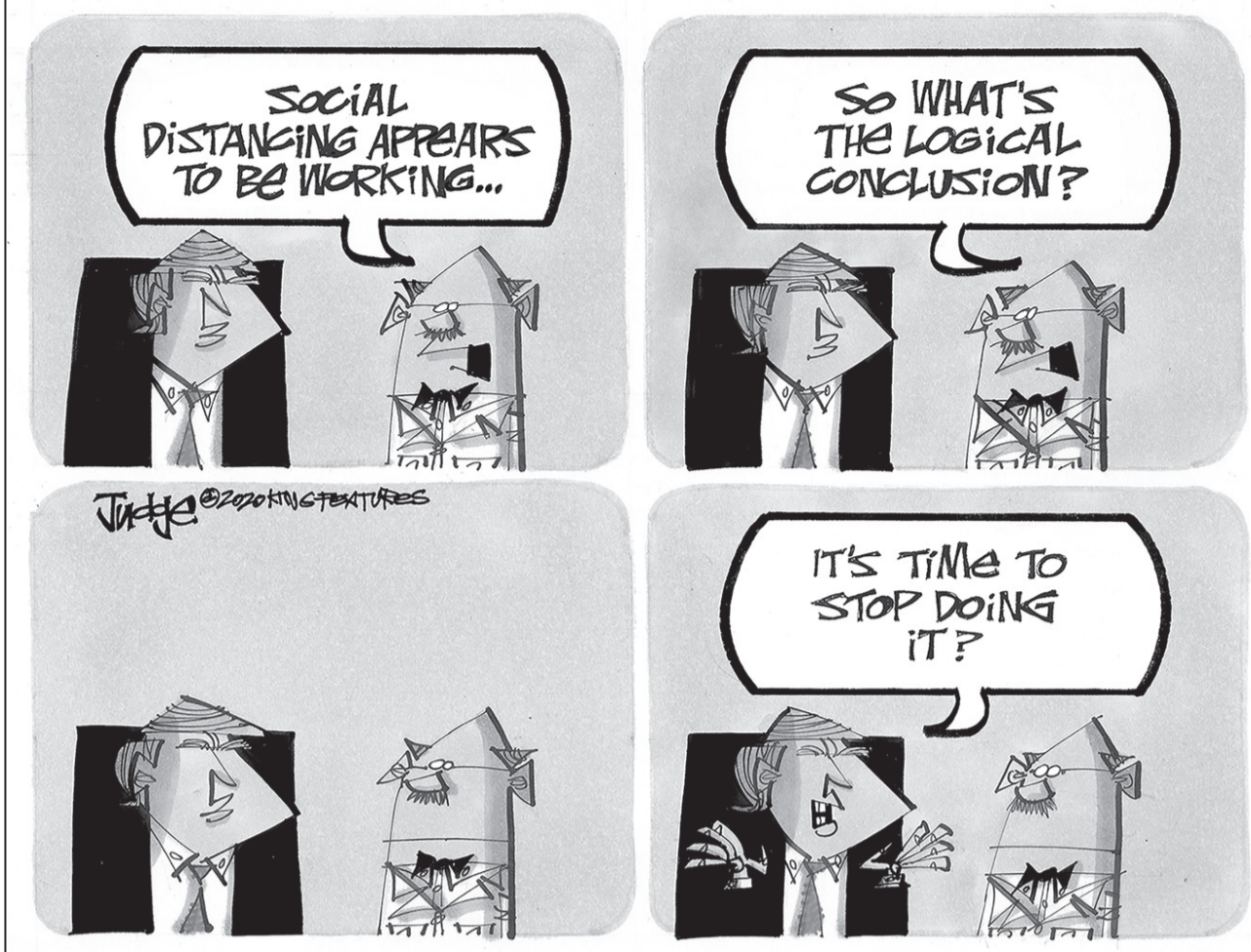
Unlike other states, Illinois lawmakers have avoided making tough decisions about spending cuts. That’s hardly a new phenomenon. Year after year, Illinois has spent more than it has taken in. Both Republican and Democratic administrations bear responsibility for making the state the fiscal basket case of the nation.

But even after all those decades of mismanagement, I’ve yet to see so egregious a spending plan as the one legislators passed this month.

Inevitably there will be some legal contortionists who will claim this budget that relies on borrowing and a tax that hasn’t even been approved constitutes a balanced budget.

To that I can only ask: “What have you been drinking?”

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



Veterans’ monument dedication postponed – 1973

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from June 3, 1998)

By Jessica Nashold

Twenty-five years ago, Memorial Day was observed on May 28. The program was in Library Park where dedication of a monument in remembrance of Mendota veterans who had died in World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam had been planned. Regrettably, the monument had not yet arrived and the dedication was postponed until the Fourth of July. However, Memorial Day plans were too far advanced to alter.

A parade stepped off from the park and circled the business district, then returned to the park for a program. The parade was led by the Veterans’ Memorial Council color guard and firing squad. Marchers included auxiliaries of American Legion and VFW posts, Mendota’s fire department in uniform, the Mendota High School band, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

Speakers during the brief program were James Noakes, exalted ruler of the Mendota Elks, and Mayor Murray Reeser. Diane Troupis and David Hagemann, winners in the VFW and American Legion contests, delivered their essays. Donald Echelbarger read the names of veterans who had died during the preceding year. Willis Snyder sounded taps.

It was announced that the fund for the monument, costing \$2,400, was still \$900 short. It was hoped additional donations would take care of this balance before the Fourth of July dedication.

It was also announced that the Avenue of Flags at Restland Memorial Gardens and Restland Cemetery would be on display throughout Memorial Day. The Avenue had been inaugurated by the American Legion in 1972 and there were now 130 flags.

MHS music director, Robert Baile, was authorized by the school board to secure estimates on 150 new band uniforms. The uniforms in use had served since 1947. One figure of \$19,428 had been quoted for a basic uniform, plus overlays with Trojan head and three-dimensional M designs, also spats, ties, hats (possibly with plumes) and capes. Additional prices were to be sought.

Band parents are willing to con-

Backtracks & Sidetracks

sider doing their part in earning money.

Mayor Murray Reeser signed an application with the Illinois Department of Conservation for 19,800 fingerlings to stock Lake Mendota. The varieties chosen were largemouth bass, bluegills and sunfish. A district fisheries biologist took soundings and found the depth of the lake to be only nine feet (instead of 10), but he believed this would not hinder the delivery. He suggested treating surface algae with copper sulfate.

Speaker at the annual MABS banquet was Bob Blackman, head football coach at the University of Illinois. He said one of his objectives had been to increase attendance at home games. Since taking over he had seen an advance from 40,000 to 47,000. To publicize teams, he introduced spring football games throughout the state. He said coaches had to stick with their programs, regardless of reaction.

When a coach is on the field it has to be understood he is not running a popularity contest.

Two books by Edith Andrews Harmon came off the press. “Another Man Named Hickok” was about Aaron Hickok, an ancestor of Wild Bill. She said the title had been suggested to her by Joseph G. Rosa, author of “They Called Him Wild Bill.” The second book, “Pioneer Settlers of Troy Grove, Ill.” was especially useful to those gathering genealogical information from the Troy Grove area.

Radio station WGLC’s Mother of the Year for 1973 was Mrs. Dorothy Lindenmeier. A police escort accompanied her through the business streets of Mendota and Earlville. After receiving gifts from merchants, she was recipient of a cake presented by Robert Dempster, vice president of the National Bank of Mendota.

Belfry Antiques opened for business in the former Methodist church on Sixth Avenue in mid-May. Hours were from noon until 6 p.m. daily, including Sundays.

Proprietors were Terry W. Lampton and Larry A. Jacobsen.

Mickey Long sold his excavating business to Reliable Excavating. Long had been in business 24 years. Harold Bonnell, general manager of Reliable, said he would have as partners James Cherry and William Knapp, owners of Illinois Frame. They were moving their operation to the Reliable location on Conco Road.

Firemen held a retirement party for their chief, John Goebel, who had stepped down on May 1, 1973. He had been with the department 30 years, 15 of them as chief. There were 80 in attendance – past and present firemen, their wives, council members and their wives, also two Goebel daughters and their husbands. The event was held in the Mendota Firemen’s Building. A buffet dinner was served, arranged by Mrs. Don Parks and Mrs. James Johnson.

Lt. Bernice Spanier, stationed at Oakknoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif., was promoted to lieutenant commander. She entered the Navy in 1966.

Mary Stephenitch, a MHS senior, earned a spot representing the Illinois State Bowling Proprietors’ Association in national finals to be held in Washington, D.C., July 29-Aug. 1. Stephenitch had triumphed in Illinois state finals in May 1973.

Richard Leiser received a pin from the Lions Club for 25 years of perfect attendance. Leiser, former editor and co-publisher of The Mendota Reporter, was manager of the Mendota Chamber of Commerce.

On June 1, 1973, a class of 191 graduated from Mendota High School. Ceremonies were held on the high school athletic field. Raymond Maciejewski was valedictorian and Margaret Pfister, salutatorian. Also speaking were Jean Engle, senior class president, and Douglas Higgins, student council president.

Yes, there’s good news on COVID-19

By Rich Lowry

It’s not March anymore.

The coronavirus has taken a heartbreaking toll on Americans, but the course of the virus is not the same as it was a few months ago. We are on the other side of the curve. There are encouraging signs all over the country, and no early indications of a reopening debacle.

The question now is whether the media and political system can absorb good news on the virus, which is often ignored or buried under misleading storylines.

The press has a natural affinity for catastrophes, which make compelling viewing and good copy. The pandemic is indeed a once-in-a-generation story. So, the media is naturally loath to shift gears and acknowledge that the coronavirus has begun to loosen its grip.

Meanwhile, progressives and many journalists have developed a near-theological commitment to the lockdowns, such that any information that undermines them is considered unwelcome, even threatening. This accounts for the widespread sense that no one should say things have gotten better ... or people are going to die.

Usually, when it is thought the public can’t handle the truth, it is a truth about some threat that could spark panic. In this case, the truth is information that might make people think it’s safe to go outside again.

Almost all of the discussion about reopening is framed by worries that we will reopen too soon, not that we might reopen too late. That is literally unthinkable, even as we have entered a new phase.

As data analyst Nate Silver pointed out last week, the seven-day rolling average for deaths is 1,362, down from 1,761 the week prior and a peak of 2,070 on April 21. That’s

still much too high, but the trend is favorable.

Testing capacity, such a concern for so long, has really begun to expand after hitting a plateau for weeks. Testing nationally on some days has been in the high 300,000s or over 400,000. The issue in some states now is not capacity, but actually finding enough people to test.

Scott Gottlieb of the American Enterprise Institute notes that the positivity rate, or percentage of people testing positive, has continued to fall throughout May.

The press has often, out of sloppiness or willfulness, tried to create negative news around the reopenings. CNN recently tweeted, “Texas is seeing the highest number of new coronavirus cases and deaths just two weeks after it officially re-opened.” As Sean Trende of RealClearPolitics pointed out, the seven-day rolling average of new cases had indeed been trending up, but the seven-day rolling average of the number of tests had gone up, too -- which would naturally turn up more cases. The key indicator is the positivity rate, and it was down in Texas.

Headlines noted that Florida recorded 500 new cases in one day. It generated fewer headlines, and perhaps none, when Gov. Ron DeSantis explained that the state had received a dump of 75,000 test results, yielding the 500 new cases, for a minuscule positivity rate of 0.64%.

It’s not as though we haven’t had a cataract of unassailably legitimate bad news over the past few months. We’ve been experiencing a wrenching public health crisis and a steep recession on top of it. There shouldn’t be a need to obscure favorable trends. We can handle the truth.

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SPORTS

Lubbs: MHS gridiron great; better in the game of life

On and off the field, Lubbs was respected and admired

By KIP CHEEK
Sports editor

MENDOTA—Respectful and kind. Trustworthy and fair. All attributes most of us strive for, and Dean Lubbs perfected.

Whether in the classroom, on the football field, in the clubhouse at the golf course or just during a simple conversation on the street, Lubbs personified all of those traits.

Dean Lubbs

That's why he had so many friends. And that's why so many people will miss him after he passed away on May 26, just two days after his 74th birthday.

Lubbs began establishing himself in the Mendota community in 1969 after he earned a master's degree from the University of Missouri. Football was his game, having attended Western Illinois University on a scholarship after playing high school football in his hometown of Manlius. Lubbs spent 10 years as an assistant football coach at Mendota High School before assuming the reigns as the varsity head coach in 1979.

During his 15-year tenure as the Trojan mentor, Lubbs compiled an 81-64 career mark with six NCIC titles and six appearances in the Class 3A playoffs. He had eight winning seasons, including six out of his last seven years.

It took Lubbs just two seasons to build the Trojans into a playoff team when the 1981 squad won the conference title and qualified for the playoffs for the first time in school history. Mendota's next trip to the playoffs came in 1987, Lubbs' most successful season as the head coach. Aside from two regular season losses to Marquette and Hall by a combined 10 points, the Trojans were no match for their seven other opponents. Mendota won those seven games by a combined score of 229-30 and rolled into the playoffs as one of the most lethal teams in Class 3A.

The Trojan juggernaut continued into the playoffs

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—Mike Kilmartin

where they blew out Coal City, Hall and Normal University High on their way to the Class 3A semifinals. In that game, Mendota's machine was finally derailed by powerful Kankakee Bishop McNamara, which went on to win the state title with a lopsided victory over Taylor Ridge (Rockridge). There is no disputing that the state championship game was played the week before the state finals when Mendota and Bishop Mac slugged it out in Kankakee.

Mendota concluded the 1987 campaign with a 10-3 record. Thirty-three years later, that is still the best season ever played by a Trojan football team.

The Trojans went on to make four more playoff appearances (1988, 1990, 1991, 1992) in the next five years under Lubbs. The 1993 season was his last on the Mendota sideline. He resigned from his position on Nov. 8, 1993. He remained at MHS as an instructor in physical education, sciences and computer programming until his retirement in 2001.

Throughout his time as a football coach at MHS, he always credited everyone but himself for his success. Soon after his resignation, Lubbs said he attributed his accomplishments on the gridiron to his assistant coaches, the scouts and the players. "You can win games with that combination," he said.

For his outstanding achievements on the football field, Lubbs was inducted into the Illinois Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998.

Lubbs was adored, admired and revered by practically everyone he came in contact with. Countless people have been saddened by his passing. Many remember him with heavy hearts.

Phil Bodine – Former teaching and coaching colleague at MHS

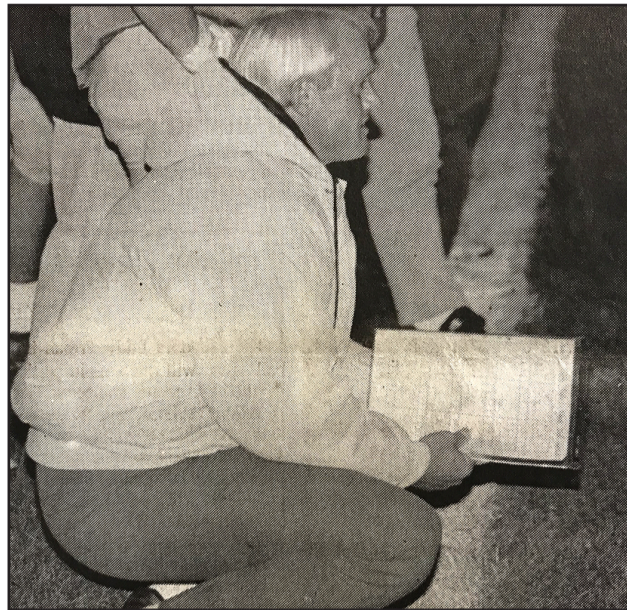
"I started teaching and coaching in 1990 on Dean's football staff. There is no one I have come across in my 30 years of teaching/coaching who I respect more, care for more and learned so much about coaching/life than Russell Dean Lubbs. He is always on my mind as I coach to this day. The things he taught me I hope I am doing the same and I hope I have made him proud. I pray I have. He was the most respected teacher/coach in the halls of Mendota Township High School. I will miss him dearly. It would behoove us all as coaches/teachers to hope to be as good a man as Dean Lubbs. I will miss you Dean!"

Mike Cooper – Former player and 1985 MHS graduate

"I played football because of Dean Lubbs. I wasn't a great player, but he inspired me to play for the love of the game. As a player, I learned the importance of hard work and doing things as a team. Coach Lubbs was all about the importance of the team. Professionally he impacted the way I coach and treat kids and as an administrator he taught me the importance of treating people the right way. Coach Lubbs should have been a state championship football coach — he had the best public school team in the state for Class 3A the year we lost to Bishop Mac."

Mark Cooper – Former player and 1987 MHS graduate

"Coach did an amazing job establishing relationships with his students and players. Integrity and sportsmanship were always points of emphasis with his teams. He had a significant impact on my life as an educator and coach. To this day, I still try to emulate many of his attributes he had as an educator and coach."



Dean Lubbs in his final game as the Mendota High School varsity football coach on Oct. 28, 1993.

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Dave Elsesser – Former player and 1985 MHS graduate

"I didn't play football or wrestle for him, but in a way, I think it enabled me to get a better measure of the man that he really was. My most lasting impressions came when he was assistant basketball coach, and, of course, I was the guy at the end of the bench. But it didn't take long for me to figure out that he cared as much about us as he did the guys who were playing 32 minutes. I never forgot that, and some of the coaching I got from him in meaningless JV games, I've gone on to apply in other facets of life. He built in me a confidence that I hadn't before known — things that, I think, came forward in everyday life. I truly loved the man, and, as these things usually go, it didn't really crystallize or come to the fore until later in life. Fortunately, I was able to thank him and let him know how much he helped me down my path. He had the ability to connect with kids of all types. He could reach the kids that maybe had a head start in life just as well as those who had to fight and scratch for everything they got. And he had a way of knowing just what to say, when to say it and how to say it. He was exceptionally intelligent and articulate, a man with a remarkable vocabulary. He knew a lot about a lot,

and had a mastery of many different things."

Mike Kilmartin – Former teaching and coaching colleague at MHS

"Dean was a person I respected as a teacher and coach. He was a mentor to me from 1990 on. We played softball and basketball together. He arrived at MTHS before other teachers to prepare for his teaching and coaching. He was my assistant in basketball and I his assistant in football. I loved Dean and will always be grateful for his guidance and wisdom. He played a major role in resurrecting the football and basketball programs. He was very intelligent and will be missed by many."

Jose Medina – Former player and 1995 MHS graduate

"Coach Lubbs was a great coach. He was someone that you did not want to let down and always strived to want to play hard for. He was fair and honest with his players and always pushed us to be the best and to outwork our opponents. I had the privilege of getting coached up by him for one last time during the Mendota vs. Princeton alumni game a few years back. It was great listening to him talk about football. Players past, present, and those that may not have known or may have heard of Coach Lubbs all listened to him speak. That was a testament to Coach Lubbs' knowledge and understanding of the game and

the respect players had for him. He was one of my favorite coaches to have played for. I enjoyed my time as a player under his guidance and leadership. R.I.P. Coach Lubbs, you will be missed."

Gary Vicini – Former football coach at Hall High School

"We were good friends. We got to be really good friends after I became head coach in 1984. Dean had kind of struggled with his program some and I think it was when John Fippinger was our coach and Mendota beat us, maybe in about 1982 or '83. It seemed like his program kind of took off from there. And he basically lived up to his name — he became the dean of NCIC Southwest coaches. One of the things I respected most about Dean is that he was always in it for the kids. I can remember when the coaches used to get together after the season to decide all-conference teams. Back then the rules were that a kid could only be honored on one side of the ball. It was one or the other. Dean fought tooth and nail for that to be changed. And for him to push that through, he had to get all the guys from the bigger schools on the other side of the conference to go along with it. The 1987 Mendota-Hall games were somewhat of a landmark for both programs. Hall made its first playoff appearance that season after going 0-9 the year before. Mendota reached the 3A semis before losing to eventual champ Bishop McNamara. One of Mendota's losses came in the regular season to us. That 1987 team was by far Dean's best. It was probably, on our side, more of an upset when we won at our place. But in the playoffs, Mendota's running backs and linemen really did a good job against us. Dean was always a gentleman, win or lose."

Mike Wasmer – Former coaching colleague at MHS

"Dean possessed a combination of the finest traits in a person — intelligence, wit, integrity, compassion. An exceptional teacher/coach, but more importantly an outstanding human being."



Illinois 2020 Spring wild turkey hunt preliminary harvest totals 15,800 birds

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois turkey hunters harvested a preliminary statewide total of 15,800 wild turkeys during the 2020 Spring Turkey Season. This year's preliminary harvest total compares with the 2019 statewide turkey harvest of 15,190. The statewide preliminary total includes the 2020 Youth Turkey Season harvest of 1,744 birds, a record total, and compares with the 2019 youth harvest of 1,392 turkeys. The statewide record total was set in 2006 when 16,569 turkeys were harvested.

Spring turkey hunting

was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2020 season dates were April 6-May 7 in the South Zone and April 13-May 14 in the North Zone. The Youth Spring Turkey Season was March 28-29 and April 4-5 statewide.

Spring turkey hunting was suspended at Illinois Department of Natural Resources sites during the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Turkey hunters this spring took a preliminary total of 6,285 wild turkeys during all regular season segments in the South

Zone, compared with 5,959 last year in the south. The preliminary harvest total for all regular season segments in the North Zone this year was 7,771 wild turkeys, compared with 7,832 in northern counties in 2019.

The top five counties for spring wild turkey harvest in 2020 were Jefferson (508), Jo Daviess (464), Marion (444), Pike (404), and Randolph (379).

Wild turkey harvest totals for area counties were: Bureau — 170; DeKalb — 11; LaSalle — 102; Lee — 85; Ogle — 147; Whiteside — 116.

2020 IHSA Officials' Conference canceled; online educational opportunities available

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) announced on May 22 that it has canceled its 2020 Officials Conference scheduled for July 10-11.

The 21st annual IHSA Officials Conference was slated to be held at Normal Community West High School and the Holiday Inn in Normal. All reservations for attendees at the Holiday Inn have been canceled.

"We regretfully have to cancel this year's conference, despite the positive steps our state is making in preventing the spread of COVID-19," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Our conference continues to grow in numbers, but it's of the utmost importance that we put the health and safety of our attendees, as well as the ancillary personnel who help make this event thrive, at the forefront."

The IHSA Officials Conference annually provides over 600 officials the opportunity to network, participate in general and sport-specific officiating workshop sessions, and hear from featured keynote speakers that include decorated current and former officials. The conference concludes with an awards banquet that recognizes the IHSA Officials of the Year and also honors dedicated officials for their years of service.

"We are disappointed to cancel, but we know that our officials will understand,"

said IHSA Assistant Executive Director Sam Knox. "As much as they enjoy this event, there is nothing IHSA officials love more than officiating high school sports. We recognize that taking precautions this summer with the conference will ultimately result in our officials returning to officiate high school sporting events more quickly."

The IHSA has set July 9 and 10 as the dates for the 2021 IHSA Officials Conference at Normal Community West High School, with the Holiday Inn in Normal once again serving as the host hotel.

The IHSA will offer virtual educational opportunities for officials during the conference timeframe and into August. These videos will be free to all of our licensed officials. More information about online learning will be posted in the IHSA Officials Center soon.

"Nothing quite compares to the camaraderie that exists within the high school sports officiating community," said Anderson. "We appreciate everything our officials do, and they will all be incredibly important to the return of high school sports in Illinois. While we can't provide the in-person opportunity of our conference this summer, we are still excited to help all officials learn and grow through online educational training."

Nominations sought for Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) is accepting nominations for the 2020 Class of the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame.

Since 2002, the ICF has recognized individuals who have records of exemplary service in and commitments to improving conservation efforts and outdoor recreation opportunities in Illinois. Past inductees have led efforts to

preserve and enhance fish and wildlife habitat, to protect and restore Illinois' lakes and rivers, participated on the national and international stages in conservation advocacy, and provided resources for thousands of youth and adults to enjoy fishing, hunting, conservation and safety education.

Nominations must be submitted on the official Hall of Fame Nomination form,

which is available at a link on the ICF website: <https://ilconservation.org/Who-We-Are/Outdoor-Hall-of-Fame>

Nominations must be submitted by July 8, 2020 to be considered. For more information, contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, via phone at phone 217-785-2003, or online at www.ilconservation.org.

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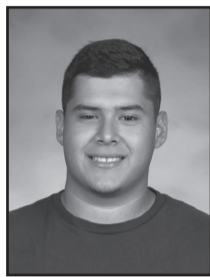
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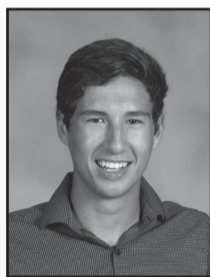
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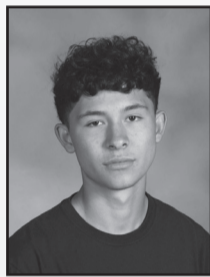
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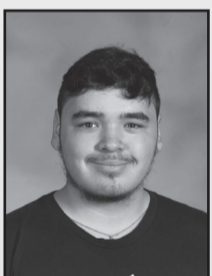
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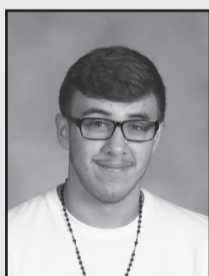
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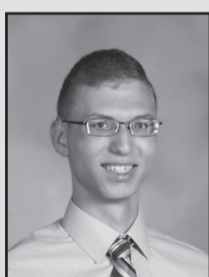
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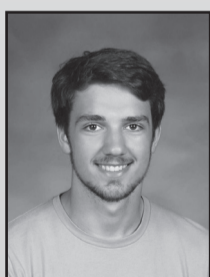
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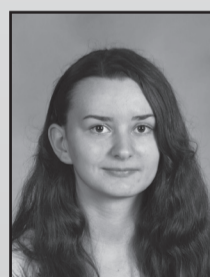
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DOMESTIC BATTERY

Allen G. Linboom, 32, of Rock Falls, was charged with domestic battery after the Mendota Police Department received a 9-1-1 call of a domestic dispute at the Super 8 Motel, 260 E. 12th St., Mendota, at 12:18 a.m. May 25. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail to appear before a judge for a bond hearing.

MPD reminder: Secure property

MENDOTA – Help prevent yourself from being the victim of a burglary or theft. The Mendota Police Department would like to remind all citizens to secure their property. Always lock your vehicle when it's parked outside. Lock the doors to your home, garage and sheds even while you are home. Don't let yourself become a victim by being an easy target.

Illinois' stay-at-home order lifted as of May 29th

By REBECCA ANZEL
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker announced May 29, the first day Illinois' economy operated under more relaxed restrictions, his stay-at-home order is replaced by one reflective of "our new, more open reality."

Small businesses statewide opened their doors to customers, with capacity limitations. Restaurants and bars served socially-distanced diners outside, and fitness centers taught classes outdoors with small groups of people. Barbershops and salons resumed services as well, and state parks, wildlife areas and historic sites welcomed visitors.

The governor's Community Recovery Executive Order codified those changes while emphasizing the need for face coverings. It also extends the ban on residential evictions and utility shutoffs.

It was Illinoisans, he said, who made the easing of restrictions possible.

In the past four weeks, there was an average of 250 fewer novel coronavirus patients admitted to hospital intensive care units, or a drop of 20 percent, Pritzker said. And in the past two weeks, there was a 32-percent decrease in the number of COVID-19-related deaths.

"The significant personal pain that Illinoisans are feeling from this pandemic does not end with our stay-at-home order. Indeed, it's more important than ever to support our working families as we begin our safe recovery," the governor said. "The journey to this point has seemed very long and, unfortunately, the journey is far from over. Let's be clear on this: the virus is still out there and it's very dangerous."

Residents must continue to follow the Illinois Department of Public Health's

guidance — frequent hand-washing, regular sanitation of commonly-touched surfaces, use of a face covering when in public and observation of social distancing.

And when travelling to neighboring states that instill fewer restrictions than Illinois, he added, people should not participate in activities deemed unsafe by epidemiologists.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, IDPH's director, said in the previous 24 hours there were 1,622 new COVID-19 cases and 86 related deaths.

The state's total is now 117,455 confirmed cases and 5,270 virus-related fatalities. Cases were reported in all but one Illinois county.

"We must learn to coexist with COVID, and will coexist until we find proven treatments and a vaccine," Ezike said. "Please be safe as we head into phase 3. I trust all of you and your

communities will model safe practices — social distancing and wearing face coverings—to minimize the transmission of this virus."

The department issued "comprehensive" guidance to houses of worship that plan to resume in-person services, Pritzker said. Those include a continuation of online vents, addition of drive-up services or in-person services of no more than 10 people.

"I've said from the very beginning that I would never do anything to break up a service, to interfere with religion," the governor said. "What I have done is implored leaders not to gather their parishioners because what we want most of all is for people to be healthy and safe."

Contact tracing

Illinois' contact tracing efforts are "ramping up," Ezike said. Residents may receive a phone call or text message from an agent notifying them of possible COVID-19 exposure.

"It's very important" Illinoisans respond to those outreach efforts, she added.

The system has about half the reach it needs, Pritzker said, and officials are "rapidly" trying to grow the program. More than 80 local health departments are working with the state to build that needed capacity.

Contact tracers will never ask for financial information, social security numbers or any other sensitive information. If someone does, it is likely to be a scam, Ezike warned.

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Throughout this virus pandemic, I have supported resources for our state, hospitals, virus testing, PPE, small businesses, and for individuals and families. We must remember that we are in this together, united as one nation under God, and the sacrifices we make now will put us on a stronger path to a brighter future.



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SOCIAL SCENE



Mendota VFW salutes veterans on Memorial Day

MENDOTA—Mendota VFW Post 4079 has a long history of placing veteran's donated burial flags at Mendota cemeteries on Memorial Day. This year the post placed approximately 270 flags for display.

While there was no official community ceremony this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a few members of the Post Memorial Squad joined together to play taps and salute deceased veterans.

Post 4079 conducted a fundraiser in 2019 and received donations from many community businesses and a grant from

Mendota Elks Lodge 1212. While repairs occurred whenever possible, funds were used to replace 145 aged and tattered, cotton burial flags with an updated nylon, all-weather flag. Cotton flags with deceased veteran's names were transcribed to the new flags. Funds also enabled replacement of some 10-foot poles and attaching hardware.

The Post Commander and officers extended warm thanks to the VFW Post Auxiliary, community members and those who volunteered to help this year, but hope they understand efforts to reduce the workforce due to the pandemic.

Reopening of Starved Rock limited due to flooding

UTICA—As state parks, fish and wildlife areas, recreational areas and historic sites had limited reopening on May 29, visitors to Starved Rock State Park and Matthiessen State Park should be aware of parking restrictions, trail access closures, and temporary closures of the sites when parking lots reach capacity.

Effective May 29, the only entrance to Starved Rock State Park that will be open to visitors is the south entrance on Illinois Rt. 71. Due to flooding in recent weeks on the Illinois River, Starved Rock's main lower area parking lots near the Visitor Center will remain closed for the reopening of the park. Visitors may park in the Starved Rock overflow lot, though only 300 parking spaces are available. The parking lot near the Starved Rock Lodge will be restricted to lodge patrons with reservations.

When Starved Rock/Matthiessen parking lots reach capacity, the parks will be closed temporarily for safety reasons until parking becomes available. Motorists are reminded not to park along park roads or public highways as that may prevent emergency vehicles from getting through. Vehicles parked illegally will be towed at the owner's expense.

In recent years, temporary parking closures have occurred frequently during busy weekends at Starved Rock. The heaviest traffic congestion and likely times for park closures occur on weekend days between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

In addition, due to recent wet weather and social distancing guidelines, some trails and overlook areas at Starved Rock State Park will remain closed to visitors until further notice. As at all IDNR sites, the Visitor Center, shelters, and playgrounds remain closed.

Visitors can monitor the Starved Rock/Matthiessen State Parks and Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Facebook pages and IDNR Twitter feed for updates on traffic delays and temporary parking closures at Starved Rock and Matthiessen.



IDNR Conservation Police will strictly enforce all regular safety rules at Starved Rock:

- No possession of alcohol on trails year-round;
- No marijuana use anywhere in the park;
- No hiking off trails;
- No climbing rock walls and cliffs;

- No swimming;
- No defacing sandstone walls with paint or etchings;
- No littering;
- No being on trails after dark.

All hikers at Starved Rock State Park should stay on designated trails. St. Peter sandstone in Starved Rock can crumble and be slippery when wet.

Princeton Library offering pick up for books & DVDs

PRINCETON - The Princeton Public Library is now fulfilling book and DVD orders. Beginning on June 1, patrons may place their orders by phone (815) 875-1331, e-mail [help@princetonpl.org] or by signing into their accounts remotely through the Princeton Public Library website www.princetonpl.org. They are only able to fulfill orders in-house for their cardholders because access to other libraries' materials remains unavailable. When requests are assembled, the items will be checked out for the patron and they will be notified when their order is complete. Staff will schedule a time with the patron to pick up their bag of materials in the foyer of the library. These bags will be alphabetically organized by the patron's last name and first initial.

Pick up will be scheduled during the following hours:

Monday noon-4 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday 3-7 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday noon-4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Patrons will not be allowed further access to the library at this time. Public restrooms will also be unavailable. In addition, everyone entering the building

will be asked to maintain social distancing standards and wear face masks. Appropriate signage will remind everyone of current safety protocols. The library hopes to offer more services in July if the number of COVID-19 cases continues to decline, according to the governor's orders. The next step will allow the public inside the library with social distancing and face masks. The board continues to prioritize the safety of the staff and the community above all other concerns.

The library board and the staff are excited to be one step closer to opening.

Summer reading program
Beginning on Monday, June 15 through Friday, July 31, Princeton library patrons will DIG DEEPER to READ, INVESTIGATE, and DISCOVER, using an Internet-based system called Reader Zone to help log reading minutes.

Reader Zone is an app for Android, Apple, or Amazon devices (not for desktop computers). Simply search for the Reader Zone at your app store, install it to your device, make an account and add your reader(s) names. Parents can include all members of the family under one account and join

First Presbyterian supports Change for Life Campaign

• Fundraiser to benefit Abigail Women's Center

MENDOTA - In recent years, First Presbyterian Church has raised money for Abigail Women's Center through their Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign. This has typically been the church's mission giving focus between Mother's Day and Father's Day and this year is taking place in June.

Abigail Women's Center is a pregnancy resource center that provides for women in crisis pregnancies and assists them in choosing life for their babies.

The center provides counseling, testing, and educational classes with an emphasis on Christian beliefs. Abigail's also has a Baby Boutique, which allows women to shop for clothing, equipment and supplies.

Each year, Abigail Women's Center serves anywhere from 450-650 clients and

they depend on the Change for Life campaign for 25-30 percent of their budgeted income.

Anyone who would like a bottle to collect change and support this mission is asked to send a message to Ann Goy, Mission Chair, at (815) 830-3691 and she will be happy to drop one off at their home.

Donations may also be made by sending a check to First Presbyterian Church and designating Abigail's in the memo or sending directly to Abigail Women's Center, P.O. Box 28, Mendota, IL 61342.

Abigail's website [abigailwomenscenter.com] also has an online giving option.



ANNIVERSARIES



Marvin & Linda DeWaele

DeWaeles to celebrate 40th anniversary

MENDOTA—Marvin and Linda DeWaele will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 7. They were married on June 7, 1980.

They are the parents of Pamela Hensley, Donald DeWaele and Mark DeWaele, all of Mendota.

4H senior spotlight

LA SALLE COUNTY - The University of Illinois Extension Bureau, LaSalle and Marshall-Putnam 4-H is honoring the seniors of 2020. This week, they are highlighting Erin Leschewski, a 4-H member of Bailey Creek Kids in LaSalle County.

Erin's favorite project while in 4-H has been interior design. "I learned many things in 4-H including how to give a presentation and how to plan a long term project," she said.

Asked for a favorite memory, Erin said it was showing her refinished trunk for interior design. "It was my project two years ago and I worked really hard on it," she explained. "I showed at both the county and state fair."

Her advice to younger 4-H members is to enroll in projects they would not



E. Leschewski

normally think about trying. "You never know what you'll end up having a talent for," she said.

Erin plans to attend Western Illinois University and major in social work.

In closing, Erin expressed her appreciation to Tom and Tricia Haynes, her club leaders. "They work hard and keep our club active," she said.

Ag in the Classroom Virtual Golf Outing planned by Farm Bureaus

Bureau and Lee County Farm Bureaus will host their 11th Annual Golf Outing for supporters of Ag in the Classroom. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom programs. However, this summer the Foundation fundraiser will look a bit different.

Due to the Shelter in Place Order, they made a difficult decision to not host the traditional Golf Outing fundraiser this year. Instead the golf outing will go virtual.

Here is how it will work:

- Teams:**
- 2 people per team, \$40 entry fee per team

• Golf at your leisure on your chosen course. Take a photo of your scoresheet AND fun time on the course and e-mail or send your score sheet in the mail by Aug 1. Scores are kept on the honor system.

• Prizes will be awarded to teams based on criteria that



SOCIAL SCENE

Finding ways to stay connected while social distancing

(BPT) - The COVID-19 pandemic presents daunting challenges for many seniors and other vulnerable populations. Social distancing and shelter-in-place requirements are necessary for their continued health and safety. But with it comes the risk of social isolation, and the mental and physical tolls this can take.

How can older people balance the requirements for social distancing with the inherent need for social engagement? Here are a few recommendations.

Explore new technology Apps like FaceTime, Zoom and Skype offer fun and interesting ways to



connect face-to-face with family and friends, even if it's a screen version. And most don't require a terrific amount of tech-savvy: a neighbor, niece or nephew can help with a quick tutorial.

Even popular board games have gone virtual.

Classics like Monopoly, Scattergories and Scrabble can be played online together, and there are a host of sites with card games, trivia and other fun activities to do together. A game night is a great way to bring people closer, and take your mind off your worries.

If you need help getting started with a smartphone or tablet to use this technology, check the offerings from a carrier like Consumer Cellular. They've been an approved AARP provider for more than 10 years, and in addition to low prices and a wide variety of phones, offer top-rated customer support, which makes setting up and using your service easy.

Stay active in the community, from home

It may sound counterintuitive. How can you remain a part of the community if you need to stay separated from it?

Many organizations, like political parties, faith-based groups or nonprofits, offer remote options, relying on volunteers to make phone calls. Explore your options for doing community-based activity right at home.

Go on a news diet

While it's important to stay informed, don't get locked into endlessly watching "breaking news" on the 24-hour news channels. Typically, not much changes hour to hour, and enduring

the repetitious pummeling from TV all day long can bring needless anxiety.

Instead, try watching a news update in the morning, then check in again at night. And don't stay with it all evening: 30 minutes or an hour is usually plenty to stay well informed.

Find a buddy system

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending that communities create "buddy systems" to make sure vulnerable and hard-to-reach people stay connected, particularly to news about COVID-19. This can be done through a church group, social group or daily neighborhood email blasts.

Reach out to people in your communities to locate these groups, or start one

of your own. Something as simple as a message with a kind word can go a long way during uncertain times.

Make a phone call

All the digital options available today may make a simple phone call seem old-fashioned. But sometimes, the old ways are the best ways. Just hearing someone's voice can be enough to lift both your spirits. Even if you only reach voicemail, you've let someone know you were thinking about them, which is always good medicine.

Social distancing doesn't have to mean social isolation, and even a threat like coronavirus should not force us to be alone. Now, more than ever, people need to find smart ways to stay connected.

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Library

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summer reading program is a fun way to bridge the gap.

For more information on Princeton Public Library's summer reading program, e-mail help@princetonpl.org or call the library (815) 875-1331.

Golf

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will be announced after Aug. 1 to keep everyone honest. Prize categories may include lowest or highest strokes on a specific hole, number of birdies, total score, etc. Most of all, participants are encouraged to get to a course and have fun.

Sponsors:

- Become a virtual hole sponsor: Seed Sower- \$100, Cultivator- \$250, Harvester- \$500, Barn Raiser- \$750 or Rain Maker- \$1,000.

PETS ARE

As pet adoptions increase, new owners can take important steps to prevent lost pets

Despite the sadness, uncertainty and disruption to millions of people's lives, the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has provided some silver linings. One such positive side effect of people being asked to spend more time at home is the opportunity for individuals and families to open their abodes to needy animals.

Pet adoptions have increased as people have found more personal time to devote to companion animals. The Pet Health Network says that people experiencing loneliness from being apart from others often turn to pets to help them feel better. Lucky Dog Animal Rescue in Virginia brought in 149 animals from high-kill shelters in March 2020 and adopted 134 in a single week, matching the agency's monthly average. Data on New York City animal shelters indicates that, as of early May 2020, 43.5 percent of shelters



were experiencing an increased demand for adoption since the COVID-19 outbreak.

As pet adoptions increase, new pet parents are urged to remember to take every precaution to keep their companions safe and secure. The summer months can be a prime time for pets to become lost. Increased thunderstorms

as well as fireworks displays can frighten pets. Also, more time spent outdoors may make it easier for "escape artists" to find their way out of backyards or get free from leashes. Thankfully, there are some steps pet owners can take to keep pets safe.

- ID and collar: Pets should wear collars with attached identification at all times. This should include an up-to-date contact number. ID tags can be made at pet supply stores or are available at the Animal Humane Society facilities.
- Microchip: Microchips are small devices that are implanted under the pet's skin. About the size of a grain of rice, microchips emit a low radio frequency that can be read by a handheld scanner. Virtually all vet offices and animal shelters are equipped with scanners. Microchips are designed to last the pet's lifetime, according to HomeAgain, a microchip

company. Once the pet is registered, the chip will link to a record of owner information that can be updated easily online.

- Sterilization: AHS says studies show that pets that have been spayed or neutered are less likely to roam for mates and potentially get lost.
- Pet-proof: Homeowners may have to make adjustments to their yards and homes to ensure pets cannot escape. Some dogs and cats can climb over tall fences or dig underneath. Speak with your veterinarian about how to pet-proof your property.
- Leash pets: Prey instinct can be high and even the most well-behaved pets may act differently when away from home. A secure collar/harness and leash will help keep pets safe on walks.

New pet parents should familiarize themselves with the steps to help prevent lost pets.

Did you know? 15 facts about horses

Dogs may be man's best friend, but horses have been companion and assistance animals for millennia. Archaeological evidence indicates humans formed intermingled relationships with horses nearly 5,500 years ago.

Horses provided people with much of the essentials they required for group survival. Khan Academy indicates that domestication of horses ushered in an era of innovation in transport and communication and were invaluable animals on the farm or in early villages.

Horses still serve many practical functions but are now usually companion animals or used for riding and sport. These 15 interesting facts show just how incredible these beautiful animals are.

1. Horses can sleep both lying down and standing up.
2. Horses have the largest eyes of any mammal that

lives on land.

3. People once believed horses were colorblind. In fact, horses can see colors, but are better at detecting yellows and greens than purples and violets.
4. A horse's body contains 205 bones.
5. Because a horse's eyes are on the side of its head, it is capable of seeing nearly 360 degrees at one time.
6. The fastest sprinting speed ever recorded for a horse is 55 miles per hour, though they generally trot at around four miles per hour.
7. Horses evolved from a very small animal about the size of a dog or baby lamb that was called a hyracotherium. This ancestor lived in tropical rain forests in North America and ate leaves.
8. Hooves are made from the same protein that comprises human fingernails and hair.
9. The Przewalski's horse



is the only truly wild horse species still in existence. The last remaining wild population is in Mongolia.

10. A male horse is called a stallion, while a young male horse is a colt. A female horse is a mare, while a young female is a filly.
11. Ponies are not immature horses. They are a small variety of horse.
12. Estimates suggest there are around 60 million horses in the world.
13. Early civilizations used horses as a form of food. But in 732 A.D., Pope

Gregory III said the ritual consumption of horse meat was a pagan practice and had to be abolished. Islamic and Jewish communities also advocated toward avoiding horse meat. Today there is no specific law in the U.S. banning horse meat, but most people still steer clear of it.

14. An adult horse's brain weighs 22 ounces, or about half the weight of a human brain.
15. Horses like sweet flavors, which is why you can tempt them with sweet treats like apples and sugar cubes.

Starter supplies for small pets

Cats and dogs may get much of the attention, but small pets can bring just as much to a household as their larger counterparts. Diminutive in size but not personality, hamsters, guinea pigs, ferrets, reptiles, mice, and more may be just right for those who may not have space or money for large animals.

A recent survey found that 7.9 million households had birds, 6.7 million had various small animals, and 4.7 million included assorted reptiles. They may be smaller in size, but these pets still need a variety of gear.

Environment - Most small pets will spend the majority of their time in a cage or a tank. In this environment, the pets will need bedding or some type of cage lining. Wood chips and shavings, shredded newspaper or hay are often used. Reptiles and amphibians may have special needs to help regulate temperature. Gravel, stones and rocks may be used. Always consult with a veterinarian or a pet supply expert regarding the correct set-up for a small pet's environment to ensure the animal's health and well-being.

Toys and other gear - Small animals need items to provide mental stimulation and physical activity. These items do not need to be complicated or expensive. A gerbil or hamster may appreciate an empty toilet paper tube to run through. Some pets like to race around in plastic balls, while others will be satisfied digging and burrowing through bedding. Tube mazes or hiding places also may fit the bill. Birds like hanging mirrors and other colorful toys on which they can perch or peck.

Nutrition - Food is another consideration when starting out with small animals. They may not eat as much or as often as a dog or cat, but they, too, have specific dietary requirements. For example, Banfield Pet Hospital says overfeeding is a big issue with hamsters, so look for a quality hamster food and avoid snacks and treats. Hamsters tend to hoard food, so they may take food they really do not need. Certain lizards will eat mealworms, crickets or other insects. Research which fresh foods can be mixed with commercially produced foods for optimal health.

Feeding bowls, bottles or small dishes also will need to be purchased when addressing small pets' dietary needs.

Veterinarians can be a great resource in regard to how to care for small pets.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson
Q: Will “Young Sheldon” be returning with new episodes this fall? It’s my favorite sitcom, and I love the tradition of all the new shows starting in the fall. Is that wishful thinking during this crazy year? -- **P.B.**



I. Armitage

A: As of now, CBS plans to launch the fall season as scheduled. Now, that could be delayed to November, which is technically still fall, but the network made a statement recently that “Young Sheldon,” with Iain Armitage in the title role, will air Thursday nights, followed by another Chuck Lorre-produced sitcom, “B Positive.”

CBS is the only major network so far to announce plans to return to an on-time schedule of new episodes this fall. According to Entertainment Weekly magazine, Fox plans to have a “truncated” fall schedule, and the CW network is postponing its next new season until January. Let’s keep our fingers crossed that CBS’ optimistic thinking becomes a reality.

Q: I just discovered the show “Cable Girls” on Netflix, which is dubbed. Tell me about the actors. Some of them look familiar. When did it first appear on Netflix? -- **E.R.**

A: “Cable Girls,” set in the late 1920s in Madrid, Spain, is about four women who work at a telephone company in a patriarchal society. It’s an original series produced by Netflix Spain that began in 2017. Filmed originally in Spanish, you have the option to watch it dubbed with English or have it play in Spanish but with English subtitles.

The four lead actresses are all of Spanish descent. Ana Fernandez, who plays Carlota, was born in Madrid and has been acting overseas since 2007. Her credits include the romantic comedy “Just a Little Chemistry,” which originally went by the title “Solo Quimica.” Both Nadia de Santiago, who plays Marga, and Ana Polvorosa, who plays Sara, starred in the series “Love in Difficult Times,” which is set during the Spanish Civil War. Lastly, Blanca Suarez, who also narrates the show, plays Lidia and is probably best known for her roles in “The Boarding School” and “The Boat.” She also acted

in acclaimed director Pedro Almodovar’s film “The Skin I Love In,” which earned her a Goya Award, which are like the Oscars of Spain.

Q: Whatever happened to the actress who starred in the TV show “Castle”? I haven’t seen her in anything since that show abruptly ended. -- **Y.M.**

A: Stana Katic, who played Kate Beckett opposite Nathan Fillion’s Richard Castle, was let go by producers shortly before the show was canceled. It was reportedly for budget reasons, but it was a huge disappointment for fans who loved the romantic chemistry between the two leads.

Katic currently stars in the Amazon TV series “Absentia” as an FBI agent accused of murder. She recently told Australia’s “Daily Telegraph” that her conclusion with “Castle” left her “confused” and “hurt,” but that she was “so thankful” to have been a part of it. As for Fillion, he stars in the ABC police drama “The Rookie.”

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

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo
HOLLYWOOD -- Tom Cruise’s fans always thought he was out of this world. So Tom has decided to live up to that expectation by joining forces with Elon Musk and his SpaceX on an action/adventure project with NASA that’ll actually shoot in outer space and on the space station. Shooting will begin after he’s completed work on “Mission: Impossible 7,” due Nov. 19, 2021.

It was unusual casting when Mary Poppins met The Rock in “Jungle Cruise,” but they must have really hit it off because Emily Blunt and Dwayne Johnson will now star in a second film together, “Ball and Chain.” They’ll play a bickering couple who acquire superpowers after a meteor passes near them. The catch is that their powers only work if they work together. The script is based on a 1999 comic book (what else), and the film will probably land



Tom Cruise

at Netflix.

Before this year’s Oscars, people didn’t know who Taika Waititi was, but after a nomination for best director and winning an Oscar for writing “Jojo Rabbit,” he was duly noted. However, your kids are about to worship the New Zealander, first as the writer and director of “Thor: Love and Thunder,” opening February 2022, and for writing and directing the upcoming “Star Wars” epic.

MGM may operate out of an office instead of a studio these days, but they were the winner in the bidding war for Ron Howard’s upcoming \$55 million film “Thirteen Lives.” The film, by the Oscar-nominated writer of “Gladiator,” is about the gripping rescue of the Wild Boar soccer team and their coach from that flooded cave in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand, that we watched live on television.

While many of us are sweating next month’s rent, there are some of our favorite and un-favorite celebrities

who never sweat to get paid. Jennifer Aniston is pulling in \$28 million a year, while “American Idol” and country star Luke Bryan deposits \$52.5 million yearly. Sofia Vergara of “Modern Family” and Head & Shoulders ads makes \$44 million, which will change substantially now that “Modern Family” has ended and she’ll be getting even more as a new host of “America’s Got Talent.” Ellen DeGeneres has to settle for a mere \$80.5 million a year from her various shows and commercials, while shock jocks Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stern have to squeeze by making a mere \$87 million and \$93 million, respectively. The Eagles rock group has to split \$100 million a year, and the two leads in “Outlander,” Sam Heughan and Cartriona Balfe, each make \$100,000 an episode. Meanwhile, poor Vice President Mike Pence made only \$235,083 for being No. 2. Guess vice doesn’t pay what it used to!

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne
* Who says you have to be human to serve your country? Between 2001 and 2009, a goat called William (“Billy”) Windsor was part of the 1st Battalion Infantry Unit of The Royal Welsh, with the title of lance corporal, no less. Although he was briefly demoted to fusilier following “unacceptable behavior” at Queen Elizabeth’s official birthday celebrations, he eventually saw the error of his ways and regained his more esteemed rank.

* Actor Brad Pitt chipped out pieces of his own front teeth to play the role of Tyler Durden in the movie “Fight Club.”

* And speaking of teeth ... in the American Civil War, soldiers were required to have at least four opposing front teeth so they could open a gunpowder pouch. Some draftees had their front chompers removed to avoid service.

* What’s in a name? Depends on where you’re from. When the Coca-Cola Company was ready to import to China, it needed a moniker that fit with the majority of that country’s spoken languages. The original choice, “Kekoukela,” sounded phonetically similar, but in certain dialects translates to “bite the wax tadpole” or “female horse stuffed with wax.” Further research yielded a far more satisfactory solution, “Kekoukele,” meaning “tasty fun.”

* Romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was one of literature’s first prominent vegans.

* Scientists studying a deadly disease transmitted from camels also found that the animals contained the pathogens from which the common cold was born. Do we now know whom to blame?

* As many as 35% of people who hire a professional cleaning service admitted to cleaning up before the help arrives.

* Native Southerners might well be surprised to learn that the word “y’all” dates to 1631! It was first used by the English scholar William Lisle in the sentence, “The captive men of strength I gave to you, the weaker sold; and this y’all know is true.”

Thought for the Day: “Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.” -- Helen Keller

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Solution time: 24 mins.
Answers
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Trivia Test

1. HISTORY: Who was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence?
2. MOVIES: Which dwarf wore glasses in Disney’s “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs”?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many years are in a millennium?
4. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which stand-up comedian once said, “There are two seasons in Scotland: June and winter”?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
6. MEDICAL: What is the common condition known as “muscae volitantes”?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which university’s athletic teams are known as the Ducks?
8. MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter is known as the “Man in Black”?
9. MONUMENTS: Which U.S. monument is known as the Mother of Exiles?
10. TELEVISION: What was the name of Norm’s favorite restaurant in the “Cheers” sitcom?

- Answers
1. John Hancock
 2. Doc
 3. 1,000
 4. Billy Connolly
 5. Tanzania
 6. Eye floaters
 7. University of Oregon
 8. Johnny Cash
 9. The Statue of Liberty
 10. The Hungry Heifer
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King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Small plateaus
6 Bamboo eaters
12 Big commotion
13 Old Roman tax
14 Strengthen by heating and cooling
15 Move a painting, maybe
16 Medicinal amount
17 Computer brand
19 Chaps
20 Nickelodeon’s explorer
22 Marley or Dylan
24 Underwear with underwire
27 Madams’ mates
29 Moth variety
32 “The House That Ruth Built”
35 Advantage
36 Out of play
37 List-ending abbr.
38 Consume
40 Williams or Warhol
42 — de-sac
44 On pension: Abbr.

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2 Billions of years
3 Haste
4 Miss. neighbor
5 Not freelance
6 Skin opening
7 Bitter
8 To the — degree
9 Scotch-based liqueur
10 Top-rated
11 Autograph
12 Possessed
18 Parents’ traveling accessory
21 Sugar suffix
23 Antiquated
24 “See ya”
25 “Awesome!”
26 Sweet fortified wine
28 Norm
30 Eccentric
31 HBO alternative
33 Mauna —
34 Toss in
39 Figure of speech
41 Mountain air?
42 Shopper’s aid
43 Addict
45 Always
47 “Golden Girls” role
48 Gunk
49 Donkey
51 Central
53 Pi follower

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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LOCAL AND AREA

Overcome fear that keeps you from your destiny

God has a wonderful plan for each of our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) says, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” When we put our faith in Jesus as our Savior, we put ourselves in a position to walk out our God-given destiny.

Sadly, many believers in Christ aren’t living out their destiny because of fear. The fear of man is a common problem that causes us to worry about things like, “What will they think of me? What are they going to say about me? What will they do if I don’t do what they want? What if they reject me? What if they don’t like me?”

Everyone struggles with insecurity and the fear of rejection to some degree. And there’s nothing wrong with wanting people to like you. But when we are so focused on being people pleasers that our fear of being rejected, judged or criticized controls our choices,

we’re being controlled by the fear of man.

If we’re going to get free of fear and really pursue everything God has for our lives, we have to make a decision that we won’t let fear be the ruling factor—we will not live with fear! Instead, we can learn how to live courageously by the grace and strength we have in Christ.

The True Meaning of Courage

It’s important to understand what it means to live courageously. It doesn’t mean we will never feel fearful, because the truth is, we will never completely get rid of the feeling of fear. But it does mean that when we feel afraid, we can do whatever we need to do through Christ who gives us strength. (See Philippians 4:13.) We can follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and do what God puts in our hearts to do, rather than settle for an okay or average life. And God wants to do amazing things in our lives that will likely pull us out of our comfort zones and

require us to walk by faith to do them.

Now, I’m not talking about making foolish choices or doing things that are dangerous because you don’t want fear of those things to hold you back. Being free from fear means we can be bold and take risks instead of just doing what seems “safe” but keeps us from becoming everything God has created us to be.

I remember when I had to make some bold, scary choices so I could move forward in God’s plan for my ministry. I had friends who didn’t think I had the right personality to be a Bible teacher. There were people in my church who didn’t think women should teach the Word. And there were family members who didn’t understand the call of God on my life and they rejected me because of it.

It was a very hard time, but I’m so glad God gave me the courage I needed to do it afraid. Now it’s scary to think about where I would be if I hadn’t trusted God and fol-



lowed His plans for me because of fear that I’d lose my friends and not be well thought of by others.

The Strategy to Conquer Fear

The only way you can conquer fear is to confront it—to keep going forward with God while the enemy of fear is trying to drive you backward. Remember that “the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline” (2 Timothy 1:7 NIV).

When you’re struggling to do what you know God wants you to do, go to the Word for encouragement. Here are a few powerful scriptures (NIV) you can use to conquer fear:

- Isaiah 41:10 says, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
- Psalm 118:6 says,

“The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

• Psalm 27:1 declares, “The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?”

• Romans 8:31-32 says, “...If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

The Word of God has power to set you free from fear! Take time to study these verses and pray for God to help you live courageously in His will for your life. You’ll discover there’s nothing more exciting than overcoming fear and finding freedom to fulfill your destiny!

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s

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actually doing so.
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please you does in fact please you.
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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
in the shadow of death.
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with me, and you will never leave
me to face my perils alone.

Posted by Rev. Susan Presley

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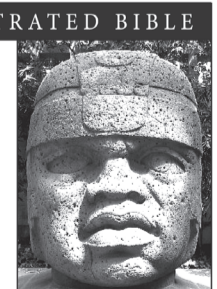
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neither?
2. How many pieces of silver
did Joseph's brothers get when
they sold him into slavery?
0, 2, 19, 20
3. Where does it command
brides to shave their heads and
manicure their nails?
Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers,
Deuteronomy
4. From Exodus 28, what fruit
was used as a design on priestly
garments?
Grapes, Pomegranates, Pears,
Figs
5. In which Psalms does it talk
about grease? 1, 23, 119, 150
6. From 1 Kings, which prophet
was fed by birds?
Paul, David, Elisha, Elijah

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 20; 3) Deuteron-
omy 21:12; 4) Pomegranates;
5) 119:70; 6) Elijah.
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will be humbled
and human pride brought low;
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will be exalted in that day.
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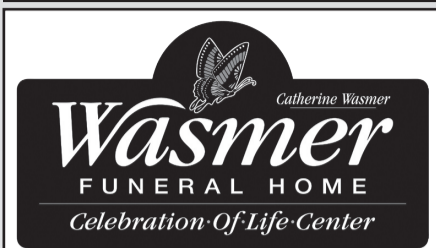
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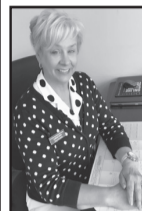


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